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Swiss Art Events in October and November

June – December Artists in Residence: Phillip Gasser and Bruno Tremblay

Having just completed a 3 month residency in Johannesburg, the duo moves to Cape Town for their last 3 months. Multimedia artist, Gasser works mainly with animation. Although Tremblay has an interest in sound, he works with drawing and is at present completing a series called Clubbing. His technique is interesting in that he deconstructs images using a computer and then re-constructs it using only the Bitmap of the image. The duo comes to South Africa to further develop a project on language and communication.

www.brunotremblay.com and
www.philippgasser.com

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4 September – 28 October Choreographic Workshops CIRQU'ENFLEX

Cie Vahinala (Madagascan dance company) is planning to collaborate with Cirqu'enflex to create a new piece, which will be performed at the Schlachthaus Theatre in Bern during the Afrique Noir Festival in 2007. In preparation for this performance, two Cirqu'enflex members, Nikhil Bigler and Sanja Ristic will attend dance workshops hosted by Cie Vahinala at the I'Etat Festival in Antananarivo this year. The workshops aim to continue to develop dialoguing, choreographic and music skills between the two troupes.

www.cirquenflex.ch

7 - 31 October Audio Visual Booths

FOTOBOT: Faces of Kliptown

During the year the installation has travelled from Cape Town, to Oudtshoorn, to Grahamstown and now prepares for the final leg of its tour in Johannesburg.

Fotobot is a series of interactive audiovisual booths aimed at the general public and encouraging them to 'deposit' (via audio visual recordings) their thoughts on various social issues. The Fotobot's will be rigged in The Soweto Kliptown Youth (SKY) community centre as part of the 120th birthday of Johannesburg.

www.rainbownotion.com

VENUE: Soweto Kliptown Youth Centre, Kliptown, Soweto

prohelvetia

New visual identity for Pro Helvetia

The Arts Council is seeking to achieve increased visibility and an enhanced profile in keeping with its aim of encouraging cultural development generally. The new Pro Helvetia logo is striking and easy to read.

The integral Swiss cross serves to link together the two parts of the name. Pro Helvetia's new corporate design, which was rolled out on 25 April 2006, incorporates several features in addition to the logo: the designation "Swiss Arts Council", an explanatory text summarising Pro Helvetia's mandate, a layout grid, a prescribed font and a specific range of colours.

Reasons for the change

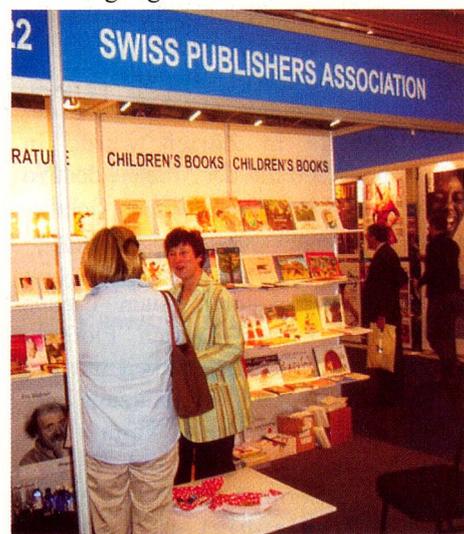
The Swiss Arts Council is changing its visual identity for the third time in its history. The Pro Helvetia logo in use up to 24 April 2006 was twelve years old. The introduction of a new corporate identity signifies Pro Helvetia's desire to increase its visibility and enhance its profile in comparison with similar bodies that actively promote the arts.

The Liaison Office South Africa will be re-named to Pro Helvetia Cape Town.

Erfolgreiche erste Cape Town Book Fair

Zum ersten Mal fand in Kapstadt eine internationale Buchmesse statt. 418 Aussteller aus 26 Ländern - darunter auch der Schweiz - stellten ihre neuesten Bücher vor und zogen mehr als 20'000 Besucher an.

Deutschland, Frankreich, und die Schweiz beteiligten sich mit Gemeinschaftsständen im neu erbauten Convention Center in Kapstadt. Der Besucherstrom an der Messe im Juni in den vier Tagen wurde auf mehr als 20'000 geschätzt und übertraf alle Erwartungen. Das umfangreiche Veranstaltungsprogramm lockte viele Zuhörerinnen und Zuhörer an. Leider war das Programm erst am Eröffnungstag der Buchmesse zu haben.



Der Schweizer Stand stellte viele neue Bilderbücher vor.

Design und Bilderbuch aus der Schweiz

Der Schweizer Stand präsentierte auf 12m² die neuen Bücher von 15 Schweizer Verlagen. Die Schwerpunkte lagen bei Design und Bilderbuch. Dazu wurden Schweizer Literatur und Bücher und Karten zur Schweiz gezeigt. Eröffnet wurde der Schweizer Stand von Botschafter Viktor Christen und Regula von Bergen.

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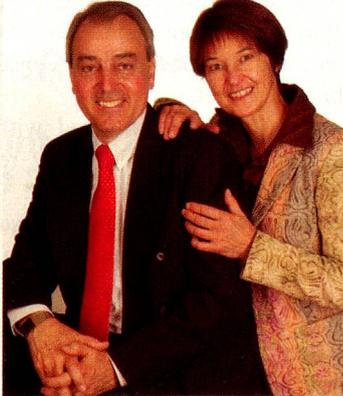
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Von Beginn weg wurde dem schlichten Stand rege Aufmerksamkeit zuteil. An den ersten beiden Tagen kamen vorwiegend deutsch sprechende Besucherinnen und Besucher vorbei, ab Montag dann auch Autoren, Verleger und Buchhändler. In Zusammenarbeit mit der deutschsprachigen Buchhandlung Naumann in Kapstadt war sicher gestellt, dass jedes Buch bestellt und ausgeliefert werden konnte. Da es vorwiegend eine Publikumsmesse war, wurde am letzten Tag verkauft und dem Schweizer Generalkonsul Hans-Ulrich Tanner umgerechnet rund CHF 9000 zweckgebunden übergeben. Das Geld soll im Namen der Schweizer Verlage für die Anschaffung von Schulbüchern für die Ärmsten verwendet werden.

Schweizer Autoren in Kapstadt

Mit grosszügiger Unterstützung der Pro Helvetia in Zürich wurde in Zusammenarbeit mit der Antenne der Pro Helvetia in Kapstadt sowie dem Goethe-Zentrum in Windhoek und dem Goethe-Institut in Johannesburg eine Lesereise für die Schweizer Autoren Alain Claude Sulzer und Catalin Dorian Florescu organisiert. In Zusammenarbeit mit Pro Helvetia und mit Unterstützung der Frankfurter Buchmesse konnte ein erfolgreicher Workshop mit Dimitri Bruni, Büro Norm und Ralf de Jong (de Jong Typographie) für Design durchgeführt werden.



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Hi there and Grüezi



Gisela Piercey

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new editor of the Southern African regional pages. I have been working as a journalist in Switzerland and South Africa for many years and live with my South African husband and our son in Kenton-on-Sea on the Sunshine Coast (Eastern Cape). We are working on a tourism conservation project in our proposed private nature reserve for 2008.

I would like to write about all the Swiss activities not just in South Africa, but in the whole of Southern Africa for the 6161 Swiss living in this vibrant part of the world. Please write to me when you hear about any special projects, personalities and events. Thank you! Phone/fax +27 46 648 2632, e-mail gisela@tanglewoods-lodge.com

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ASO NEWS : Report from the 84. Auslandschweizer-Kongress

The Auslandschweizer-Kongress in Basle took place from 18 - 20 August 2006. The electronic voting system has been tested over the period 2001-2005 in the Cantons of Geneva, Neuenburg and Zurich, with good results. It will however take at least another four to six years before it can be rolled out nationally, as all cantons will be required to use the same system and this needs to be considered within the budget.

The ASO-Council voted with two counts of "Yes" for the partly revised "Asylgesetz" and the new "Ausländerrecht". Additionally, support for the "Billion amount for the EU-

Kohäsionsfonds" was also agreed to. The voting on this subject will be on 26 November 2006. Interesting and lengthy discussions surrounded these subjects and it was clear these issues are close to people's hearts. It is also worth highlighting that the important elections for "Nationalrat and Ständerat" will take place in November 2007.

After all the discussions and debates, the representatives took advantage of Basle's attractions and places of interest, with some groups enjoying the museums whilst others were given a guided tour around a pharmaceutical/ chemical firm. Perhaps the highlight for most was the

"Bebbis Jazz" night with music filling the streets creating a New Orleans-esque atmosphere.

The next few dates to be flagged: Spring session in Bern on 31 March 2007 and the summer congress in Geneva from 17 - 19 August 2007.

The congress in Basle was attended by the following South Africans : Peter Müller, Gabor von Moricz, Toni Kolb, Francois Jeannerat, Albert + Myrtha Buser-Sutter and the writer.

Your Delegate ASO
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Senior Swiss Circle meets every second Saturday of the month for lunch; for details call Andy Tischhauser 011 672 1753/ 082 719 3389. The Club's various societies hold regular meetings. Ask for your name to be placed on the mailing list of the Club newsletter. GSNA News: At the Eidg. Hornusserfest in August in Bleienbach BE the team South Africa comb. finished 7th out of 32 in category 8. In the first category Wäseli became Swiss Champion followed by Berne-Beundefeld. At the Unspunnen-Älplerfest in Interlaken Martin Grab LU, Stefan Zbinden FR and Jörg Abderhalden SG finished at the top in Schwingen.

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25 November: Christmas and Year End function at residence of Jo and Margrit Müller. For more information about this event as well as the AGM in February 2007 please contact Margrit Müller

CAPE TOWN

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Swiss Social and Sports Club

Over 70's Tea Party on 21 October, Halloween on 28 October, St. Niklaus Day on 2 December, Banze Jasse on 6 December, Christmas Dinner on 23 December, Christmas Lunch on 24 December. Please contact Nicky Rodrigues (secretary) for further details on 021 658 726 or nicky.rodrigues@za.sabmiller.com. Why not become a member of our club to keep updated on our events and receive our bi-monthly newsletter Nick Eppenberger has the details: eppen@mweb.co.za

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4 November: Handicap. 2 December: Team Shoot. Jass programme: Jass evening on every second Friday of the month, 18h30 for 19h00: Has turned out to be very popular at the Westville Bowling Club, and will be continued during 2006. Everybody most welcome. 8 December, 18h30 for 19h00: "Preis Jass" evening at the Westville Bowling Club with prizes for all participants preceded by a Christmas Dinner.

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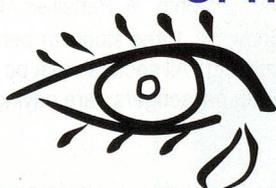
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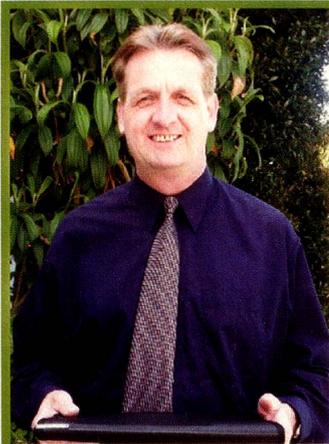
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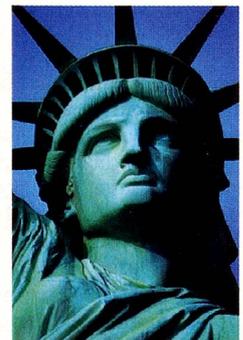
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