

# SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



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Dear Friends of Switzerland,

Happy New Year! Dive right into this cold month with some Swiss cultural activities: join the Swiss Club's Jass tournament, explore Swiss films making a splash at festivals, and don't miss our new series, *Swiss Rendez-Vous* in DC, in which we share about sites in Washington with a Swiss tie. Get ready for a year filled with cultural discoveries and shared moments that celebrate the rich tapestry of Switzerland's heritage!

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, and take care!

## Games

### **Jass Clinic with the Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 1:00-4:00 PM**

**The Board Room DC**

**1737 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C., 20009**

Click [here](#) to register and [here](#) for the rules of the game



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Start the year off right with a taste of Swiss culture right here in Washington, D.C.: the Swiss Club invites you to an exciting afternoon of Jass at the Board Room DC! Discover the traditional Swiss card game that combines skill, strategy, and a touch of luck.

Whether you're a seasoned Jass player or a novice eager to learn, this event welcomes everyone. Learn the game, make friends, and enjoy drinks in a vibrant atmosphere. Register now for a very Swiss experience!

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## Film

# **Swiss Productions at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival**

**January 18-28, 2024**

**Online and in-person (Utah)**

***All the Swiss productions are available online on January 25, 2024 starting at 10:00 AM EST, and on January 29, starting at 1:55 AM EST.***



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Calling all Swiss film enthusiasts! The Sundance Film Festival marks the beginning of the U.S. festival season, and this year, the silver screen comes to you with online screenings across the country. Join us in celebrating Swiss talents on the global stage, with three captivating productions in the spotlight at Sundance.

- [\*\*\*Terra Mater\*\*\*](#) by Kantarama Gahigiri, is a thought-provoking short film delving into the harmful effects at the intersection of technology and waste.
- [\*\*\*Matta and Matto\*\*\*](#) by Swiss artist Bianca Caderas invites you on an animated journey to a world in which interpersonal closeness is forbidden.
- [\*\*\*Reinas\*\*\*](#) will celebrate its world premiere, and compete in the prestigious "World Cinema Dramatic" category. Crafted by

Swiss-Peruvian filmmaker Klaudia Reynicke, this film is set amidst the social and political upheaval of 1992 in Lima, Peru.

Mark your calendars for an exclusive showcase of Swiss creativity and storytelling!

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**Meanwhile in Switzerland...**

## **59th Annual Solothurner Filmtage**

**January 17-24, 2024**  
**Solothurn, Switzerland**  
**Discover the program [here](#)**



Source: [film-documentaire.fr](http://film-documentaire.fr)

Meanwhile in Switzerland, discover the cinematic wonders being featured at the annual Solothurner Filmtage, or Solothurn Film Festival, a celebration of Swiss film in the heart of the historic town of Solothurn.

Embracing the linguistic and cultural diversity of the country, this renowned film festival showcases a captivating array of Swiss feature films, documentaries, shorts, and experimental films. The Solothurner Filmtage offers a platform for emerging talents while also honoring established filmmakers through awards that recognize their outstanding contributions to Swiss cinema. Explore the program [here](#). And who knows... some of these films may soon be coming to a Swiss Film Club near you!

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**Your Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in DC**



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Do you recognize the iconic figure in front of the U.S. Treasury building?

It is none other than visionary **Albert Gallatin**, also called the “Swiss founding father of the United States.” Born in Geneva in 1761, he immigrated to the U.S. in the 1780s, settling in Washington, DC, where he became one of the principal architects of the young American republic. His fiscal expertise and commitment to public service were essential in shaping the economic foundations of the newly established country.

**Stay connected for more glimpses of the Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in DC — and share pictures of your visit to Gallatin’s statue with us!**

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