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## **ORAGE EUROPEAN FREESKI OPEN LAAX 2007** **March 21 – 25, 2007**

**THE FREESKI WORLD IS GEARING UP FOR THE EUROPEAN SEASON  
HIGHLIGHT AT CRAP SOGN GION MOUNTAIN – INTERNATIONAL TOP  
SKIERS VYING IN SLOPESTYLE AND SUPERPIPE FOR TITLES, TROPHIES  
AND \$50,000 USD PRIZE MONEY!**

**(LAAX/SUI - March 2007)** - The Countdown to the Orage European Freeski Open LAAX has begun. In 1 week, the event that has been credited with uniting the European Freeski scene and what was the best pipe event of the 05 - 06 season will take center stage for the second edition in LAAX Switzerland at Crap Sogn Gion Mountain from March 21 – 25, 2007.

The Orage European Freeski Open LAAX provides an arena for the best pipe and slopestyle skiers. With over 200 athletes, both male and female, pro and amateur the competition is top notch. 24 of the worlds best riders received invitations based on podium finishes at the Winter X Games, The US Freeskiing Open, last years Orage European Freeski Open LAAX and other marquee events. They are directly seeded for the semi finals in slopestyle and halfpipe.

Again on course at the Crap Sogn Gion: last year's podium winners TJ Schiller (CAN), Simon Dumont (USA), Candide Thovex (FRA), Iisko Heiskanen (FIN), Marie Martinod (FRA), Virginie Faivre (SUI) and Anais Caradeux (FRA). Aurelien Fournier (FRA), the Scandinavians Andreas Hatveit (NOR), Henrik Harlaut (SWE) and Grete Eliasson (SWE) as well as Nico Zacek (GER) and Martin Misof (AUT) have confirmed their participation at the ORAGE EUROPEAN FREESKI OPEN LAAX 2007. Showing best skills, in the open category 80 men and 20 women per discipline have the chance to qualify for the next round and compete together with the best freeskiers from across the globe. The mix of pro and amateur skiers makes for fierce competition and a setting unlike any other, not to mention the \$50,000 USD prize money.

After a great day at the mountain the place to be in LAAX is the Riders Palace. The hip design hotel with its freestyle & lifestyle concept offers the right chill-out & party atmosphere. During the ORAGE EUROPEAN FREESKI OPEN LAAX 2007 live acts and DJ parties will take place in the Riders Palace. Specially for the event the Riders Palace organized a mini music festival with live acts. Live on stage are soulful selfmademan "Jones" (03/22), mafia rapper "Cigi & straight outta mama" (03/23) and "The Delilahs", three young, loud and stylish rock'n'roll girls, (03/24).