The Foundation of High Horology

Expand your watchmaking horizons

The theme talks given by the Fondation de la Haute Horlogerie offer a rich range of content. A number of watchmaking topics are guided by a desire to captivate audiences. The interactive and entertaining nature of the talks enables both novices and initiates to learn as well as to enjoy a unique experience.

The goals of our talks

1. Discovering watchmaking
2. Gaining a new perception of time
3. Enriching personal watchmaking knowledge

“Our talks are essentially about sharing moments, it is an opportunity to reveal some of the mysteries of watchmaking, and to explore this universe from a different angle.”

Pascal Ravessoud
Secretary-General of the Fondation de la Haute Horlogerie Cultural Council and speaker/lecturer
Discovering watchmaking

This series of talks is a chance to learn about various facets of watchmaking. It is intended for an audience wishing to develop or consolidate its knowledge.

How does a watch work?

Understand the fundamentals of a mechanical watch

Get a grasp of the various components and operating principles of a mechanical watch. From case to hands and from barrel to escapement, appreciate the beauty of these timepieces.

Decipher a new phenomenon

Plunge into the world of this newcomer on the watchmaking scene: the vintage watch. Decode its rules and trends, gain fascinating insights from a wealth of anecdotes and get answers to all your questions.

Vintage watches I

Deepen your knowledge of the vintage watchmaking world

From the importance of the condition to the restoration, from the precautions to be taken to an overview of the vintage market.

Vintage watches II

Enter a realm of excellence

Delve into everything that makes a watch valuable, with all the savoir faire, skills and stakeholders involved. Allow yourself to be ushered into a field artfully combining tradition with perfection.

The Fine Watchmaking universe
Enriching personal watchmaking knowledge

These more specific talks deal with various approaches to the watchmaking art, through themes intended for an audience with existing knowledge, but keen to improve it.

**Crack the codes of a complex world**

Get a well-structured overview of the various horological complications available on the market, retrace their origins and learn about their role in the development of traditional wristwatches. Go beyond their technical complexity.

**Complications**

**Watch trends**

**Share a snapshot image of the current market**

Follow the guide for a tour of the key new facets of Fine Watchmaking. Benefit from a comprehensive analysis of the environment with its new models, its innovations and its trends. All the information required to help you find your way around.

**Get to know the most popular complication**

Discover the fabulous history of this complication, its origins, its characteristics and its various interpretations. This is also an opportunity to understand its technical principles. The chronograph still has plenty of surprises for you.

**Chronograph**
**Pilot’s watches**

*Emark on a great adventure*

Discover a watch associated with one of its finest innovations, the aviation. Find out how pilots used their timepieces and how the watch industry continues the legend, well before flight computers.

**Diver’s watches**

*Plumb the depths with a fascinating measuring instrument*

Discover the history of the diver’s watch, punctuated by a succession of records and now considered a cult object. Examine the mysteries of this high-tech measuring instrument.
Gaining a new perception of time

This series of talks retraces various aspects of time measurement. From a historical or philosophical standpoint, you will never see watchmaking in the same way again.

Horology, a Child of Astronomy

Probe the fascinating relations between these two universes

Demystify astronomy, the fabulous history of the Stars in order to gain a closer understanding of the horological complications.

The history of time measurement

Retrace the evolution of measuring devices

Find out how time measurement has been a major concern, from the first civilizations through to the present day, notably in organizing social, religious and economic life.
Practical information

Duration of conferences
Each lecture lasts about 45 minutes.

Registration
To register, please contact us via the contact form on the website:
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