

A colourful variety of concerts in the glacier village

The Saas-Fee Raiffeisen Concert Series will take place for the first time in August 2008. You'll enjoy a colourful mix of concerts in a wide range of genres, including country, rock'n'roll, pop hits by German crooners, party music, Dixieland and other forms of jazz.

After many years of classical music festivals in August, the organizers have dreamed up a new concept for 2008. A diverse range of musical styles will be offered to guests of the glacier village during the month of August starting this year.

The first series of concerts will enliven the evenings with Country music, Rock'n'Roll, pop hits by German crooners and party music as well as Dixieland/Jazz. Three of the concerts will take place in Saas-Fee and one in Saas-Grund. This new concert series is designed to appeal to a broad audience and to provide something for everyone. The concerts should be as diverse as the guests of the Saas Valley.

When the weather is good, the concerts will be performed at the Saas-Fee post square and the old village square in Saas-Grund. In bad weather the concerts will be held in the Saas-Fee sports hall and the Saas-Grund conference room. The concerts begin at 8:30 p.m. Beverages and light refreshments will also be available at every concert. Best of all, admission to all of the concerts is free!

Four concerts – Four bands

The country band *Mason Jar* will kick off the concert series on August 5th. Established in 2005 in the canton of Berne, this group of six experienced musicians is blazing trails in the Swiss country music scene. *Mason Jar* offers a mix of TexMex and familiar songs from the latest country charts that sweeps their listeners away on a wave of enthusiasm. The diverse repertoire of this band includes practically every style of Country music.

The second concert will take place on August 9th, performed by the Rock'n'Roll band *Daddy and the*

Willyshakers. The band was created in 1996 from a rock group that decided just for fun to rehearse a handful of rock'n'roll songs for a wedding at the last minute. That performance, originally intended as a gag, was so enthusiastically received that the group decided to continue and to perfect their act. Thus the four young men soon put together a repertoire for a performance of over three hours. *Daddy and the Willyshakers* are bursting with the joy of playing, which is apparent in their dynamic performances.

Next up, on August 16th the popular *Blaumeisen* make their long-awaited return to beautiful Valais. The amazing versatility of these musicians and the diversity of their repertoire make the *Blaumeisen* unique in the musical scene. From the latest pop hits by German crooners to golden oldies, from dance competition music to folk music, from pop and rock to techno, the band plays anything and everything that creates good vibes. Another reason for their popularity: they're on top of the latest trends. They monitor the hit parades on a daily basis and work out the notes and texts by ear. Thus the *Blaumeisen* can always surprise their audiences with titles that are just coming up in the charts.

Finally, lovers of Dixieland and Jazz will greatly enjoy the last concert on August 24th, played by the *Harlem Ramblers*. The *Harlem Ramblers* have been an integral part of the Swiss jazz scene for over 50 years. Rousing Dixieland, swing, evergreens and blues, performed with humour and professionalism, are the trademarks of the band. Innumerable performances on television and at gala events, cruises, and guest concerts throughout the world, including Chicago, Memphis, New Orleans, San Francisco, Sacramento, Bali and Mauritius, bear witness to the extraordinary popularity of the *Harlem Ramblers*.

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