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A LOOK BACK AT AN EXTRAVAGANT FIRST WEEKEND IN ALL ITS FORMS

We'd been waiting for weeks for this 14th edition of Antigel, and the whole team was on the starting blocks. We're finally off to a great start! A fiery first weekend, with almost all events sold out. Our opening night set the whole rue de la Rôtisserie house on fire, with the Alhambra and Alhambar vibrating in unison! The Kruder and Dorfmeister concert set the tone for the legendary Geneva venue. The next day, the same venue, the same festival, a different atmosphere, with the eagerly-awaited French 79, who put on a one-of-a-kind show on a night that sold out like never before! The rest of the night was spent in the recesses of Geneva's Grand Théâtre for Late Night Extravaganza, the first made-in-Antigel event of 2024, on the theme of dangerous liaisons. We were overwhelmed by the costumes and the energy of the Antigel audience: a source of pride! On Saturday, we kept the momentum going, at the same venue, for a shoegaze rock smackdown with Slowdive. We also put the spotlight on Étincelle, the first part of our Chroniques Urbaines saga, which won over a large audience. Next episodes in Meyrin and Thônex. Another great success for Théâtre de l'Esquisse at Le Grütli, with a packed house. On Sunday, in glorious sunshine despite the chill, we did double duty in Geneva's open air, with the Kit de survie en territoire masculiniste in the Palettes district and our traditional Antigel Night Run in the Parc La Grange. Then it was off to a gentle finish with José González's charming, perfectly mastered guitar: a real treat for the ears!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR WEEK 2?

We've started our first full week of the festival! We're particularly looking forward to bringing you the A. Savage concert on Tuesday. Savage, an indie pop treasure who's sure to set the Casino Théâtre alight. On Thursday, FLESH, four short and hilarious wordless stories, will be presented at the Salle du Lignon. On the same evening, post-punk fans can revel in the creative fury of Billy Nomates at l'Usine. We'll be back on Friday for a show by Torres, an American singer to discover, with a rare authenticity. Admire the dances of yesterday and today in two magnificent rooms: that's this weekend with Folking Amazing! We can't wait to see this show at Point Favre. At Épicentre, Lucas Santtana will delight our

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ears, skilfully interweaving bossa nova with jazz and electronic music. For night owls, the evening continues at Rooftop 105 for the NoBad Party presented by local star Slimka. A concept evening for discovering local and international artists through unique sets. Last but not least, on Sunday, we've got two possibilities that are not necessarily mutually exclusive! Work up a sweat to raise funds for the Ligue Genevoise contre le Cancer with the Antigel Calories Challenge, or kick back at the Lignon pool and swim a few laps to the crazy energy of Föllakzoid.

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