



# FISE MONTPELLIER 2022

## FLATLAND

FISE Montpellier is a selection of contests in sports areas and parks that have been specifically designed and assembled by Hurricane Group to enhance the performances of riders at the highest world level while remaining accessible to junior and amateur categories.

Urban sports communities are full of riders who stand out for their commitment. Whether involved with new generations of riders, social causes, or the reputation of their discipline(s), many of them carry their enthusiasm into the wider world.

### FLATLAND AREA

The FISE Flatland area is designed to resemble a theatre stage and is laid out to offer optimal visibility for spectators to get as close as possible to the riders as they perform.

### UCI BMX FLATLAND WORLD CUP PRESENTED BY SNIPES

The simplicity of a flat surface and the creativity provided by 20-inch bikes make BMX Flatland the most artistic urban sports discipline. Riders combine expertise, balance and creativity to perform a kind of dance with their bike, where the subtlety of each trick and overall aesthetics of each run are always admired. The competition is placed at the heart of the festival and has rapidly become a staple of FISE. The World Cup is organised in collaboration with UCI and FFC.

#### **Dominik NEKOLNY – age 36 – CZECH REPUBLIC**

Dominik never disappoints with his fluidity and tricks. His Rolling Backwards Hitchhiker and Cross-footed Hitchhiker, with their numerous technical combos, never fail to thrill the crowds. He is one of the most experienced and successful of riders, with a pocketful of national and world championship crowns and the 2019 UCI World Champion title.

#### **Matthias DANDOIS – age 32 – FRANCE**

Still featuring on every podium, Matthias obviously benefitted in his younger days from being under the tutelage of the legendary Alex Jumelin for several years. Matthias' inimitable technique employs a whole range of eclectic styles that his few sessions of BMX Street are adding to. His flawless riding, combined with enthusiasm and a warm persona, earned him the rainbow jersey at the 2021 UCI World Championships in Montpellier.



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### **Moto SASAKI – age 36 – JAPAN**

Moto has done his country proud (Japan is celebrated as the heart of Flatland) by getting on the podiums at some of the biggest international competitions. He finished 3rd at FISE Montpellier 2019 and won the Chengdu stage the same year, before taking 3rd place at the last UCI BMX Flatland World Championships. He'll be back on the Montpellier stage in 2022 to offer the public his legendary technicality.

### **Misaki KATAGIRI – age 30 – JAPAN**

Misaki is modest, unassuming and very attached to her homeland. Despite this, she proved to be one of the athletes who shook up the 2018 and 2019 FISE World Series tours, collecting gold at every stage (and overall crown in 2019) thanks to her increasingly sophisticated combinations. Her good humour and flawless tricks have won her many other titles, too.

### **Julia PREUSS – age 32 – GERMANY**

A regular at international competitions for several years, Julia is one of the best Flatland athletes in the world, confirmed by her 2nd place at FISE Montpellier 2019. Renowned for her fluid combos on the front wheel, something she masters to perfection, she's a real globetrotter with her bike. Hailing from Berlin, she'll be enchanting the crowds at this year's FISE Montpellier.

### **Irina SADOVNIK – age 38 – AUSTRIA**

Building on her years of experience, Irina is always keen to learn new tricks and make further headway. She attended FISE Hiroshima 2019 for the first time, winning a magnificent 2nd place overall, and also won the UCI World Championships jersey in 2019 and 2021. Whether doing a Viennese waltz or dancing with her BMX on the Flatland area, Irina brings native grace to every run.