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**Swiss stars set to light up the 51st edition of Athletissima**

The line-up for the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of Athletissima, taking place on 21 August, promises plenty of excitement. All the major figures of Swiss athletics are announced, starting with the four athletes who have shone at the highest international level in recent months: **Audrey Werro, Simon Ehammer, Ditaji Kambundji and Angelica Moser.**

Swiss athletics is currently enjoying a particularly strong period. In this context, the Lausanne leg of the Diamond League will offer fans the chance to see the very best up close in the stadium, as well as meet them around the event during Athletissima Week. Ticket sales will open on 22 April at 8:00 on the official website ([athletissima.ch](http://athletissima.ch)).

**Ditaji Kambundji** will compete in the 100m hurdles, the discipline in which she is the reigning world champion. The charismatic athlete from Bern will be aiming for victory in what promises to be a highly competitive race. The 100m hurdles is one of the fastest-growing events in athletics, and the younger of the Kambundji sisters—now crowned Swiss Sportswoman of the Year—will be eager to live up to her new status.

Also highly anticipated, **Audrey Werro** has become a crowd favourite in French-speaking Switzerland and beyond. The 22-year-old from Fribourg now knows how to hold her own and win at the highest level. She is set to thrill the crowd at La Pontaise, just as she did last year when she claimed her first Diamond League podium over 800m (2<sup>nd</sup> place). Since then, she has also won silver at the World Indoor Championships in Poland last month. Her duel with England's Keely Hodgkinson will be one of the key storylines of the 2026 season.

Another athlete in the spotlight, **Simon Ehammer** continues to impress with his versatility. The Appenzell native made his mark at the recent World Indoor Championships by breaking

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the world record in the heptathlon. In Lausanne, he will compete in the long jump—his strongest discipline—in which he won world bronze in 2022 in Eugene. Last year, despite torrential rain, he finished second at Athletissima.

A regular on major podiums for many years, **Angelica Moser** is also a loyal participant at Athletissima. The Zurich native, now based in the Jura, recently won bronze at the World Indoor Championships. She will be one of the main contenders in the women's pole vault, which will take place at La Pontaise, unlike the men's event organised as a City Event. It promises to be one of the highlights of the meeting.

These four athletes take on the role of Athletissima ambassadors. However, they will not be the only Swiss stars aiming to shine on the new track at La Pontaise.

The public will also see **Jason Joseph**, one of the top names in the 110m hurdles, Geneva's **Timothé Mumenthaler**, European champion over 200m, as well as several ambitious sprinters: local athletes **Léonie Pointet**, **Emma Van Camp** and **Sarah Atcho-Jaquier**, largely trained in Lausanne, and Ticino's **Ajla Del Ponte**. The latter is gradually returning to top form after several disrupted seasons, having notably finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100m at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and won the European indoor 60m title the same year.

The presence of this particularly strong generation should help make this 51<sup>st</sup> edition a standout event of the season, ideally positioned between the European Championships in Birmingham and the Ultimate Championship in Budapest.

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### About Athletissima

Athletissima, now a fixture of Lausanne's summer season, was first held on 8 July 1977 at the Pierre-de-Coubertin Stadium, spearheaded by former 800m runner Jacky Delapierre. Over the years, it has become a renowned international meeting, attracting the biggest stars in athletics to the Olympic capital. Now based at the La Pontaise Olympic Stadium, Athletissima has been part of the Wanda Diamond League circuit since 2010, establishing itself as one of the world's most prestigious athletics meetings.

### About the Wanda Diamond League

The Wanda Diamond League is the elite one-day meeting series in athletics. It comprises 15 of the most prestigious events in global track and field, delivering world-class competitions for fans and athletes in all four corners of the world.

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The series provides a unique opportunity for athletes across the full diversity of track and field to compete regularly at the highest level throughout the outdoor season. In 32 different disciplines, athletes compete for points at the 14 series meetings in a bid to qualify for the two-day Wanda Diamond League Final.

With events in 13 different countries across four different continents, the Diamond League is one of the most truly global series in world sport.

In 2025, it welcomed 400,000 spectators to some of the planet's most iconic arenas and was broadcast on television in 170 different countries. It also reached an online fanbase of five million social media followers worldwide, notching up more than one billion impressions and more than 900 million video views across all platforms.

The 2026 Diamond League season will begin in Shanghai/Keqiao on May 16 and culminate at the two-day series final in Brussels on September 4-5.

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