Dear Readers,

The year is quickly approaching its end and we took this time to look back at the range of exciting Swiss cultural events in the Yangtze River Delta in 2019. Included in this month’s edition of the newsletter is a brief retrospective of some of our events last year.

While December may be relatively quiet, we hope to see you at one of the many interesting cultural events in our pipeline next year.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Kind regards,

Your Cultural Team
Kids Creative Thinking and Art Workshop with Heidi

Artist Piroska “Heidi” Szönye teaches children creativity and out-of-the-box thinking at the Yuz Museum

**When & Where**

**December 07, 2019 | 10:00—12:00**

Yuz Museum about Yuz Museum
No. 35, Fenggu Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai
上海徐汇区丰谷路35号

**Info**

[www.huodongxing.com/](http://www.huodongxing.com/)
[https://piroskakunst.ch/](https://piroskakunst.ch/)
[https://heidiandtheswissnessfeeling.ch/](https://heidiandtheswissnessfeeling.ch/)

Heidi is taking a break from the Alps and visiting the skyscrapers of Shanghai this December to teach children a workshop on creativity and art. The Swiss artist Piroska Szönye impersonates a grown-up version of Switzerland’s most famous folk story figure “Heidi”. Her aim is to teach children and adults about creative impulses and to share her positive, innovative thinking. Before coming to Shanghai, Heidi taught several workshops in a private primary school in Liuzhou, Guangxi Province. With her paper and collage art, she wants people to think outside the box, create magic and challenge their emotions about the value of things.

The workshop at the Yuz Musuem is aimed at children between 5 to 12 years and will be held in English with Chinese interpretation. The admission fee is RMB50 per group (one adult + one child) and includes an entrance to the museum’s current exhibition “In Production: Art Studio System”.

Please register for the workshop [here](http://www.yuzmshanghai.org/).

**Source:** Piroska Szönye, Snow Pear Kids Education Center, Yuz Museum
Ben Kaczor: Asia Tour
Swiss underground artists plays his hypnotic beats in Hangzhou’s Loopy

When & Where

December 06, 2019
Loopy
No. 77, Zhongshan South Road Shangcheng District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang
浙江省杭州市上城区中山南路77号

Info

Supported by Pro Helvetia Shanghai, Swiss Arts Council
http://creakedrecords.com/artists/ben-kaczor
https://soundcloud.com/benkaczor

Ben Kaczor is making waves from Europe to Asia by touring to Thailand, Vietnam, China and South Korea. Last year’s tour has changed the course of his career into becoming the booking manager of Chengdu’s TAG club, working to link scenes across the world with his passion for music culture and human connectivity. This time, he will take the crowd across seven Chinese cities.

Ben Kaczor’s hypnotic sound stimulates the emotional grey matter between lightness and darkness, boldly embarking through rough and challenging terrain with movements of evocative beauty and melancholia. Well known for his intense mix of atmospheric techno, energetic house and dramatic soundscapes, his music provides the catalyst for both introverted exploration and outward expression.

Source: Creaked Records, ProHelvetia Shanghai
Retrospective of 2019

The year set out with New Year’s concerts by the young and dynamic Orchestre Juventutti in first-ever China tour. In March – “le mois de la francophonie” - we celebrated the French language with performances by the electro pop group Stevans and rapper Phanee du Pool, as well as an intriguing film screening and presentation by the Swiss himalayist from Valais, Jean Troillet. Additionally, during the Shanghai International Literary Festival in March, the photographer and visual artist Ms. Shirana Shahbazi and the graphic designer Mr. Manuel Krebs led a discussion on the photobook as a literary form.

Classical music enthusiasts could rejoice at the outstanding performances by the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra conducted by Charles Dutoit in May or the Lucerne Festival Orchestra’s residency in Shanghai in October. If classical music was less to your liking, you could dance to Klischée’s funky beats in October or feel a little homesick listening to traditional “Guggenmusik” at this year’s Shanghai Tourism Festival.

Additionally, the following events were supported by Pro Helvetia Shanghai, Swiss Arts Council, this year. Metal fans could jump to the music of Eluveitie, while others could listen in awe to Eliane Amherd’s sultry voice last June. In-between concerts, Hélène Binet’s architectural photography or the immersive “Nez-à-Nez” exhibition by the MUDAC in Lausanne offered a well-deserved break for the ears. Lastly, the Yen Han Ballet Company’s collaboration with the Shanghai Ballet offered an interesting insight into the development of a ballet production in November during the Shanghai International Arts Festival.

Overall, 2019 was a bustling year of Swiss cultural events for the Yangtze River Delta region!
Reminder
Please consult the website of the events. Changes in time, date and venue might occur.

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