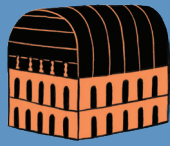


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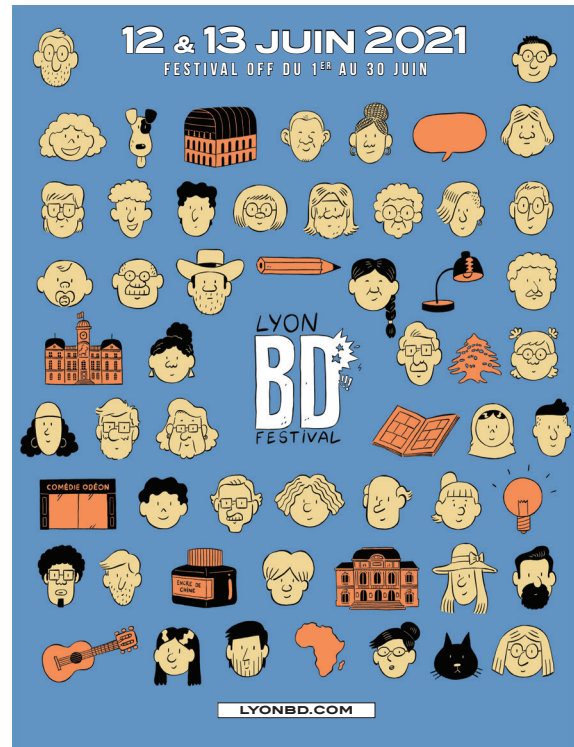
2020 proved how resilient the Lyon BD model is, with an online festival held during the month of June as well as an eclectic autumn season held across the city and region at the end of the year. We are now looking forward to a 2021 festival that will be ambitious, busy, innovative and, most importantly, 'real'. Artists, cultural professionals and the general public: we are all yearning the 'authenticity' of a real and tangible event.

Diversity is the theme that underpins this year's programme. Diversity in the aesthetics of comic art, diversity in the various formats and methods of representing it, and diversity in the venues where we display it (over 60 in total through Lyon and the region). And, lastly, diversity in the artists that we invite and who will honour us with their presence in June.

They are our motivation and inspiration for the 16th Lyon Comics Festival. In such uncertain times, we want to present a united front while remaining safe and protected.

Mathieu Diez,
Director of the Lyon Comics Festival

THE POSTER



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INTERVIEW WITH FABIEN TOULMÉ

Fabien Toulmé (Les deux vies de Baudoin, L'odyssée d'Hakim, published by Delcourt) created the official poster for the 2021 Lyon Comics Festival. A dazzling and image-packed design seen for the first time in 5 colours.

Can you tell us how you came up with the idea for the poster?

I was delighted when Mathieu Diez [Director of Lyon BD] asked me to design the poster for this year's festival. Since I wasn't used to this type of project, I approached it like a comic book cover. So, I came up with a bunch of different ideas hoping that one would jump out. I started off with what makes Lyon Comics Festival so special: the public, the comic book characters and then elements associated with comics such as bubbles and India ink, as well as the symbolic buildings used by the festival such as the Hôtel de Ville and the Célestins theatre. I wanted to design something visually unique. The same went

for the colours; I wanted something bright and happy that caught the eye.

What's your relationship with the Lyon Comics Festival?

The Lyon Comics Festival is one of the very first festivals I was invited to. And on top of that, it was the first festival where I received a prize for *Ce n'est pas toi que j'attendais* (published by Delcourt) in 2015. I love going to this festival for several reasons. Firstly, I know Lyon well because I went to university there. And secondly, because despite it being a large-scale festival with lots of events and authors, it's also enjoyable and has an almost family vibe. They always take care

of authors and invite them to create and partake in projects together.

What's your latest comic book news?

My next comic will be released on 6th June, just before the festival. It's a piece of fiction called *Suzette ou le grand amour* (published by Delcourt). But I'm already working on my next project, a collection of travel stories including a report I did in Lebanon in autumn 2019. A few pages will be on display at one of the festival's main exhibitions: Eruptions, drawn perspectives of pro-democratic movements in Hong Kong, Lebanon, Chile and Algeria.

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60
cultural venues

50
authors invited by
Lyon BD

80
events planned

80,000
visitors for the In and Off
festival in 2019

850
professionals over the
festival's 3 days

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The sixteenth edition of the Lyon Comics Festival, adapted to comply with public safety measures, will take place on **12th and 13th June 2021**. The festival will continue its mission to showcase contemporary comic art in all its glory with a wide range of activities and events that will give comic book authors the chance to present their work in a variety of venues across the City of Lyon.



VENUES

Lyon's **Hôtel de Ville** lies between the city's two rivers and has always been the beating heart of the Lyon Comics Festival. This year will be no different, with city hall playing host to a series of exhibitions, talks, workshops and events. As per usual, the festival will also commandeer over various cultural venues across the city, including the **Comédie-Odéon** and **Célestins theatres**, the **Confluences museum** and **Lyon Opera's** grande salle for never-before-seen shows and 'large-scale' talks.

The Business Day will take place on Friday 11th June 2021 and, for the first time, will be held in the **Hôtel de Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes** (see box on next page).

At the same time, we will also organise a "**Bookshop tour**". In light of the current pandemic, **a dozen Lyon bookstores**, which have been designated as 'essential businesses', will host authors instead of the stands usually found in the Palais de la Bourse, which is closed to the festival this year.

This 'decentralised' approach will be extended throughout the city with a "**Library tour**" that will include talks and exhibitions in partnership with the City of Lyon.



GUESTS

With over fifty guests invited in 2021, the Lyon Comics Festival constantly strives to represent the diverse range of backgrounds, styles and genres of contemporary comic art landscape, both from close to home and further afield.

They include:

- Experienced authors like **Pénélope Bagieu**, **Riad Sattouf** and **Zep**, as well as rising talents such as **Noémie Honein** and **Chloé Wary**,
- Authors from Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Algeria and Lebanon, like **Elyon's**, **Didier Kassaï**, **Nawel Louerrad** and **Mohammed Kraytem**,
- Colourists, writers and all-round authors such as **Brigitte Findakly**, **Wilfrid Lupano** and **Mathieu Sapin**,
- Experts in ligne claire and other styles like **Christian Durieux**, **Frank Pé** and **Florence Cestac**,
- Pop graphic illustrators and watercolour artists like **Raphaëlle Macaron**, **Judith Vanistaendel** and **Charles Berberian**,
- Authors of wild adventures or more realistic and personal stories such as **Nicolas Petrimaux**, **Gilles Rochier**, **Benjamin Flao** and **Lisa Mandel**,
- Graphic novelists like **Fabien Toulmé** and **Alfred**, or popular children's authors like **Diane Le Feyrer** and **Aurélié Neyret**.

PROGRAMME: SELECTED PIECES



LYON BD PUTS ON ITS DANCING SHOES

New this year, Lyon BD will be teaming up with the **Lyon Dance Biennale** to bring the parade to life by inviting two artists to sketch the event live on 29th and 30th May 2021. A performance drawing that will then be on display during an exhibition at the **Fagor-Brant Factories**, from 8th to 16th June 2021.

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXPLORATION OF THE WORK OF MATHIEU SAPIN

Sur la piste de Mathieu Sapin is a fun and complete **exhibition** in the form of a **treasure hunt**. From Supermurgeman and Ministère secret to Sardine de l'espace and Akissi, explore the fertile world of Mathieu Sapin and meet all his favourite characters with his cartoon double as your guide.

DRAWN PERSPECTIVES OF PRO-DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS IN HONG KONG, LEBANON, CHILE AND ALGERIA.

As 2021 marks the **10-year anniversary of the Arab Spring**, several protests and rebellious movements have erupted across the world over the last few years: the Hirak protests in Algeria, the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong, the October Revolution in Lebanon and the Social Outbreak in Chile. Lyon BD pays homage to the **militant artists** who participated in these protests with *Eruptions*, an exhibition of drawn perspectives of the pro-democratic movements in these four countries. A **brand-new and must-see** retrospective that presents the work of a couple dozen artists and reminds us, if we needed reminding, that democracy and freedom of expression are still under threat.

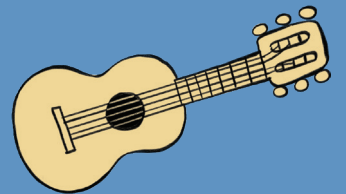


ILLUSTRATIONS AND MUSIC

Illustrated concerts are known as the Lyon Comics Festival's signature event. In 2021, they will cover a large variety of musical genres, from the ethereal folk of **Cocoon** accompanied by **Christian Durieux** to **Climats**, a new show by the electro band **Acid Arab** with **Raphaëlle Macaron**, created following the show held in September during Lyon BD's Autumn season 2020.

PANORAMA OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN COMIC ART

Despite its diverse and protean nature, **African comic art** remains largely unknown in France. As part of the Africa 2020 season, the Lyon Comics Festival created this original **exhibition** to showcase Africa has to offer when it comes to comics: the wide-ranging genres, styles and formats as well all the fantastic authors who have emerged from the continent.



YOUTH

The sixteenth edition of the festival will also cater to younger audiences of all tastes and ages, bringing together a bunch of heroes and heroines from the children's comic book scene. Titeuf (Zep, Glénat), Mortelle Adèle (Diane Le Feyer, Globulle/Tourbillon), Sacrés sorcières (Pénélope Bagieu, Gallimard), Petit Vampire (Joann Sfar, Rue de Sèvres), Petit Poilu (Pierre Bailly and Céline Fraipont, Dupuis) and Lulu et Nelson (Aurélie Neyret, Soleil) will all be on display on Lyon's gallery walls or take to the stage in the city's theatres.

A few events not to miss:

- **Diane Le Feyer's** exhibition at Ecully's centre culturel
- **Masterclass with Zep** on the release of the latest volume of Titeuf
- **Screening of the film *Petit Vampire*** in the presence of **Joann Sfar**

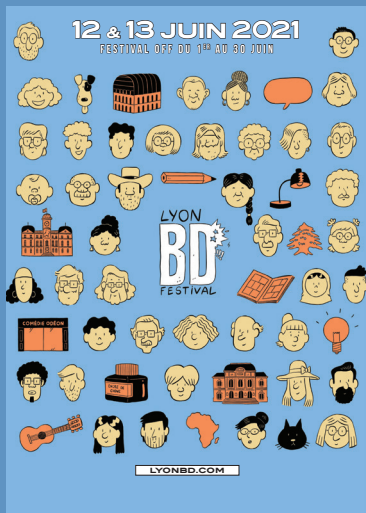
BUSINESS DAY

Every year, the Lyon Comics Festival holds a business day. The event offers the chance for **several hundred French and international professionals** to meet, discuss and debate. In celebration of the Year of the Comic, entry to the 2021 event will be **free** but still exclusively reserved for professionals from the publishing, culture and teaching sectors. It will take place on **Friday 11th June 2021** at the **Hôtel de Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes**.

On the agenda:

- **Lectures** – Talks on various topics will be organised this year, alternating between conferences on **comics and civic engagement** or **the new comic book scene in Africa** with Egyptian author **Shennawy**, and **masterclasses** led by some of the biggest names in comic art like writer **Wilfrid Lupano**.
- **Roundtables** that bring together small groups of professionals to discuss specific topics and issues.
- **Job meetings** organised for students or young comic authors wanting to meet and have productive talks with publishers and interprofessional organisations.
- And new for this year, a **rights market** which will host B2B meetings with a dozen European comic book publishers.

Registration will be open from 11th March to 9th June 2021: <https://ypl.me/hbZ>



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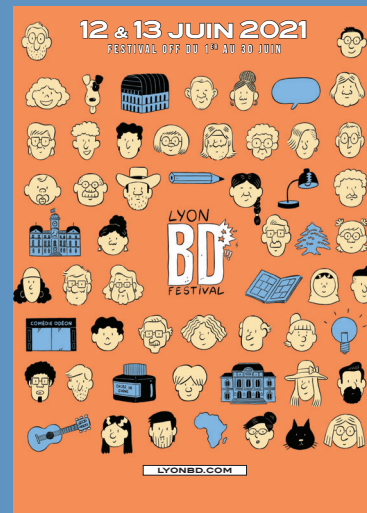
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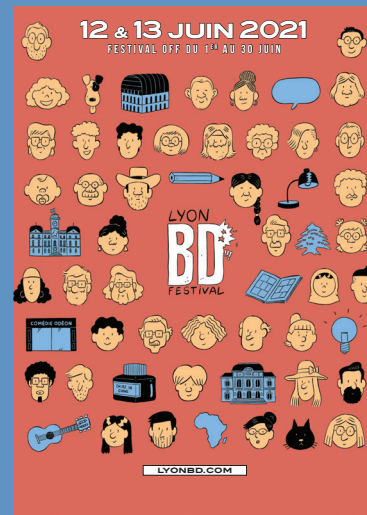
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For the last fifteen years, Lyon BD has commanded a wide variety of cultural venues in a bid to showcase contemporary comic art in all its glory. The organisation's numerous events and activities have become some of the most highly anticipated in Europe's comic book calendar, whether they be its year-round original creations, the Lyon Comics Festival (held in June) or its various international projects.

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