

# SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



## Early April 2022

Dear Friends of Switzerland,

We hope you are safe and well. It's officially spring and, here in Washington, DC, we're hoping to leave the cold temperatures behind as we head into April. This is a busy time for the booming film industry in Switzerland: the Swiss Film Awards, honoring the best movies of last year, were presented last weekend, and starting next week the town of Nyon in French-speaking Switzerland once again will be transformed into a hub for documentary filmmaking with the opening of the Visions du Réel International Film Festival. Read on to learn more and for a delicious recipe using rhubarb—a staple in every Swiss kitchen during spring!

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, stay safe, & stay healthy!



### Film

## Swiss Film Awards 2022

### Swiss Film News

The Swiss Film Awards—the national film awards of Switzerland—have been presented since 1998. This year's award ceremony took place in Zurich on March 25. A couple of the night's big winners may be familiar to those who follow our film programming: *Olga* (one of our past Swiss Film Club editions) won awards for Best Feature Film, Best Screenplay, and Best Sound; and *Soul of a Beast*, which was shown at the 2022 DC Independent Film Festival, was honored with awards in the categories of Best Actor, Best Film Score, and Best Cinematography.

You can check out the evening's other winners [here](#).



### Meanwhile in Switzerland...

## Visions du Réel Film Festival

April 7-14, 2022

Nyon, Switzerland

For the past 51 years, Visions du Réel has been presenting audacious and singular works, imbued with past, present, or future realities. On April 7, 2022, the Festival will once again turn the Swiss town of Nyon into a focal point for generations of filmmakers and artists from around the world. Recognized globally as one of the major festivals dedicated to documentary filmmaking, Visions du Réel presents a majority of world and international premieres, and serves as an essential platform for the thousands of film professionals who meet there every year. Here's hoping we'll see some of these films in the U.S. soon!

Explore the festival's diverse [program](#).

### Cuisine

## Rhabarberkuchen (Rhubarb Cake)

(Adapted from [Helvetic Kitchen](#))

The Rhubarb season is about to begin and this staple of many Swiss kitchens can be used to prepare many delicious cakes and tarts, including this easy *Rhabarberkuchen* or rhubarb cake—perfect for early spring!



### You will need:

14 oz	rhubarb, trimmed and peeled
8 oz	strawberries
½ cup	butter, room temperature
½ cup	sugar
2	eggs, room temperature
1 Tbsp	vanilla extract
1 ¾ cup	flour
2 tsp	baking powder
	a pinch of salt

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
2. Beat the butter and sugar until fluffy, then add the eggs, vanilla, and salt. Beat until you have a fluffy, creamy mass.
3. Mix together the flour and baking powder and fold this into the butter mixture.
4. Scrape into a 9-inch springform or rectangular tart pan with a removable base and arrange the rhubarb and strawberry pieces in a pattern on top.
5. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until you can really smell the cake and it is pulling away from the sides of the pan.

Enjoy!

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