

Strong field at the Austrian Freeski Open 2013 by Atomic

Bobby Brown, TJ Schiller, Andreas Hatveit, Nick Goepper and Gus Kenworthy: the 11th Austrian Freeski Open by Atomic taking place at the Snowpark Kitzsteinhorn in Austria—presents the cream of the international freeskiing scene. From February 27 to March 3, 2013 the action is on at one of the world's most prestigious slopestyle events.

As a gold-level stop of the Association of Freeskiing Professionals' (AFP) World Tour, the Austrian Freeski Open 2013 by Atomic (AFO) is happy to welcome more top-notch riders than ever before, including 4-time Winter X Games champion Bobby Brown (USA), 2013 Winter X Games slopestyle winner Nick Goepper (USA), 2-time overall AFP World Tour winner Gus Kenworthy (USA) and reigning AFO champion Andreas Hatveit (NOR). After injury breaks Bene Mayr (GER) and 2010 X Games slopestyle winner TJ Schiller (USA) will celebrate their comebacks with Schiller participating in the AFO for the first time. Further favourites include this season's shooting star James Woods (USA), who won the bronze medal at the 2013 X Games in the slopestyle discipline, as well as Elias Ambuehl (SUI), the 2009 AFO winner. Katie Summerhayes (GBR), who recently got 2nd in the Silvaplana FIS World Cup, is the favourite in the girls' division. She is challenged by 11-year-old freeski wunderkind Kelly Sildaru (EST) and Lena Stoffel (GER), the 2011 AFO girls' winner.

After the heavy snowfalls during the last weeks, all is set to offer the riders excellent conditions at the Snowpark Kitzsteinhorn. In order to satisfy the strong international field, the park will be revised and adapted to the needs of the slopestyle stars. At Kitzsteinhorn, they will find the ideal setting to impress with their best performances and their most outstanding tricks.

The Austrian Freeski Open 2013 by Atomic will kick off with the Freeski Night Show at Zell am See on February 27, 2013. The ladies and rookies contests will follow on Thursday, February 28, while the qualification with 80 male riders will begin on Friday. The 15 best riders of the qualification will meet the seeded pros in the finals on Saturday, March 2. Spectators can follow the action at the Snowpark Kitzsteinhorn from stands made of snow. As special addition on Saturday, everyone under 19 can purchase their day ticket for the ski region Kitzsteinhorn for only EUR 10.

Further highlights of the Austrian Freeski Open 2013 by Atomic are the side events including the After Show Party at the bar Insider in Zell am See on Wednesday night, and the Red Bull Brandwagen live concert with Austrian's hip-hop crew LinksabbiegA in Kaprun on Friday afternoon. The AFO will conclude with the big FM4 Downdays Party featuring Taktattackers at the Baumbar in Kaprun on Saturday.

For up-to-date information as well as photos and videos of the previous events, please check www.austrianfreeskiopen.com.





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11th Austrian Freeski Open by Atomic – The Programme:

Wednesday, Feb 27, 2013

Training

Freeski Nightshow, Zell am See

After Show Party @ Insider, Zell am See

Thursday, Feb 28, 2013

Ladies & Rookies Contests @ Snowpark Kitzsteinhorn

Crew Party @ Kitsch & Bitter, Kaprun

Friday, Mar 01, 2013

Qualification Men @ Snowpark Kitzsteinhorn

Red Bull Brandwagen & Ticket To The Finals Ceremony @

Salzburgerplatz, Pavillon, Kaprun



Saturday, Mar 02, 2013

Finals Men @ Snowpark Kitzsteinhorn

FM4 DOWNDAYS PARTY @ Baumbar, Kaprun

Sunday, Mar 03, 2013

Bad Weather Day



Info (travel, accommodation)

www.zellamsee-kaprun.com, www.kitzsteinhorn.at

Previous winners:

2012: Andreas Hatveit (NOR)

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2010: Jossi Wells (NZL)

2009: Elias Ambuehl (SUI)

2008: Kalle Leinonen (FIN)

2007: Kevin Rolland (FRA)

2006: Russ Henshaw (AUS)

2005: Andi Prugger (AUT)/Luggi Brucic (AUT)

2004: Martin Misof (AUT)

2003: Nico Zacek (GER)



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