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ROCKET AIR

29. - 30. April 2016 Thun

Thun, April 25- 2016

#swatchrocketair, 29. – 30. April 2016 in Thun, Switzerland. Gold Event of the FMB- World Tour.

Swatch Rocket Air, 29- 30 April 2016

For seven years in a row, riders have called the Swatch Rocket Air one of their favourite bike events of the season. This weekend things are about to get extra wild as the ice rink of Thun turns into a rainforest to fit this year's theme "Welcome to the Jungle." As the only FMB Gold Event in Switzerland, it's attracting famous riders from all over the world and will be sure to captivate the audience.

Mountain bikers and fans alike can look forward to a jungle oasis as the ice rink of Thun transforms to take its theme "Welcome to the Jungle." Along with the theme, fans can expect some changes to the course as well. The long serving "whale tail" obstacle will be replaced by a more progressive flat drop feature. The tower, with a height of seven meters, is undoubtedly going to be a challenge for the riders. Replicating the Maya Tower, the drop is sure to be eye catching for the audience as well. Extended with a "rainbow wall ride," the quarter pipe is also getting a new feature for the riders to be creative with and show their tricks.

The 26-year-old Canadian, Drew Bezanson is really looking forward to the Swatch Rocket Air: "The course looks fantastic, I am really looking forward to riding it." Until now, the Canadian has shown his BMX tricks at a high level, and even higher heights, while winning some of the most prestigious BMX contests around the globe. For the first time in the competitive world, Bezanson will be trading his BMX for a mountain bike, making his debut at the Swatch Rocket Air. Although the Canadian admits it hasn't been easy, he assured us that he has been training a lot on his mountain bike and will be able to adapt some of his BMX tricks. In the Team Battle he will be competing against household names in the mountain bike slopestyle scene. Opponents like Nicholi Rogatkin, Peter Henke and Sam Pilgrim are not going to be easy to beat. For the theme "Welcome to the Jungle," Bezanson is still looking for a costume. Who knows what we can expect but maybe a Canadian monkey?

In addition to the slopestyle contest, there will also be some familiar faces from other disciplines competing on the modular pumptrack. The Pump Battle World Series recently stopped in Zürich and will also be in Thun for the Swatch Rocket Air. Riders like Noel Niederberger, Simon Waldburger and Benedikt Last, who is currently 3rd in the Four Cross worldcup, will ride the track. But of course, the pumptrack is not only for the professional riders. Everybody is invited to join in and compare their times with international competitors using the online ranking system. With a time of 7.815 seconds, the current Swiss record is not far off the current Pump Battle Series world record. Come out and watch to see if one of the riders can break the record!

To complete the event line up, none other than the current BMX Flatland World Champion, Viki Gomez of Spain will turn the front of the ice rink into an arena of bike acrobatics at the highest level.

New this year is online ticket presales. In addition to tickets available on location Friday and Saturday, tickets will also be available prior to the event at rocketair.ch/tickets.



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Riderslist Swatch Rocket Air 2016

Name		Country
Rogatkin	Nicholi	USA
Genon	Thomas	BEL
Pilgrim	Sam	GBR
Lemoine	Tomas	FRA
Zeida	Tomas	CZE
Gani	Mehdi	FRA
Testa	Torquato	ITA
Godziek	Szymon	POL
Fredriksson	Max	SWE
Thelander	Anton	SWE
Jones	Matt	GBR
Venci	Jakub	CZE
Chubey	Mitch	CAN
Caverzasi	Diego	ITA
Henke	Peter	GER
Hunziker	Ramon	CHE
Bezanson	Drew	CAN
Nyquist	Ryan	USA
Alekhin	Pavel	RUS
Lamirande	Bobby	CAN
Aguado Alba	Bienvenido	ESP
Barroso	Nuno	POR
Pagés	Simon	FRA



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Team Battle

UK	Gemany/Austria	Eastside
Sam Pilgrim Matt Jones Daryl Brown Freddy Pulman Alfie Stephens	Peter Henke Enzo Haberl Lukas Knopf Max Mey Eric Walenta	Szymon Godziek Tomas Zejda Oskar Nagy Jakub Vencel Pavel Alekhin Patrick Gazo
Scandinavia	Canada	Team USA
Anton Thelander Max Fredriksson Elof Lindh Alex Alanko Adrian Tell Didrik Dimmen	Bobby Lamirande Brayden Barrett-Hay Drew Bezanson Mitch Chubey	Nicholi Rogatkin Reed Boggs Nicholas Hilton Ryan Nyquist
French Connection	Southwest	Switzerland
Thomas Genon Tomas Lemoine Mehdi Gani Antoni Villoni Simon Pagès Frank Paulin Paul Couderc Thibault Figone Nicolas Terrier	Bienvenido Aguado Alba Nuno Baroso Gemma Corbera Jan Bartomeus Arnau Nadal Torquato Testa	Ramon Hunziker Jonas Turin Chris Raeber Lucas Huppert Levi Strauss And many more



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