

Early November 2022

Dear Friends of Switzerland,

We hope you are safe and well and taking advantage of these beautiful fall days. Though they are growing shorter and the weather is growing colder, we hope you will enjoy our many cultural offerings this month. From a program for French teachers and a performance featuring a Swiss metal band, to the various Swiss films showing as part of this year's Film|Neu festival, this edition of the newsletter has something for everyone! And, if all you want to do right now is curl up at home with a steaming bowl of soup, we have a hearty Swiss recipe for you!

Please continue to check our website, social media channels, and events calendar, where we are providing regular updates, for more cultural content. Have you found something we're missing? What would you like to see more of? Let us know—we would love to hear from you.

We hope you continue to enjoy, stay safe, & stay healthy!



Source: Goethe Institut

Film Film|Neu 2022 – 30th Anniversary

November 10 – November 13, 2022

Swiss Productions: *Monte Verità*: Friday, November 11, 2022, 7:00 PM ET Austrian Cultural Forum Washington / Embassy of Austria 3524 International Ct NW, Washington, DC 20008

Unrest (Unrueh): Saturday, November 12, 2022, 6:30 PM ET Embassy of Switzerland 2900 Cathedral Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

Esther: Sunday, November 13, 2022, 2:00 PM ET Cafritz Hall, Edlavitch DCJCC 1529 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

Switzerland—turns thirty! Since 1992, Film|Neu has brought over 300 German-language dramas, comedies, documentaries, short films, and more to filmgoers in the DMV. This fall Film|Neu returns inperson, with a selection of new films screening at the Goethe Institut, the Austrian Cultural Forum, the Embassy of Switzerland, and the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, DC. Read below for more information about this year's Swiss productions:

It's 1906 and Hanna wants nothing more than to free herself from her bourgeois corset and flee to the notorious *Monte Verità*. There, she has to navigate the free lifestyle of those seeking meaning, her burgeoning devotion to art, and the fundamental question: can she return to her family without giving up herself?

In **Unrest (Unrueh)**, new technologies are transforming a 19th-century watchmaking town in Switzerland. Josephine, a young factory worker, produces the balance wheel, or *Unruh* in German, swinging in the heart of the mechanical watch. Exposed to new ways of organizing money, time, and labor, she becomes involved with the local movement of anarchist watchmakers, where she meets Russian traveler Pyotr Kropotkin.

The short documentary *Esther* follows a young woman who grew up on a remote farm in the mountains. Since her move to the city, many things have changed for her. How can she stand by her values without distancing herself from her parents? A story about growing up, where feminism collides with Catholicism.

Check out the complete program of this year's Film|Neu.

<u>Register here</u> for *Monte Verità*. <u>Register here</u> for *Unrest (Unrueh)*. <u>Get your tickets</u> for the short film showcase, featuring *Esther* (\$5).



Source: Dictée des Francophones

Language Dictée des Francophones

November 1-5, 2022 Resources available until early December

Calling all teachers! Based on the success of the 2021 edition, which gathered 18,000 students across the country, we invite you to take part in the *Dictée des Francophones*. The *dictée*, which relies on the "Dictionnaire des francophones," a collaborative project of the International Organization of the Francophonie consisting of terms from various francophone countries, is available for three levels of French learners and accompanied by educational materials.



Source: Cellar Darling

Music <u>Cellar Darling in Concert</u> Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 7:00 PM ET Black Cat, 1811 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

Tickets: \$30 - \$35

November 11 marks National Metal Day, and what better way to celebrate than with a concert featuring the Swiss heavy progressive folk rock band Cellar Darling. Since its emergence in the late 1960s and early 1970s, largely in the United Kingdom and the United States, metal has spread to many different sub-genres. The members of the Swiss trio Cellar Darling—Anna Murphy (vocals, hurdy-gurdy, piano, classical flute), Merlin Sutter (drums), and Ivo Henzi (guitars and bass)—confidently fuse progressive metal and rock with elaborate lyrical tales and enchanting visual art. If you're in Washington, DC, you can catch their performance at the Black Cat on November 9, alongside the Swedish band Katatonia and the German band the Ocean Collective.

Get your tickets here and stay tuned to our social media for more information on National Metal Day.



Source: Helvetic Kitchen

Cuisine Soupe de Chalet (Adapted from Helvetic Kitchen)

Soupe de chalet or "cottage soup" is a creamy cheese, potato, and macaroni soup. A traditional Alpine dish, it relies on various mountain vegetables and herbs such as wild nettles and/or spinach, onions and/or leeks, and

occasionally other hearty veggies like carrots or turnips—so feel free to adapt this recipe to your taste! Hailing from the Canton of Fribourg in Western Switzerland (where you will find the medieval town of Gruyères, the heart of Gruyère cheese production), the soup is deliciously cheesy and comforting perfect for a chilly fall night!

You will need:

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1 ¾ lb	potatoes, cubed
2 cups	milk
4 cups	vegetable stock
5 cups	spinach
1 cup	elbow macaroni
½ cup	cream
	a handful of fresh herbs, finely chopped
	nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste
	Gruyère cheese, grated

Directions:

1. In a large pot over medium heat, melt the butter.

2. Add the onions and fry until translucent. Add the potatoes and fry a minute more.

3. Add the milk and stock, then the spinach. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 30 minutes.

4. Add the macaroni and herbs and cook for about 15 minutes more, or until the pasta is tender.

5. Stir in the cream, then the soup is ready to serve.

6. Place a little grated Gruyère in the bottom of each bowl and spoon the soup over top.

Enjoy!

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