

Three new global awards for Puy du Fou

Recognition for Puy du Fou's 3 new 2020 creations in the Park World Excellence Awards

Puy du Fou, France's second largest theme park, walked away with three prestigious awards at yesterday's Park World Excellence Awards, a live-streamed event which brought together all the big names in the world of attractions. The three awards were:

- 'Best Show of the Year' for *Les Noces de Feu*
- 'Best Technical Innovations' for *Les Noces de Feu*
- 'Best Use of Theming' for the new *Le Grand Siècle* hotel and its conference centre, *Le Théâtre Molière*

Once again, this year's judging panel of global industry professionals applauded the trademark artistic boldness and unceasing quality of Puy du Fou's productions.

Les Noces de Feu: innovation and emotion

Since the inaugural *Les Noces de Feu* show on 11 June 2020, Puy du Fou has transported its visitors on a magical night-time journey to the heart of the romantic 19th century. The use of previously unseen technology and special effects, electroluminescent costumes, and awe-inspiring scenery that rises up from the lake, has produced an original creation that is both ethereal yet spectacular.

This technical and artistic triumph is down to the unique expertise of the Puy du Fou teams who achieve maximum impact with highly sophisticated technology which is invisible to the Park's visitors.

Le Grand Siècle and Le Théâtre Molière: a journey through the gildings of the Sun King

Le Grand Siècle, Puy du Fou's newest hotel, invites its guests to stay in the heart of the royal residence at Marly, where Louis XIV entertained his friends. Featuring 96 elaborately decorated rooms with gilt mouldings and brocade wall hangings, this is Puy du Fou's most flamboyant hotel. Guests are transported back to the 17th century, to a setting where they can stroll in traditional French formal gardens and dine on dishes inspired by the Sun King at *La Table des Ambassadeurs* restaurant.

Adjacent to the hotel, *Le Théâtre Molière* is a huge new 3,500m² convention centre comprising a 500-seat central auditorium, 11 fully modular meeting rooms (between 40m² and 250m²) and a large multi-purpose space designed to host any type of meeting, convention or conference.

Puy du Fou has remained a unique voice in the world of shows for over 40 years, exporting its expertise globally. Each production establishes an intimate dialogue with its spectators, arousing a complex blend of emotions. Puy du Fou is a full-scale laboratory where technological achievements ensure that art and creativity is possible. These three exceptional awards demonstrate the power of the Puy du Fou model which continues to pursue its rise amongst the leading shows and parks worldwide.

Created in 1978, Puy du Fou is one of a kind. Twice voted 'Best Park in the World', in March 2012 in Los Angeles (Thea Classic Award) and in November 2014 in Orlando (Applause Award), Puy du Fou draws on the collective imagination by staging grand scale shows that convey universally-experienced emotions. Puy du Fou has invented a unique artistic model in the world of leisure, transporting history and legend into its impressive world-class shows. Puy du Fou is a group mainly composed of an association under the French Law of 1901 and a Simplified Joint Stock Company. In France, the association organises the Cinéscénie show with 4,200 volunteers, and owns the Simplified Joint Stock Company which manages the Grand Park (63 daytime and evening shows, 4 period villages, 22 restaurants and 6 themed hotels) and employs 2,500 people. Both structures guarantee their future by financing the Puy du Fou Academy (a primary school with an additional arts focus) and the Junior Academy (an arts-based institute) which trains over 700 young people every year in performing arts and techniques. With *Puy du Fou International*, the park shares its expertise worldwide and is currently creating a park in Spain, based on the Puy du Fou model, as well as designing shows in other continents. After Spain, Puy du Fou aiming to establish a site in China. Since its foundation, Puy du Fou has enjoyed steady annual growth, thanks to its commitment to artistic excellence and a programme of continued investment.