

# THREE MUSIC ACTS AND THE WORLD'S BEST ICE SKATERS — ART ON ICE IS BACK!

After an enforced two-year break, Art on Ice is announcing some innovations and a top British act as guest star for the tour from 2–12 February 2023. English chart topper Rag'n'Bone Man will provide touching moments. The 2023 show's music programme is rounded off by Gjon's Tears, who successfully represented Switzerland in the Eurovision Song Contest a year ago and Swiss singer/songwriter ELLE. Olympic medallists and world champions will be appearing on the ice rink. The new production of the multiple international award-winning show can be seen in Zurich, Fribourg and Davos. Tickets are available to book immediately from www.artonice.com.

"I'm delighted that Rag'n'Bone Man, a very current and in-demand artist, will be appearing with us in February 2023, "says show producer Oliver Höner. "The man has a unique voice and an incredible stage presence. His songs are a perfect fit with our show." The 37-year-old had a number 1 hit with "HUMAN" and produced one of the most successful songs of recent years. He topped the charts for weeks in Switzerland, Germany, Austria and his home country of Great Britain. In Switzerland alone, HUMAN remained in the charts for 76 weeks! Just on YouTube, the song was viewed 1.5 billion times. But radio stations throughout Europe also played other songs day and night, such as SKIN, GIANT, and ALL YOU EVER WANTED and ANYWHERE AWAY FROM HERE published in 2021.

## Swiss vocal power with Gjon's Tears

A year ago Gjon's Tears not only won over Switzerland but the whole of Europe with "TOUT L'UNIVERS" (The Whole Universe). Third place in the Eurovision Song Contest catapulted the 24-year-old into the international limelight from overnight. Gjon's stage name stems from a childhood experience: when he was nine years old he moved his grandfather to tears with a rendition of Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love". Gjon appeared on a big stage for the first time in 2012, as a teenager. He reached the semi-finals in TV show "Die grössten Schweizer Talente" (Switzerland's Got Talent)). Instead of advancing his stage career, however, he decided to take a six-year break and attended the Conservatoire in Bulle. At the same time he also trained as a primary school teacher. Show director Oliver Höner is pleased to have signed Gjon's Tears. "Gjon has new songs lined up that are just about to be released. This is precisely the right time to bring him on stage at Art on Ice.

# Girl power and emotion with ELLE

"Self-confident, charming and with a clear focus on her overall image", is how ELLE describes herself on her website. The young artist inspires with her unique touch and enchants with her impressive vocal talent. Strong, brilliant, sensitive and constantly in touch with herself and her public, she manages to convey emotion. Music has been part the young woman's life since she was a baby. She has dedicated herself to her passion from an early age and released her debut single "Déjà-Vu" in spring 2022. "I was in a toxic relationship;" is ELLE's explanation for this title "an emotional rollercoaster. It took strength and energy, but I managed to escape and break away. This formative experience has made me stronger and this song in particular helps me to deal with the negative events back then". ELLE will now be part of the Art on Ice tour from February and of course you will also be able to hear her singing "Déjà-Vu".



#### Olympic medallists and world champions on the ice

In 2023, Art on Ice will also be presenting one of the best ice skating line-ups the world has ever seen. The show includes current Olympic ice dance champions, five-time World and European champions Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron from France. They will be accompanied by the bronze medallists at the last World Championships, Vanessa James (European champion) and Eric Radford (World champion). The current World Championship silver medallist from Belgium, Loena Hendrickx, is also already confirmed. Swiss ice skating fans should be especially delighted by four-time Swiss champion Alexia Paganini. The 22-year-old recently announced that she would continue her career until the next Olympic Games and is aiming for a place on the podium at the 2023 European Championships. The Art on Ice organisers will announce more big names for the 2023 line-up in the next few weeks.

## New tour put together

Art on Ice announced a change with regard to the tour venues. It will not play in Basel due to a clash of dates. Also, the shows in western Switzerland will now take place in Fribourg rather than Lausanne. "The new BCF Arena – where HC Fribourg-Gottéron also plays its games – could have been made for Art on Ice," says CEO Reto Caviezel. "Not only is the arena fabulous, it is also a witch's cauldron which will superbly convey our guests' excitement. Also, due to its proximity to Bern, Bienne and Neuchatel, it means that we can now offer a location for the many Art on Ice fans from these regions. As before, five shows are planned for Zurich's Hallenstadion, where the production will also première on 2 February. Once again, the Swiss tour will end in Davos's Eishalle. New partners and new TV station

Art on Ice can still count on its two main partners AXA and Peugeot, both having extended their cooperation to the 2023 production. Schuler St. Jakobskellerei is also still on board, as is Zurich financial services provider SMZH. Media partnerships have also been concluded with the Ringier Group and CH-Media. CH-Media is the show's new broadcaster with TV channel 3+. "We're especially pleased about that," said Reto Caviezel. "It gives us the opportunity to develop the show on the screen as well as the live version in the arena."

## Tickets and hospitality packages are available immediately

Tickets for all shows are available to book immediately from www.artonice.com or www.ticketcorner.ch. The hospitality packages, including dinner and after-show party, are also already on sale. All the information about these packages can also be found on **www.artonice.com**.

Tour dates & tickets			
2 February 2023	Thursday	20.00	Hallenstadion Zurich
3 February 2023	Friday	20.00	Hallenstadion Zurich
4 February 2023	Saturday	14.00	Hallenstadion Zurich
4 February 2023	Saturday	20.00	Hallenstadion Zurich
5 February 2023	Sunday	13.00	Hallenstadion Zurich
7 February 2023	Tuesday	19.45	BCF Arena Fribourg
11 February 2023	Saturday	20.00	Eishalle Davos
12 February 2023	Sunday	17.00	Eishalle Davos

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