

PRESS RELEASE

Les Boréales festival postponed in 2021

Les Boréales 29th edition was designed in 2019 by the festival team, in close consultation with Danish authorities and several cultural institutions from Normandy.

As usual, this edition was planned and structured around literature and then multidisciplinary. We were pleased by the idea of welcoming back our audience after a very successful 2019 festival.

However, as numerous cultural actors across the world, **Les Boréales is deeply impacted by COVID 19 crisis since March.**

For some weeks, imposed quarantines after travels from France and the fact that our country is labelled a “red-zone” region according to Nordic and Baltic countries, **make international travels for our guests really hard, if not impossible.**

In full-agreement with the Danish embassy in Paris, the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and with the understanding of our French partners – notably

the State, the Region and the city of Caen – we have decided, as hard as it is, **to postpone our 29th edition to next year, in November 2021.**

Nevertheless, we the festival team are deeply convinced that **we have to keep our bonds with our audience next autumn.** In Normandy, and in Caen more than in any other place in France, Nordic culture is strongly linked to our singular past and to our future.

This is the reason why we have decided, despite the context, to propose exceptionally a **cultural season entitled *Nordic Days*, starting October 14th until December 31st.**

Together, we cannot renounce in spite of the difficulties or the impossibilities, and therefore we have to create other ways to proceed.

We are sure that our **audience will be faithful and happy to come to Normandic venues** this autumn, and rest assured that **our team is fully dedicated to this *Nordic Days* experience.**

Les Boréales hope that you and your relatives are healthy.

To all of you, we wish you a luminous autumn.



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