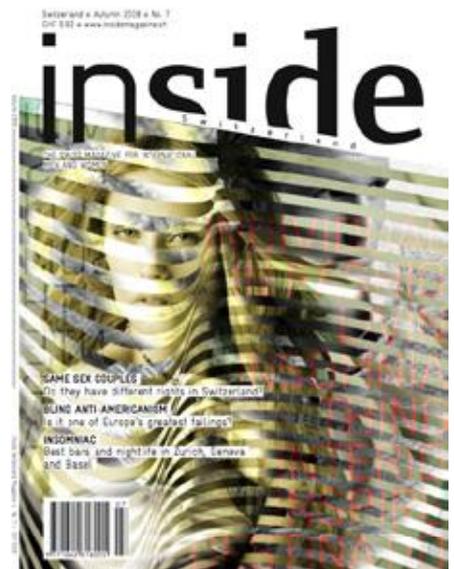


INSIDE SWITZERLAND MAGAZINE HEATS UP AUTUMN

The new issue of Inside Switzerland Magazine comes out in the middle of October and this issue is packed with delights to see throughout to winter. The race to the White House has been a constant feature in the national media and it seems that over the past few years, Americas reputation within Europe seems to have gradually eroded. We hear from a Swiss journalist who has lived in California who looks at European attitudes towards the US. National attitudes are also in the spotlight as we examine data on gender politics and the rights of lesbians and gays in Switzerland, a year after equal rights laws were introduced. We also look at cutting edge architecture in Valais and meet Daniel, a gastronomic chef trained in a chemists' shop in our regular satirical column Slice of Life. Grab a copy at **Kiosks** around the country and at **Offtheshelf Books** in Geneva, **Bergli Books** in Basel and **Orell Füssli** – The Bookshop in Zurich. See you next month,



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INTEGRATING LOST IN TRANSLATION SWISS QUIRKS AND CURIOS

New Yorkers have hot dog stands, Parisians have cafés, that minimal street food in Switzerland is all about the chestnut. Indeed, stands selling hot roasted chestnuts – heissi Marroni in the German region or châtignes in the French, hit the streets all over the country as soon as the summer is over. What makes them so tasty? It's all in the preparation. Resilient indeed, the chestnuts are slowly cooked over hot coals and are stirred at regular intervals to ensure even roasting. They're often served in a Siamese twin style bag with one side for the chestnuts, the other for shells so that streets around the nation stay tickle-free – a small emblem of Swiss attention to detail. You can pay homage to the humble nut at the two-day **Chestnut Festival** in Fribourg from 18-19 October.



IN FASHION BUNDLE UP



FOR HIM: The cardigan is a staple item again in mens fashion this season, like this sweater from Swiss firm Erfolg made of super soft 100% merino wool. This nubby jewel-toned zip-up cardigan from the Nord collection is substantial enough to serve as a jacket for warmer winter days. CHF 339. www.ichwillerfolg.ch.

FOR HER: Lower temperatures can make it difficult to stay warm and fashionable. Swiss fashion house Klein Basel has the solution: this grease-wrapping dress, is casual yet contemporary and when paired with an electric leiseuse shirt, will be cozy and chic. CHF 229.589. www.leinbael.net



INTERIOR HOME THEATRE

In this high tech age, it can be insightful to have essential items like a television on display rather than the disappearing recessed Swiss designer Daniel Hoes has come up with a solution in his artwork system, which allows you to disguise or tell with artwork. Screens measuring up to 110 cms can be hidden in framed art weighing up to 20 pounds, then revealed in just 20 seconds. While the artwork is the TV disappears, there are no wires—when lowered the art is still visible under the screen providing a subtle viewing for all. www.artoert.ch



THINGS ON THE ROAD AGAIN

These days recycling means more than simply taking out the news papers, so says Daredo, a Swiss design collective from Lausanne. Their award-winning On the Road Again series aims to give a second life to a group of ashtrays that were removed from Swiss trains and deemed undesirable objects since December 2005 when the nation's rail system adopted anti-smoking legislation. The result? Redesigned ashtrays that playfully comment on the longevity of familiar objects in Swiss society and the financial and political decisions that threaten them. www.daredo.ch



INSPIRED PLANTING NEW ROOTS

Relocation and establishing new roots—two themes that will resonate with all—are explored in Rafael Sommerhalder's touching short film, Flowerpots. He's the winner of the 2008 Adobe Design Achievement Awards in animation and uses minimalist black and white line drawings and a witty soundtrack to address the issue of displacement. At just over 5 minutes, the narrative line will have you thinking and chattering about relevant themes, which are particularly important in today's ever-changing black and white world. www.cricor.ch/portfolio/flowerpots.ph



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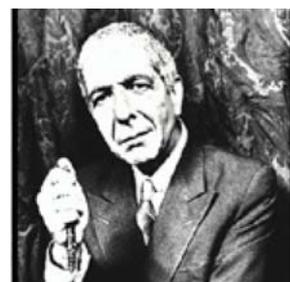
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ENTERTAINMENT POET SONGWRITER

Legendary enigmatic Canadian poet and songwriter Leonard Cohen is on his first world tour for 15 years and comes to Zurich on 25 October. Cohen's careers in music and literature have continued in tandem over the years, his songs imbued with a literary quality rare in the world of pop music and his poetry informed by a rich musicality. The timeless quality of his material has enabled him to appeal to generations of new fans and he continues to produce compelling work. www.leonardcohen.com. Check out our guide to the latest concerts around the country this month with the Inside Gig Guide.



HAPPENINGS SWITZERLAND'S OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

ZURICH, LAUSANNE, GENEVA, BASEL **OCT**
LAUGH A LOT

Tickle that funny bone when the best of English-language comedy takes to stages in four cities in Switzerland with shows by Phil Kay (Sco) and Stuart Goldsmith (Eng), and Geoff Boyz (Sco) Andrew Clover (Eng). www.funnylaundry.com



ZURICH **3-5 OCT**
CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Learn about African culture at the Integration Festival in Zurich. World music is featured along with rap and hip hop, literature and contemporary art from all over the continent in more than 60 different events. www.africa-integration.ch



MORGES **4 OCT**
BRITISH WHEELS

The tranquil village of Morges welcomes 10,000 enthusiasts from all over Europe at this annual gathering of British vintage and classic cars. Marvel at 1,200 vehicles ranging from Austins and MGs to Jaguars and Triumphs. british-cars.ch



GENEVA **4-12 OCT**
CAUGHT ON FILM

Geneva's Cinématou International Festival of Animated Film showcases the latest animated films. The event also features comic exhibitions, animation workshops and Q&As with filmmakers and illustrators. www.cinematou.ch



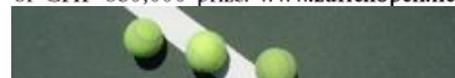
NYON **11 OCT**
ROCK FOR A CAUSE

Nyon's Lyrock Festival promotes young musicians and donates 50% of proceeds to children with cancer. Performing this year are The Passengers, Meïan, Datura Sunday's Walk, Key's Tone, Colveen and P-Trice. www.lyrock-festival.ch



ZURICH **11-19 OCT**
TENNIS ANYONE?

At this year's Zurich Open, 32 women will battle it out in the singles and 16 pairs in the doubles in the Hallenstadion this October. Balls, and tempers, fly high as they all compete for a share of CHF 680,000 prize. www.zurichopen.net



GENEVA **12 OCT**
EXPAT EXPO

Over 200 exhibitors with products and services from A-Z open their booths to over 3000 members of the English-speaking community at the 3rd annual Expat Expo in Geneva. Admission is free. www.expats-expo.info/Geneva.html



GENEVA **12 OCT**
WALK FOR HOPE

Swiss charity Terre des Hommes hosts this scenic yet rigorous annual walk, which is both a peaceful demonstration and a fund-raising event. This year, proceeds will go to the underprivileged children of India and Nepal. www.marchedespoir.ch



ZURICH **17-19 OCT**
ARTFUL WALLS

Zurich's Kongresshaus is the venue for Art International, a fair for 20th- and 21st-century art. International artists show everything from painting to sculpture, photography, performance video and installations. art-international.info



BASEL **18-26 OCT**
GRAND SLAM

The Davidoff Swiss Indoors championship sees tennis' top male stars fight it out at the St Jakobshalle in Basel. With over CHF 1 million up for grabs, 70,000 spectators and 50 million fans will be glued to the event worldwide. davidoffswissindoors.ch



ZURICH **18-26 OCT**
GRAPHIC TALENT

Illustrative is an annual show for the latest trends in graphic art. The scope of work displayed ranges from the psychedelic to the erotic and the show now includes workshops, multimedia presentations and forums as well. www.illustrative.de



SCHÖNENWERD **24-26 OCT**
IN THINGS

The In&Out design fair is all about the best of contemporary Swiss design and interiors. As the name suggests the exhibition also includes furniture, objects and lighting for outdoors along with a chance to meet designers. www.in-out-design.ch



GENEVA **27 OCT-2 NOV**
FLAMENCO FEST

This week-long flamenco festival features international dancers and musicians at the Alhambra in Geneva. There's also a range of workshops with renowned flamenco artists, plus films and exhibitions. flamenco-events.com



BULLE **29 OCT-2 NOV**
GOURMETS GALORE

The food festival at Bulle's Espace Gruyère is proof that Swiss cuisine has much more to offer than fondue and raclette. Market stalls burst with tempting treats and cafés serve a variety of local traditional dishes. www.gouts-et-terroirs.ch



ZURICH **30 OCT-13 NOV**
WINE ON THE WAVES

Held annually on a dozen boats on Lake Zurich, Expovina is Switzerland's largest wine exhibition. Connoisseurs have an opportunity to taste 4,000 wines, while sampling a variety of local specialties at the 3 restaurants on board. www.expovina.ch

