

Pro Helvetia is inviting Swiss cultural practitioners from all arts disciplines to apply for an artist-in-residence stay in Egypt, South Africa, India, Poland, Czech Republic or Latvia. This Newsletter contains some initial information and the means of application for the 2009/2010 term. Pro Helvetia places great emphasis on cooperation with partners, as evidenced by the number of international exchanges scheduled for late autumn: Photosuisse is putting together works by young and up-coming as well as established photographers in Cracow, Ticino baroque art is finding its way back to Switzerland via Düsseldorf, and Pipilotti Rist is staging her first solo exhibition in Japan.

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Pipilotti Rist back in Japan

Pipilotti Rist's first solo exhibition in Japan comprises her most important works from the past ten years. The show at the **Hara Museum of Contemporary Art** in Tokyo is a follow-on project to the two-year country programme that Pro Helvetia conducted in Japan from 2004 to 2006. The Swiss artist's various audio-video installations will be on display from 17 November 2007 to 11 February 2008.

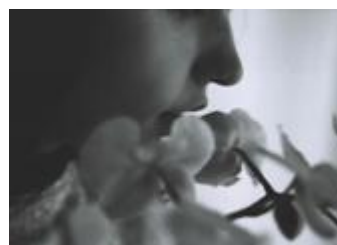
www.pipilottirist.net



Do it Yourself

Les Urbaines - the Lausanne festival dedicated to new art trends - has been accorded the motto «Do it Yourself» this year. The key focus is on the conditions under which artists produce their work. The festival has been relaunched under new management this year after a one-year break, and will be held in Lausanne from 6 to 8 December.

www.urbaines.ch



Bangalore on visit in Bern

Visual artist Abhishek Hazra from Bangalore is staying at the Bernese «**Zentrum für Kulturproduktion (PROGR)**» as an artist in residence until December. «PROGR is an exciting cultural space», comments the Indian artist, «it is stimulating to have various artists with very different practices working around you». In his works, Abhishek Hazra explores the history of science and the interfaces between technology and art. www.prohelvetia.in



Photosuisse in Cracow

Photosuisse is bringing together 28 photographers from all parts of Switzerland. Shooting stars from the young photographic scene are among them, as are established names that have influenced developments over the past 30 years. The selection shown by **Bunkier Sztuki**, a gallery of contemporary art in Cracow, contains specimens of various lines of photography, including documentation, reporting and art. www.prohelvetia.pl



Ticino baroque artist in Zurich

Baroque drawings from the Art Academy collection of the Museum Kunstpalast Düsseldorf will be on display at the **Swiss Federal Institute of Technology's Collection of Prints and Drawings** in Zurich for the first time. The main emphasis is on Ticino baroque artist Pier Francesco Mola, of whom Düsseldorf has the largest single group of works. The exhibition entitled «Mola und Zeitgenossen» (Mola and

contemporaries) brings the 15-month exchange programme «**Plattform Schweiz: Kultur mit Nordrhein-Westfalen**» to a close.



Festival of new church music

«Religio musica nova» is a biennale of new sacred music. The festival's organisers want to continue the Western Christian tradition of combining religion and music in a contemporary form. This year, the programme goes one step further and creates links between different religions. Pro Helvetia is supporting this event, which enjoys international appeal and is scheduled to take place in Zurich and Dübendorf from 2 to 9 December. www.religio-musica-nova.ch



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Artists in residence 2009/2010

Pro Helvetia's offices abroad are inviting cultural practitioners from all arts disciplines to apply for an artist-in-residence position 2009/2010. Such stays abroad, lasting from three weeks to six months, are possible in Egypt, South Africa, India, Poland, Czech Republic and Latvia. They are subject to the following conditions: a convincing artistic track record, willingness to immerse oneself in the culture of the host country and to make new contacts, and good knowledge of a suitable foreign language. You will find the application forms [here](#).



Pro Helvetia grants awards to jazz bands

Five promising, up-and-coming jazz bands have been granted «High Priority Jazz Promotion» status by Pro Helvetia. This new promotion tool has now been taken on board definitively by the Arts Council after a successful three-year pilot phase and a final optimisation of the concept. Further information is available [here](#).



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New music days

This year's «Tage für Neue Musik» (new music days) in Zurich is presenting numerous concerts, including several world premieres, with works by Mischa Käser and Hans Ulrich Lehmann among them. The relationship between contemporary music and literature is the programme's keynote theme. Pro Helvetia is supporting the Swiss part of the event. It commissioned a composition by Thomas Kessler, who has written a piece for poetry-slam master Saul Williams. On until 18 November. www.tfnm.ch

«Platzmangel» in Zurich

Director Christoph Marthaler reports back to Zurich with his theatre production «Platzmangel» (lack of space). The setting: a luxurious health institute. The protagonists: men and women displaying exclusive requirements while holding dubious insurance cover. The time: in-between two visits by the head physician. The patients blithely refuse to face up to the fact that convalescence might lead them not to a care-free future, but straight to hell. Premiere: 6 December 2007 at the **Rote Fabrik theatre**.



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