



CHÂTEAU *Louise*  
DE LA VALLIÈRE

*Baroque in the Gardens,  
The Amarillis Ensemble*

*Press Release*



**How about a baroque weekend? On 28 and 29 July, Château Louise de La Vallière will host the Ensemble Amarillis in its gardens for two exceptional evenings showcasing the power of female performers, and also composers.**

A great lover of fine arts, Louis XIV had made baroque music one of the cornerstones of his prestige. Louise de La Vallière, her first official favorite also had a passion for this unique Music.

To begin its cycle of Fine Arts, Château Louise de La Vallière offers Baroque in the garden. Two exceptional evenings, on July 28 and 29, will celebrate the artistic legacy of baroque music so dear to Louise and Louis.

Château Louise de La Vallière welcomes in its gardens the Ensemble Amarillis which brings together soloists of international renown and invites us to celebrate the meeting between Louise and her king. THIS ambitious association of talented musicians will evoke an exceptional period of French music.



So that the guests can enjoy this experience from another time, a programme has been put together with care. The two exceptional evenings will offer:

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**Friday 28 July 7:30 pm**

Judith et Sémélé : deux figures en miroir (70 minutes)  
Élisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre

Amarillis in 4 musicians

Héloïse Gaillard: Recorder and baroque oboe

Matthieu Camilleri: Violin

Eleanor Lewis-Cloué: Viola de gamba

Marie Van Rhijn: harpsichord  
& soprano Marthe Davost

***Musical Programme***

Sonate en trio n°4 en sol mineur • Cantate Judith •  
Suite extraite du recueil de 1707 • Cantate Sémélé

***Presentation***

A vocal programme with the soprano Marthe Davost which honours the composer Élisabeth Jacquet of the War one of the rare French women of the baroque era known to this day as a composer. This programme presents a vocal and instrumental repertoire and celebrates courage and commitment in cantatas.

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**Saturday 29 July 7:30 pm**

Jeux des Dames (65 minutes)

Couperin | Hotteterre | Dulphy | De La Barre | De Marseille | Phildor | De Visée

Amarillis en 2 musicians

Héloïse Gaillard: recorder and baroque oboe

Marie Van Rhijn: harpsichord

***Musical Programme***

1-Amusements and Pleasures

Jacques Martin Hotteterre (1674-1763)

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Gaultier de Marseille (1642-1696)

Anne Philidor (1681-1728)

Robert de Visée (1650-1720)

2- Some ladies assets

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Jacques Duphly (1715-1789)

Michel De La Barre (1675-1745)

***Presentation***

The ladies at the Court sometimes maintain a relationship of intimacy and charm with music, which the gentlemen, however gifted they may be, do not always have the secret. They practiced it, they loved it, sometimes they helped it. They gave music the best ... of their heart.

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### ***Weekend "Baroque in the Gardens"***

Weekend from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 July

From 1824 € for 2 people\*

\*This offer includes: Two nights in Double Room, Butler Service, Breakfast, Cocktail each evening,  
Two gourmet 4-course dinners at the restaurant «L'Amphitryon».  
Drinks are extra.

### ***"Baroque in the Gardens" Night***

Night from Friday 28 to Saturday 29 July

From 912 € for 2 people\*

\*This offer includes: One night in Double Room, Butler Service, Breakfast, Cocktail in the evening,  
A 4-course gourmet dinner at the restaurant «L'Amphitryon».  
Drinks are extra.

- Concert package +: 70 euros
- Concert tickets only: 50 euros



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**About:**

**Ensemble Amarillis**

Directed by internationally renowned French flutist and oboist Héroïse Gaillard, Amarillis is one of the Ensembles de référence dans le répertoire de la musique baroque. Recognized internationally for the uniqueness of its project, Amarillis federates exceptional artists around an ambitious artistic project. Playing on period instruments, in a quest for musicological authenticity, Amarillis pays tribute to the composers of European music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (Couperin, Montéclair, Marin Marais, Dieupart, Bach, Telemann, Monteverdi, Strozzi, Vivaldi, Handel...) while commissioning present composers. . The Ensemble offers the public the (re-)discovery of a rich repertoire, often unknown or unpublished on the biggest French and international stages with prestigious soloists and musicians. Héroïse Gaillard won three international prizes with Ensemble Amarillis, whose artistic direction she has held since 1994. She is a Knight of the National Order of Merit.

***Discography:***

22 discographic releases rewarded by the national and international press recorded by Naïve, Ambronay, Evidence Classics, AgOgique, NoMadMusic, Mirare and Sony Classical.

***To name a few:***

Judith et Sémélé : Deux figures en miroir - Disc released on October 7, 2022

Jubilation Vénitienne - Disc released in 2022 (for the label Mirare under the collection Fontevraud)

Florilège baroque - Amarillis celebrates its 25th anniversary October 2019  
Label Evidence classics

Jeux des dames - Disc released in 2000 (for the label Ambroisie-Naïve)

Amarillis is covered by the State - Regional Directorate of Cultural Affairs of the Pays de la Loire, the Region of the Pays de la Loire, the Department of Maine-et-Loire and the city of Angers. He is a member of the Federation of Specialised Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles and Profedim.



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**Château Louise de La Vallière**

A new addition to the prestigious Condé Nast Johansens guide, a gem of the Relais & Châteaux collection, Château Louise de La Vallière is a 5-star hotel with a gourmet restaurant nestled in a forest in the heart of Touraine, one of the most beautiful provinces of France and close to the royal city of Amboise. This 16th century castle was home to the young Louise, the future Duchess of La Vallière and the great love of the Sun King. A few centuries later, thanks to the passion of its owner Mira Grebenstein, this marvel of the Renaissance regains its splendour and nobility. This exceptional place offers the experience of an immersion in the history of France, sublimated by the interior design signed Jacques Garcia. 20 keys (rooms and suites), a gourmet restaurant – L'Amphitryon, a treatment center – La Rosée – will be the magnificent setting for an exceptional stay.

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