

2020 is the seventh year of Château de Versailles's ambitious illumination project for the Night Fountains Show.

From the Château facade to Apollo's Fountain, Laurent Fachard of Eclairagistes Associés develops multiple ingenious installations in order to confer to statues, pools, fountains and groves the quality of light they deserve. This year a major development will bring light to the Water Walk and the Philosophers' Walk.

Sponsors of the Night Fountains Show:
CITEOS contributes for the lightings.
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Partner of the Fountains Shows of Versailles: **RENAULT RENT**.

GROVES & FOUNTAINS

The groves of Versailles were designed during Louis XIV's reign as open air drawing rooms concealed at the heart of the wooded areas of the gardens. One went there for refreshments and light meals, to listen to music or dance. The King could satisfy his taste for gambling and performing arts in these venues intended solely for entertainment and celebrations. Decorated with fountains, vases and statues, accessed through discreet walks, these groves bring surprise and creativity within the Royal Garden.

GREAT PERSPECTIVE

In the Park of the Palace, this grandiose stretch of landscape designed by André Le Nôtre in the 1660s goes from the Palace itself (the King's Bedchamber and the Hall of Mirrors) to the extremity of the Grand Canal. Apollo, the emblematic figure of Louis XIV, is present everywhere in figurative or symbolic form.

Jean-Baptiste Lully • *Le Triomphe de l'Amour*: Ouverture
Persée, entrée des divinités infernales: Acte III scène X
Ballets d'Alcidiane: Ouverture
Idylle sur la paix: Air pour Madame la Dauphine
Marc-Antoine Charpentier • *Offerte à deux chœurs*
Sanctus pour tous les instruments
Jean-Ferry Rebel • *Les Eléments*: Caprice, Tambourins I & II
Christoph Willibald Gluck • *Les Eléments*: Ballo Sinfonia, Marche

GREAT LAWN

The Great Lawn, a vast lawn surrounded by an impressive cortege of marble statues, will be lit up by a series of fireworks installations by Groupe F, with high flames rhythmically punctuating the festive music and offering an astonishing perspective view of the Royal Garden.

LATONA'S FOUNTAIN

From the top of the steps of the Latona's Fountain, the visitor can look out over the Grand Perspective and admire, from the king's viewing point, a constellation of bubbles reflecting the day's last rays of sunshine. The statues of this recently restored fountain illustrate the legend of Diana and Apollo's mother protecting her children against the insults of the peasants of Lycia and demanding vengeance from Jupiter who changed them into frogs.

APOLLO'S FOUNTAIN

The final fireworks display in the fountain of Apollo's Chariot will take place at 10:50pm. Groupe F will be producing a finale visible all along the Grand Perspective, combining a fireworks display at the head of the Grand Canal and flames soaring from the Great Lawn.

Jean-Baptiste Lully • *Tè Deum*: Symphonie
Phaéton: Ouverture Ballet de la Nuit
Xerxès: Air pour les esclaves et singes dansants – *Armide*: Prélude
Le Bourgeois gentilhomme: Marche pour la Cérémonie des Turcs
Jean-Philippe Rameau • *Platée*: Acte I scène VI Orage
Marc-Antoine Charpentier • *Musique sacrée*: Marche de Triomphe pour les violons, trompettes, timbales, flûtes et hautbois

CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES

MAP 2020

the Night Fountains Show

An enchanting stroll in the magnificently illuminated gardens.
Saturdays from 27th June to 19th September

Groves exceptionally open, light and musical displays
from 8:30pm to 10:45pm

Water displays
from 8:30pm to 10:40pm

Final Fireworks – Groupe F
from 10:50pm to 11:05pm

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Fountains Shows of Versailles

The Musical Fountains Show
Every Saturdays and Sundays until November 1st

The Musical Gardens
Every Tuesdays and Fridays until October 30th
From 9am to 7pm

Musical Season 2020-2021

Every year, the Royal Opera and the Royal Chapel of Château de Versailles welcome the greatest international artists for an exceptional program of concerts, operas and ballets.

Will be held this year:
Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, *Don Quichotte chez la Duchesse*, the trilogy Mozart / Da Ponte - *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, *Così fan tutte* -, Raphaël Pichon, Philippe Jaroussky, Hervé Niquet, Sir John Eliot Gardiner, Vincent Dumestre, Ballet Preljocaj...

LAST TRAINS TO PARIS

Château Versailles Rive Gauche station:
11:55pm*
Versailles Rive Droite station:
00:12am*
Versailles Chantiers station:
00:31am*

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SOUTH

ORANGERY

Built by Jules Hardouin-Mansart between 1684 and 1686, it consists of a large central vaulted gallery 150 meters long, prolonged by two side galleries located under the Hundred Steps staircase. 1 055 trees in tubs stay inside the building during winter months before being welcomed by the Orangery Parterre.

BALLROOM GROVE

The Ballroom Grove was built by Le Nôtre and the fountain engineers of Louis XIV. Strollers will be able to enjoy a surprising play of lights accompanying the favourite music of the King and the miracle of the water pouring in cascades down the rocaille steps of the amphitheatre.

Jacques Cordier • *La Bocanne primitive – La Bocanne compliquée*.
Jean-Baptiste Lully • *Phaéton*: Prologue Troupe d'astrée dansante, Ballet de la Nuit, le Roi représentant le Soleil Levant.
Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme: Marche pour la Cérémonie des Turcs, Chaconne des Scaramouches, Frivelins et Arlequins, Giourdina
Michel Corrette • *Les sauvages et la Furstemberg*: Les Sauvages, Allegro

MIRROR FOUNTAIN

Louis XIV ordered this basin in 1702. In the spirit of the fountains of Le Nôtre, but with modern technical means, the Fountains Night Show is presented.

Georg Friedrich Haendel
The Coronation of King George II: Fanfares 1
François Colin de Blamont
Guerre des Tè Deum – Sanctus Dominus – In Tè Domine speravi

COLONNADE GROVE

In the circular space of the Colonnade Grove designed by Jules Hardouin-Mansart, the sculptor Girardon placed one of the white marble masterpieces of Versailles. Pluto, the God of Hell, snatches Proserpine from the Earth, her mother, and carries her up into the sky, with lasers here creating unexpected shapes in the coloured smoke clouds.

Jean-Baptiste Lully • *Armide*: Passacaille
Les Amants magnifiques: Entrée d'Apollon
Le Triomphe de l'Amour: Entrée d'Apollon, Deuxième Air

GIRANDOLE AND DAUPHIN'S GROVES

In these ravishing grove laid out as labyrinths, discover a highly colourful and theatrical staging of them with water and light features.

NORTH

NEPTUNE FOUNTAIN

The Neptune fountain was dug out in the shape of a half-circle as in the ancient Greek theatres. Armed with his trident, Neptune, the god of the sea, sends gracious spouts of water into the sky.

Christoph Willibald Gluck • *Les Eléments*: Marche
Jean-Philippe Rameau • *Platée*: Acte I scène VI Orage

THREE FOUNTAINS GROVE

Lights and fountains create a magical mystery in one of the favourite groves of Louis XIV (he is said to have designed it), completed by Le Nôtre in 1679. Shells and rocaille features decorate the five levels of fountains from which statues are excluded so that all the visitor's attention is concentrated on the water attractions.

Jean Féry Rebel • *Les Eléments*: Air pour les violons, Chaconne
Pierre Montan-Berton l'Ainé • *Nouvelle Chaconne*

WATER THEATER GROVE

This grove was designed by André Le Nôtre between 1671 and 1674; it was restored in 2015 by the landscape gardener Louis Benech for the contemporary garden and the sculptor Jean-Michel Othoniel for the sculpture-fountains. Situated close to the Water Theatre Grove, the Golden Children Fountain was created in 1709 by Jules Hardouin-Mansart. After major restoration works it has reopened in 2017.

APOLLO'S BATH GROVE

The pre-Romantic aura of the grove of Apollo's Bath, laid out in 1776 by Hubert Robert, corresponds to the fashion for English-style gardens with its astonishing grotto which shelters the three splendid marble sculpture groups of Apollo and the Muses (survivors from the Thetys Grotto built by Louis XIV), carved by Marsy, Guérin, Girardon and Regnaudin.

ENCELADUS GROVE

The grove completed by Le Nôtre in 1675 contains one of the marvels of French Baroque sculpture, a gilt lead masterpiece by Marsy depicting the giant Enceladus buried under the rocks thrown on him by the gods of Olympus that he had dared to insult. The theatre wind machine, smoke machine and thunder-maker were the favourite special effects of Lyrical Tragedy during the 17th century.

Jean-Ferry Rebel • *Les Eléments*: Le Chaos
Jean-Baptiste Lully • *Armide*: Prélude Acte II scène V

THE DOMES GROVE

The basin contains small fountains, from which water gushes. The water flows into the channel in the parapet and then as a thin sheet of water into the basin.

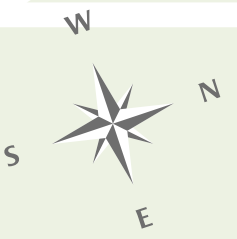
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RUE DES RÉSERVOIRS

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DE VERSAILLES

HONOUR
COURTYARD

SUGGESTED WALKS

To facilitate your stroll, we suggest two circuits that
will allow you to discover the gardens easily.
You can also organise your stroll to suit yourself.



SOUTH

**Suggested walk
South side**
Estimated time: 1h



NORTH

**Suggested walk
North side**
Estimated time: 1h30



After your stroll, return to the Grand
Perspective and watch the fireworks
display over the Apollo's Chariot fountain
from 10:50pm to 11:05pm.



**GROVES & FOUNTAINS
NOT TO BE MISSED!**

TONIGHT IN THE GARDENS

**GROVES EXCEPTIONALLY OPEN
LIGHT AND MUSICAL DISPLAYS**
from 8:30pm to 10:45pm

WATER DISPLAYS
from 8:30pm to 10:40pm

Mirror Pool
Every 10 minutes

Neptune Fountain
Every 15 minutes

FINAL FIREWORKS
from 10:50pm to 11:05pm



Pyrotechnic show



Champagne bar



Stairs



Snacks



Fountains Night Show
ticket office



Free toilets



Entrance / Exit



Lost child



Facilities for
visitors with reduced
mobility

NOTICE TO VISITORS

No readmission after leaving the site.

No picnics are allowed inside the paying area. It is forbidden
to walk or sit on lawns or to lean on or touch statues.

The fountains' water is non-drinkable. Bathing is prohibited.

Please observe instructions given by hospitality staff.