

With the year drawing to an end, it is time for both review and preview. The Swiss Cultural Programme South-East Europe and Ukraine (SCP) will be entering its final phase in 2008 and is focusing increasingly on the Western Balkan region. Find out more on this subject in the latest edition of «Passages», our cultural magazine. The Centre Culturel Suisse in Paris is gearing up for the future. The Swiss Arts Council is seeking a personality with vision to lead its management team. Pro Helvetia's «echoes» programme is already evoking the coming summer, inviting you to register for its summer academy on folk culture.

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Views of Switzerland

Musée d'Orsay's ancillary programme to its Ferdinand Hodler exhibition comprises not only literary and musical events, but also twelve films from Switzerland. The documentaries, feature films and silent movies selected reflect the multi-faceted world of Swiss film making in a programme that also includes two previews of new productions. The event was organised together with SWISS FILMS and will take place between 10 and 20 January at the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. Click [here](#) for more information.



Summer academy on folk culture

Local customs, traditional costumes, folk dances, yodelling and other folk music – all this and more will be part of the summer academy to be held in MuttENZ/BL from 4 to 9 August 2008 within the framework of the «echoes – folk culture for tomorrow» programme. Presentations, debates, and concerts will highlight aspects of folk culture's past, present and future. The summer academy offers a unique opportunity to experience Swiss folk culture in all its variety close up and in a relaxed ambience. Register now [here](#).



Art and ecology in India

Rahel Hegnauer, a young visual artist from Zurich and currently an artist in residence in Bangalore, is one of the participants at the ECO + ART workshop in New Delhi. The aim behind this international get-together of artists is to explore the relationship of ecology and art in public places. The event, lasting five weeks, is being held in **KHOJ**, a studio run by artists that offers space for experiments and international exchange. www.prohelvetia.in



Swiss orchestra music

Commissioned by Pro Helvetia, the young composer Andrea Scartazzini from Basel has written his first major orchestra work. The piece for soprano and orchestra entitled «Siegel» (seal) will be premiered in Basel on 20 January 2008, conducted by Peter Hirsch, as part of the Zemlinsky-Hartmann programme. The annual commissions to composers represent one of the core elements of Pro Helvetia's music promotion policy. You will find further information [here](#).



Order a Christmas story

If you fancy inviting neighbours or friends to a literary-cum-theatrical evening at your home, all you have to do is make a phone call. «Anruf genügt», the stories home delivery service, offers readings on order. Now is the season, for instance, for the Christmas tale «Von Weihnachten, Wunscherfüllungen und doppelten Silbertannen». The stories home delivery service is a follow-on project to Pro Helvetia's

«Galerie 57/34.6 km» programme. Further information under www.anrufgenuegt.ch.



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Cultural work in South-East Europe

The Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia has been working together with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to support cultural developments in Eastern Europe since 1990. The Swiss Culture Programme South-East Europe and Ukraine (**SCP**) will be entering its final phase in 2008, concentrating on the countries of the Western Balkans. The latest edition of «**Passages**», our cultural magazine, introduces the programme and - by means of essays, reports and photos - takes readers on a journey through South-East Europe.



The future of the Centre Culturel Suisse

With its diverse and high-quality programmes, the Centre Culturel Suisse in Paris (CCSP) has made a name for itself in the French metropolis. It has become a place of encounter and international cultural exchange. Pro Helvetia is now seeking a strong and visionary personality to head up the institution, enabling it to maintain its distinct appeal. Click [here](#) for more information.

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New management for Pro Helvetia's Programmes unit

From 2008, Pro Helvetia's Programmes unit, which develops the Arts Council's own cultural projects, will be under new management. Danielle Nanchen and Lukas Heuss have been appointed to co-head the unit. Danielle Nanchen has been working at Pro Helvetia since 2003. Prior to that she was part of the Swiss Expo.02 team. She graduated in philosophy and history of art from the University of Lausanne. Lukas Heuss has been working for the Swiss Arts Council since 2001. He graduated from the Music Academy of Lucerne and has been active as a musician for 25 years.



Literary work grants

Each year, Pro Helvetia provides selected Swiss authors with work grants, giving them the financial means to concentrate on an ongoing literary project. Translators of Swiss literature can also apply for such a grant. The deadline is 31 December 2007. You will find the requisite details on the conditions for application [here](#).



TIPS

Europe of the future - part II

«L'Europe en devenir» (Evolving Europe) is a multi-disciplinary event staged by the Centre Culturel Suisse in Paris, spotlighting the building of Europe from various perspectives. The current second part of the exhibition, curated by the independent, Berlin-based Marius Babias, presents works by artists from «New Europe». The installations, videos and performances can be viewed up to the end of the year. Further information is available under www.ccsparis.com.



10 years of «Schlachthaus» theatre

The «Schlachthaus» theatre in Bern is celebrating its tenth anniversary with five nights of adventure. Artists from Belgium, Western and Southern Africa, the Middle East and Switzerland will seek to enchant visitors through drama, dance and music. And there will be a culinary speciality in the form of a golden anniversary sausage. All this from 27 to 31 December. Details under www.schlachthaus.ch.



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