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## 2nd Saas-Fee Raiffeisen Concert Series in the Saas Valley

# A rousing grand finale concert featuring Switzerland's show band of the year 2008

**This past Friday, 28 August, the fifth and final concert in the Saas-Fee Raiffeisen concert series was held on the village square in Saas-Fee. The concert featured the spectacular Swiss group the Amorados Showband.**

The second annual Saas-Fee Raiffeisen concert series in Saas Valley came to an end last Friday with a concert by the Amorados Showband. The five-concert series gave guests and residents from Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley an opportunity to enjoy exciting and varied concerts, plus a marching band performance.

This second edition of the Saas-Fee Raiffeisen concert series was, like last year's, a total success, and again confirmed that the concept for this event is a sound one. The concert series provides a colorful mix of musical genres that has broad and varied appeal, just like the audience members from Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley. The total attendance for this year's five concerts, which were held outdoors in a convivial atmosphere, topped 2000.

### **Grand finale concert**

A large audience attended the final concert of the series this past Friday at Saas-Fee's village square, which featured the Amorados Showband, who played a kaleidoscopic selection of tunes, including rock n' roll, show tunes, pop hits, golden oldies and much more. The Amorados Showband, which was named Switzerland's best show band of the year in 2008 and has an international makeup, turned in superb performances of every genre and era they tried their hand at. They also played requests from the audience, and the seven musicians – two of them electrifying female vocalists – thrilled the audience with their musical and stylistic versatility. And as befits a final concert of a wonderful series, the event featured plenty of dancing, singing along and plain old fun.

### **A look back at this year's concerts**

The series began with an unforgettable concert by Beatles Unlimited, which got the audience dancing thanks to the group's sensational performances of Beatles classics. And it took a number of encores before the audience finally let the musicians call it a night.

The second concert featured the band Alma, who's Latin American and Spanish rhythms made for an exciting dance and party atmosphere at the venue in the glacier village.

And then on 21 August the cult band Span gave a Bernese rock concert in Saas-Fee. The group, which has returned to the Swiss music scene with a new line-up and more passion than ever before, thrilled the crowd – and of course sang *Louenesee*, the ballad that has earned them nationwide cult status.

The jocular "chefs" that make up the group BrassBuffet – The Hot Cooking Streetband turned in highly entertaining and humorous performances in Saas-Almagell and Saas-Grund. And of course there was plenty of yummy music too. The group's performance was richly varied, replete as it was with swing, jazz, blues and soul tunes. "Dessert" was provided in the guise of encores.

The grand finale of this year's Saas-Fee Raiffeisen concert series was the aforementioned performance by the Amorados Showband, who provided all concerned with a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

So now that the curtain has come down on this year's Saas-Fee Raiffeisen concert series, we can begin looking forward to next year's concerts, which promise to be as exciting, varied and memorable as those we've been privy to over the past two seasons.

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