

Opening of the call for applications

Closing on the 21ST June 2017

2nd edition of the Photography Contest of the Grotte ornée du Pont d'Arc, known as Grotte Chauvet



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This contest aims to give the laureate photographer the exceptional opportunity to visit the cave to produce a photo coverage dedicated more precisely to the youth.

For educational purposes, it will enable a large number of people to observe via the personal project of a professional this 36,000-year-old priceless treasure which brings together more than 450 cave paintings in a remarkably protected environment.

The contest is organized by the Association pour la Mise en Valeur de la Grotte ornée du Pont-d'Arc, under the patronage of the ministère de la Culture et de la Communication, in partnership with the DRAC Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and the Syndicat mixte de la Caverne du Pont-d'Arc, and in collaboration with the curators of the Grotte.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION: The contest is open to any professional photographer regardless of age and nationality. The candidates will be required to create a project that can be achieved in the cave and to prove their capacity to produce an artwork in a fragile, underground environment. The jury will select the photographer based on the quality of their project and originality of their proposal.

THE JURY: Chaired by Jules Ferry, it includes the conservator of the Cave, prehistorians and qualified personalities from the photography and education fields.

SCHEDULE: Opening date of the call for application: 1st April 2017 / Closing date: 21st June 2017 / Announcement of the laureate: Autumn 2017 / Completion of the project in the cave: Winter 2017- 2018

CONTACT AND INFORMATION: Application forms and the contest rules and regulations are available at www.assolagrotte.org or contact@assolagrotte.org

THE ASSOCIATION POUR LA MISE EN VALEUR DE LA GROTTTE ORNEE DU PONT-D'ARC, KNOWN AS GROTTTE CHAUVET:

Created in 2011 and chaired by Marc Ladreit de Lacharrière, the Association pour la Mise en Valeur de la Grotte ornée du Pont-d'Arc, dite Grotte Chauvet, aims to enhance the cave and its environment on a cultural and artistic level and support the national and international exposure of the cave. The Association mobilizes, along with the public authorities and private partners, everyone who wishes to protect this treasure of humanity. Laurent Wauquiez, president of the region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, and Pascal Terrasse, deputy of Ardèche, are honorary presidents.

The Association would like to thank its sponsors for their support: Crédit Agricole S.A, Caisse Sud Rhône-Alpes of Crédit Agricole, the Fondation de Pays de France du Crédit Agricole, Lafarge group, the April company and Groupe Lucien Barrière.



LE GRAND PROJET LA CAVERNE DU PONT-D'ARC:

Created in 2007 by the Rhône-Alpes region and the Ardèche department, the Grand Projet La Caverne du Pont-d'Arc wishes to create an economic and cultural dynamic around this unique heritage. It managed the creation of a replica of the Grotte ornée du Pont-d'Arc, known as Grotte Chauvet. This project includes a facsimile of the cave, a pedagogical area and an exhibition space which open in April 2015; over 1 million visitors have visited the site since the opening.

The Grotte ornée du Pont-d'Arc, known as Grotte Chauvet, was discovered on 18th December 1994 in Ardèche by three amateur speleologists, Jean-Marie Chauvet, Eliette Brunel and Christian Hillaire. His 450 paintings of animals dating from -36,000 years are the oldest testimony of parietal art. It is now inscribed on the World Heritage List.

The cave has never been opened to the public since its discovery in order to conserve and to ensure its transmission for future generations.

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