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Cabaret de Licques: The meteoric rise of an ambitious dream





In 2017, Guillaume Cocquerel was the owner of one of the thousands of restaurants in France. He had purchased his rural establishment in 2009, but times had been tough for several years, and morale was beginning to waver. The dance shows he had been offering since 2011 out of economic necessity were no longer enough to sustain his struggling business, and his energy was beginning to run low.

Determined to put an end to this difficult situation and bring a new sense of excitement to his everyday life, he embarked on a daring venture that would change his life: transforming his countryside restaurant in Licques into a prestigious entertainment venue, the largest cabaret north of Paris. For this local boy, the challenge was considerable, but he was convinced that he could compete with the historic cabarets from his native village, far removed from the hustle and bustle of the world, or almost.

“In 2017, I felt that something radical had to be done, that it was time to embark on a new adventure while ensuring a degree of continuity,” Guillaume admits. In truth, he had been developing his cabaret project for several years, and the gloomy economic climate ultimately pushed him to take the plunge.
“I had noticed that the shows we offered were bringing in additional customers, but we were limited in terms of quality and appeal for artists. So, one morning, I decided to finally see my ideas through. It was a real leap of faith, but looking back, I think we needed that spark of madness to step into the magic.”

It certainly takes a touch of madness to carry out such an unlikely transformation, one that few people in his circle truly believe in.
Yet Guillaume’s experience in the hospitality industry and his artistic instincts lead him to believe that the region, so rich in social life, is ready for something new. He believes its residents deserve to be pampered, to escape their everyday routines and enjoy a shared experience rooted in the great tradition of popular entertainment, celebrating the human body, its joys and its exuberance.
He even senses that this rural cabaret could attract audiences from across France.
“All my colleagues told me I was completely crazy, that we would never make it if we closed the bar and restaurant. It was a gamble, but I had to believe in it at all costs for it to work.”

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This unwavering belief in his project would open the door to a world of possibilities. On this extraordinary adventure, he is joined by his wife, Coralie, and a growing community of artists whose diversity and talent would continue to expand over the years, from dancers and magicians to singers, comedians, balancing artists and special gala guests such as Clara Morgane, Alexandra Malter (Weirner Circus) and Franck Zavatta.
In just five years, Guillaume and his team would achieve part of their ambitious dream: creating an extraordinary alchemy between a venue, an atmosphere and a show, capable of stirring a wide range of emotions, both powerful and deeply personal.
At the heart of a village of just 1,600 inhabitants, the Cabaret de Licques now welcomes up to 4,000 people a month, most of whom leave enchanted by the experience. Many come from the north of France, but the cabaret's reputation is gradually spreading across the country, reaching audiences from all walks of life.
“The entire show was created by our team,” Guillaume proudly explains. “We designed the acts ourselves and composed the music for both the opening and the finale. Everything is an original creation. The Cabaret de Licques is home to extraordinary talent and now works with international artists and dancers who have performed in some of Paris's most prestigious venues and clubs. We want to bring the expertise of the great establishments, along with their class and elegance.”
To reach the cabaret, visitors must travel through the lush green countryside of the Pays de Licques, a little corner of paradise that remained largely undiscovered for years. Today, it attracts visitors from far and wide, drawn by the promise of authenticity, tranquillity and a chance to recharge.

It is here, on the historic village square, that the Cabaret de Licques stands proudly, offering 280 seats: the largest capacity of any cabaret north of Paris.
Among the staff at the reception desk stands a smiling man: Guillaume Cocquerel. Throughout the dinner show, he makes sure that the cabaret lives up to its promises. Guests come not only to have a good time, bu t also to be delighted, moved or even overwhelmed by the quality of the food, the moments shared with the artists, their visual performances, the unique soul of the show or all of these experiences combined. And all this for just two to three times the price of a meal at a traditional restaurant.

Over time, Guillaume has mastered the art of bringing these key ingredients together. His latest show, Fantastic, which has won over audiences, perfectly embodies this approach, although he promises it is far from the final destination.
“Our customers tell us it’s a real success, but tomorrow, we want to go even further, with a deeper, multilayered narrative and a genuine story running through the show, rather than simply a connecting thread. All while, of course, preserving the hallmarks of international cabaret.”

One thing is certain: given the enthusiasm surrounding the Cabaret de Licques, the future looks full of promise for Guillaume Cocquerel and his team.



Guillaume Cocquerel: A Character Like No Other

Those who cross his path will tell you: Guillaume leaves no one indifferent. A tireless worker, attentive to every detail and to the comfort of those around him, he has managed to bring an entire team on board with his ambitious vision, building a closeknit collective and creating working conditions that everyone appreciates. Without a doubt, Guillaume is a true character, cut from the same cloth as those who achieve great things.

Fantastic Figures

15 000
Spectators every season at the Cabaret de Licques

103
Dates for the 2026-2027 season, compared with 91 the previous season

280
Seats in a 660m2 venue



45
Team members at the cabaret, including 15 performes on stage

+300
Costume pieces used across the show's 13 acts

€1.5M
Projected revenue for this season

They've experienced the magic of « Cabaret de Licques »

Recommended by 98%
(235 avis)

4,8/5
(1,9k avis)

An evening worthy of those you might spend in Paris's grandest venues! A fantastic, magnificent and magical show that takes you on a journey through a variety of performances and acts! The welcome staff were outstanding, as were the service, the meal and the wines. The artists are incredibly talented! A huge thank you for this wonderful show, and congratulations to everyone!
Keep up the great work!
Véronique (January 2026)

Blown away! A Christmas gift for my partner: we might have expected an average performance in the small village of Licques… and yet, everything was perfect. A warm welcome, champagne, an excellent menu, and a high-quality show featuring incredibly talented men and women who are every bit as good as those at the Lido. I highly recommend it.
Pierre (December 2025)

We have travelled over 600 km round trip several times to visit the Cabaret de Licques and enjoy the show.
On September 19, we returned once again with our family, and it was a visual feast, [...] worthy of the greatest international stages.
Jean-Pierre (September 2026)

We went to the Cabaret de Licques to celebrate my wife's birthday. The meal was of very good quality, and the portions were more than generous. (...) We laughed a lot, which was exactly what we were hoping for… It's such a joy to have a cabaret in our beautiful Boulogne countryside! The price is more than justified.
Philippe (March 2025)



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A true breath of fresh air for everyone who walks through its doors, the cabaret invites guests to enjoy a unique experience filled with joy, emotion and excitement. There’s no need to travel hundreds of kilometres or wander through the boulevards of major cities to rediscover the magic of Paris’s great cabarets. Live entertainment comes to the heart of the Opal Coast, in a unique venue nestled in the He m Valley.

“Our audience wants to escape from everyday life, and we offer them that opportunity,” says founder Guillaume Cocquerel with delight. “Our challenge is to help the cabaret reach an ever-wider audience and introduce new people to our world.

“Today, our guests come from across the Hauts-de-France region, Normandy, Champagne-Ardenne, the Île-de-France region, Belgium and even England.”

The story of the Cabaret de Licques is one of a bold idea, driven by a desire to bring live entertainment to life and offer an original cultural experience at the heart of the local area. Over the years, this must-visit destination has attracted an increasingly diverse audience, eager to discover a world where singing , dancing, artistic performances and gastronomy come together.

Behind this ambition is a dedicated team working every day to offer audiences much more than a show: a true escape from everyday life. Combining creativity, passion and artistic excellence, the Cabaret de Licques continues to grow and is preparing to write a new chapter in its history, driven by a constant desire to surprise, amaze and inspire its guests to dream.

Renowned Artists

At the cabaret, guests are amazed, surprised and entertained, with emotions running high thanks to the many talented artists who bring the show to life. Some have performed at prestigious venues such as the Paradis Latin, the Lido and the Cirque d'Hiver Bouglione. Others have graced stages around the world, including alongside the cast of the musical The Lion King. Every evening, they take to the cabaret stage for a dazzling, interactive 1-hour-and-45-minute show, adapting their performances to the audience thanks to their remarkable ability to connect with guests.

Les Skating Ramos

A remarkable artistic performance combining elegance, technical skill and excellence.



Abby Johnstone

Dancer

"I love seeing the audience swept away into another world and watching the magic light up in their eyes.
The cabaret is a way to escape from reality."



Kierra Fullman

Dancer

"We need to modernise traditional cabaret while preserving the roots of French cabaret. The Cabaret de Licques does this brilliantly."



Hannah Walker

Dancer

"Touching and changing people's. lives through art is the most beautiful feeling there is. I love being able to share my emotions, and dance is the art form that allows me to express myself best."



Benoit Kammerer
Ballet Master

"The Cabaret de Licques is an ambitious project , brought to life by people who are passionate about music hall, just like me. We love to surprise audiences and inspire them to think through physical expression»



Clara Morgane elevates our « Guests » experiences



Since its creation, the Cabaret de Licques has been committed to renewing its artisti c offerings and enriching each season with new and unique experiences.

Among these, the “Guest” experiences bring together the cabaret and nationally and internationally renowned personalities for exclusive artistic collaborations.

Since 2022, Clara Morgane has returned to the Cabaret de Licques for two weekends each season.

Far more than a special guest, she becomes an integral part of the show, performing alongside the dancers and taking part in various artistic numbers to offer audiences a seamless and immersive experience.

A long-standing collaboration that makes each of her appearances a highly anticipated event for audiences.

An International cast bringing Live entertainment to Life

The Cabaret de Licques brings together an international artistic team with a wide range of talents, contributing every evening to the richness and diversity of its performances.

On stage, dancers Abby Johnstone, Kierra Fullman, Hannah Walker, McKenzie Ecob, Storm Miller and Lillian Healey perform alongside singers Heather Gille and Nadège Tilmant, as wel l as comedian Lucas Pontigo.

The show also features artists from a variety of disciplines, including Dmitro, the Skating Ramos and Shannon Micheletty. Together, they combine dance, singing, comedy and visual performances to offer audiences an immersive and spectacular experience.

The combination of their talents, the diversity of their artistic worlds and their collective energy are what make the Cabaret de Licques truly unique.



The show continues on the plate

A food enthusiast and former chef, Guillaume Cocquerel ensures that the cuisine at the Cabaret de Licques truly stands out. Here, dishes are prepared using fresh, flavourful, locally sourced and season al ingredients, with particular attention paid to the quality of the produce and the creativity of each plate .

“We only use high-quality ingredients, such as Licques poultry, which carries the prestigious Label Rouge quality certification,” explains Guillaume Cocquerel. His commitment to culinary excellence is rooted in his experience at renowned establishments, including Marc Veyrat’s Auberge de l’Éridan and La Ferme de mon Père in Annecy.

« Generous and refined dishes»



« We only use high-quality ingredients »

Behind the scenes, the kitchen team works every day to create generous and refined dishes that complement the experience enjoyed in the dining room. From designing the menus to preparing each plate, every team member helps make gastronomy an essential part of the show.

The menus are carefully designed to enhance this exceptional experience, combining flavour, high-quality ingredients and the pleasure of discovery. At the Cabaret de Licques, the magic extends far beyond the stage — it can be found on the plate, too.

“We want the experience to be truly magical in every way!” sums up Guillaume Cocquerel.

« Fantastic » Show

Step into the world of FANTASTIC, the Cabaret de Licques show, where glamour, elegance and emotion come together. From spectacular dance routines and dazzling costumes to singing and artistic performances, prepare to be amazed by talented artists and breathtaking acts.
A unique experience combining the magic of music hall with the pleasure of fine dining, offering an unforgettable evening in the heart of the Hauts-de-France region!

Starting from
€75

To make the most of your experience at the Cabaret de Licques, we offer three dinner-and-show packages to suit your preferences.

Each package invites you to discover our FANTASTIC show while enjoying a delicious meal, with different seating categories available so you can experience the show in the way that suits you best.

Starting from
€125



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