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**PRESS RELEASE**

**MJF SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS:**

# Concerts by Emerging Artists



**The MJF Spotlight Sessions will be held in the ski resort of Villars-sur-Ollon during a winter residency between 11 February and 1 April 2023. Spread over six Saturdays, the concerts by emerging artists will be held at the Villars Palace Theatre. Each evening will begin and end with DJ sets at the Villars Lodge. Ticketing opens on 25 January at 11 am (concerts paying, DJ sets free of charge).**

After having been to London, Hamburg and Zurich, MJF Spotlight settles in the Vaud Alps to showcase the stars of tomorrow. Selected by the bookers of the Montreux Jazz Festival, the six artists on the programme are among the most promising in pop, soul and R'n'B music.

The MJF Spotlight Sessions will feature the English singer **Cherise**, who has already opened for Michael Kiwanuka and Jamie Cullum; **Debbie**, who was featured on Stormzy's latest album; the Belgian singer **Mentissa**, nominated at the Victoires de la Musique; the up-and-coming indie pop artist **Flowerovlove**; the unclassifiable French artist **Aime Simone** and the Scottish soul-pop singer **Joesef**.

Spread over six Saturdays between 11 February and 1 April 2023, the concerts will start at 8pm in the Villars Palace Theatre. The MJF Spotlight Sessions will open with DJ sets at the Villars Lodge at après-ski time, from 4.30pm, and will continue after the concerts until midnight.

## ABOUT MJF SPOTLIGHT

The MJF Spotlight project was launched during the pandemic in 2021 to support and promote young artists through digital content. Since then, the concept has evolved with the creation of special events, during the Montreux Jazz Festival and throughout the year. However, the digital dimension remains at the heart of the project, notably with the broadcasting of live video sessions. These are produced by the teams of Montreux Media Ventures, a subsidiary of the Festival responsible for diversifying its activities by producing content and musical experiences throughout the year.

MJF Spotlight has already enabled the Festival to highlight numerous emerging artists, such as the British [Sam Ryder](#), the Argentine [Nathy Peluso](#), the Belgian [Pierre de Maere](#), the French [November Ultra](#) and the Swiss [Priya Ragu](#) and [Kings Elliott](#).

*The **Villars Institute** is a new partner of the project and supports artistic and cultural activities promoting intergenerational collaboration and young artists. We would also like to thank **Swisscom** and bank **Julius Baer**, who have been presenting partners of MJF Spotlight since its inception.*

### CONCERTS

Saturday 11 February

**CHERISE (UK)**

Saturday 18 February

**DEBBIE (UK)**

Saturday 25 February

**MENTISSA (BE)**

Saturday 4 March

**FLOWEROVLOVE (UK)**

Saturday 11 March

**AIME SIMONE (FR)**

Saturday 1 April

**JOSEF (UK)**

### SCHEDULE

#### APRÈS-SKI

@Villars Lodge (free entrance)

4.30pm – 8pm

#### CONCERT

@Théâtre du Villars Palace (CHF 29.-)

8pm – 9pm

#### DJ SET

@Villars Lodge (free entrance)

9pm – midnight

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