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Upcoming Swiss Cultural Events in New Zealand

(As indicated by the Swiss Embassy - Wellington)

LINEAGE - 100 YEARS OF BOSSHARD JEWELLERY

Exhibition continuing until 13. December 1998 at the DOWSE ART MUSEUM, Lower Hutt, Wellington

LINEAGE is a carefully chronicled examination of the professional heritage of Kobi Bosshard. It shows some of his own works as well as works from his father Heinrich Bosshard and his grandfather Jacob Bosshard.

Photographs, drawings and memorabilia illustrate and document the jewellery-making tradition of this family over the last 110 years. Jacob Bosshard, Kobi's grandfather, opened his first shop in Uster, Switzerland in 1895. His son Heinrich (Kobi's father) took over the business in 1930, expanding it considerably. However Heinrich's son Kobi broke with tradition and came to New Zealand in 1961 to carry on the family trade. He initially lived and worked in Akaroa with his family, but moved to Dunedin to be nearer the cultural facilities and wider fraternity the larger city afforded. There he opened his landmark gallery and workshop 'Fluxus' in 1983.-

For further information please contact Bob Moffat, Acting Manager Dowse Art Museum 04-570-6500.

The Swiss Embassy in co-operation with 'Pro Helvetia-Arts Council of Switzerland' is pleased to announce the **Photographic Exhibition of 'The Patient Planet/So Many Worlds'** for 1999.

Dunedin	Otago Museum	27 February - 11 April 1999
Christchurch	Canterbury Museum	5 May - 7 June 1999
Auckland	Auckland Art Gallery	21 June - 8 August 1999
Wellington	Dowse Art Museum (Lower Hutt)	23 August - 28 November 1999

The Patient Planet/So Many Worlds is a remarkable exhibition of photographs which tells the story of the major political and human events of the second half of the twentieth century. Turbulent, yet touching, the 255 images tell individual stories with formidable authenticity, a factor which is frequently overlooked in today's art-directed or manipulated images. Nearly all the renowned names of humanistic photojournalism are represented including Switzerland's Werner Bischof, together with Henri Cartier-Bresson, René Burri, Robert Frank and many others.

This is an important exhibition, brought to New Zealand by Pro Helvetia, Arts Council of Switzerland, and should be of great interest to every age group - it is a photographic history of the world that is our's.

The Hamilton Swiss Club and the Swiss Society extend sincere condolences to Erika Bölli of Hamilton, on the tragic loss of her daughter-in-law Joanna.

Note to Secretaries
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Snippets from Internet

In November a new unofficial record low temperature has been measured in Switzerland.

A weather station in canton Schwyz said overnight temperatures dropped as low as minus forty-three degrees centigrade. The previous official record dates back to 1987, when a temperature of minus forty-one point eight degrees was registered in Jura region.

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