

Press release

Lyon, Thursday 26th of February 2009

The Comité Rhône Echecs (and Christophe LEROY with « Alice and the chess master ») will be in the books celebration of Bron (near Lyon, France) on March 6th, 7th and 8th 2009!



Fête du Livre de Bron
Donner la parole aux écrivains

Here is the website of the event: <http://www.fetedulivredebron.com/la-fete-du-livre>

The event's programming:

<http://www.fetedulivredebron.com/images/stories/progpdf/programmefdl2009.pdf>

And the website of the *Alice and the chess master* adventure:

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com>

Programming of Chess and Alice during the event :

During these 3 days, see you on the Comité Rhône Echecs stall (representing 22 chess clubs) with several interesting actions:

- **Friday March 6th from 14:00 to 19:30:** introductions to chess and demonstrations of fast games (BLITZ) with clocks, free play is also possible, and there will be a giant chessboard.
- **Saturday March 7th from 17:30 to 19:00:** enthusiast (and bewitched!), invites us to the deciphering of the mysterious chess game of the book of English author Charles Lutwidge DODGSON, alias Lewis CARROLL: *Through the looking glass and what Alice found there* (Continuation of Alice in Wonderland) published in 1871. **Lecture on big screen Saturday 7th of March from 17:30.**
- **Saturday 7th (10:00 to 21:00) and Sunday 8th of March (10:00 to 19:00):** continuation of introductions to chess and demonstrations, free play and the giant chessboard.
- **Sunday March 8th from 10:30 to 13:00: an International player will play against 25 opponents simultaneously. The fight will probably be rough and exciting !**

Alice and the chess master:

Where did we leave ? Oh that's it, it was at the beginning of the summer 2008 :



Anatoly KARPOV, many times World Champion, the Europe Echecs magazine celebrating his 50th birthday represented by Bachar KOUATLY, Patrick AMAR, President of Lyon Olympique Echecs, Lewis CARROLL and Alice in Wonderland were meeting at painter Max SCHOENDORFF's house, around Christophe LEROY and the mysterious chess game of the famous english author.

For people who missed the evening :

[Photos of the Carroll evening \(1\)](#) [Photos of the Carroll evening \(2\)](#)

White pawn (Alice) to play and win in 11 moves.



Some English-speaking people asked us more information about this chess game... That's why long translations from French to English began ! With a summary (thick though!) of main codes:

[English version](#)

[La version française](#)

Our last press release : [Press release of July 3rd 2008](#)

From here, things have well moved forward, and thanks to different helpers, we are now ready to offer you, both in Shakespeare's language and Moliere's language :

Présentation presse livre [Alice et le maître d'échecs](#) (français):

http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/presse_livre.doc

Press presentation of the book [Alice et le maître d'échecs](#) (English):

http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/press_book.doc

Modules de compréhension en français:

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/module1.doc>

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/module2.doc>

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/module3.doc>

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/module4.doc>

Understanding modules in English:

http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/eng/module1_en.doc

http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/eng/module2_en.doc

http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/eng/module3_en.doc

http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/eng/module4_en.doc

Quelques mots à propos de Lewis CARROLL:

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/lewiscarroll.doc>

Some words about Lewis CARROLL:

<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/eng/lewiscarroll.doc>

Furthermore, the TV France 3 did a report at the end of December 2008 on *Alice and the chess master*: you can see it on <http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/>

If there is a books celebration, so there must be a book!?

In March 2008 the [URDLA](http://www.urdl.fr), lead by Max SCHOENDORFF, has permitted the adventure « Alice and the chess master » (<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com>) to be continued with the publication of a French book entitled *Alice and the chess master*.

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We remember the event « Garden and wonders : Alice's mirror » which took place in 2007 in the Lacroix-Laval Domain with the help of the Conseil Général du Rhône, allowing this chess enthusiast (President of Comité Rhône Echecs since 1996, general delegate of the Lyon Olympic Chess club since 1992) to explain this amazing adventure during several conferences with the construction of a giant chessboard made of mirrors.

(<http://www.echecs-histoire-litterature.com/docs/echiquierdemiroirs.pdf>)

His travel to London and Oxford the same year yielded him the necessary contacts to continue with his research.

In this 176-page book, a nice demonstration is made on this game, a coded game with different possible translations. It seems to be a request for marriage from Lewis CARROLL to Alice LIDDELL (the true Alice). His request ultimately was refused, making the English poet even more melancholy than normal ... but leading him to write a second masterpiece...

Alice and the chess master (written in French !) has circulated in 2008 among world experts : Lewis CARROLL Society of London, of New York, Christ Church in Oxford, the historical Alice's Shop and numerous others experts...

Christophe LEROY based his research on a lot of magazines or books which have been sent to the Centre of Chess Players (3, rue de l'Angile Lyon 5°), a place where games have been played for 18 years by the local chess players. He realized that this game had never really been read or solved properly

Thinking that this game was really poetic and deserved to be known and recognized, Christophe LEROY said : "I think this game is part of the world literary heritage..." with the feeling to have finally found a precious text of the English author... allowing us to have a truly different reading than the one usually found in *Through the looking glass and what Alice found there*.

Domaine de Lacroix-Laval	<i>Alice and the chess master</i> and Lewis CARROLL	The URDLA	
L'aventure de mai à septembre 2007 : The venturer Mirror's chessboard Conferences summer 2007 Exposition philatélique Alice Exposition Garden and Wonders Plus : Archives	The book Présentation presse Résumé + timbre Lewis CARROLL et les Echecs Le 42, son nombre fétiche H. RINCK - M. DUCHAMP	Christ Church College Carte d'Angleterre Le parquet de Croft Les fées Cadeau à Alice L'échec dans Alice	L'URDLA : la grande aventure ! 30 ans de soutien aux jeunes auteurs  Couvertures Ça presse - Parutions 2008 Catalogue 2007 - Où acheter

Many thanks to the organizers of the Books Celebration of Bron for permitting us to continue our nice adventure !