

SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



Early February 2024

Dear Friends of Switzerland,

As February wraps us in its chilly embrace, our newsletter offers the warmth of Swiss experiences in the DMV area. From laughter at Comedy as a Second Language to the jazzy notes of Jalalu-Kalvert Nelson, to cinematic magic at the 25th DC Independent Film Forum, there's a Swiss touch to every story. Plus, don't miss our new Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in D.C.!

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, and take care!

Comedy

Comedy as a Second Language

Saturday, February 10 at 7:00 PM ET
Silver Spring Black Box
8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD
Tickets \$30 – register [here](#)



Source: [Seattle International Comedy Competition](#)

Prepare for an evening of laughter and good vibes as Benny Nwokeabia, a D.C. native with Swiss roots, takes center stage at the SPRUNG! Comedy Festival in Silver Spring. Nwokeabia, who grew up in Geneva, Switzerland, brings a unique

perspective to his stand-up. From Broadway to Montreal, Benny's comedic journey spans the globe.

Catch his act on Saturday, February 10, at 7 PM ET, and join in this joyous celebration of international comedy.

Music

Jalalu-Kalvert Nelson and Broken Frames Syndicate

Thursday, February 8 at 8:00 PM ET
Roulette, 509 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY and [online](#)



Source: [Bruit](#)

Experience the soul-stirring collaboration of Swiss-based composer and trumpeter Jalalu-Kalvert Nelson and the award-winning ensemble, Broken Frames Syndicate, for the U.S. premiere of Nelson's trumpet concerto, *Jim is still crowing* at Roulette in Brooklyn on February 8. If you're not in New York City, you can join the free livestream at 8 PM ET to witness Nelson's heartfelt return to the place he called home before relocating to Switzerland 30 years ago.

Film

25th Annual DC Independent Film Forum

Spellbound (part of Creepy Late Night Short Film Program)

Friday, February 23 at 8:50 PM ET

Regal Gallery Place

701 7th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Tickets \$14 – register [here](#)

From One Painting... To Another (Part of Amazing Animation: New Short Films Program)

Saturday, February 24 at 12:15 PM ET

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market

550 Penn Street NE, Washington, D.C.

Tickets \$14 – register [here](#)



Source: [DCIFF](#)

Calling all Swiss Film Club enthusiasts! Dive into the realm of independent cinema as the 25th annual DC Independent Film Forum offers two Swiss productions as part of its short film programming. On February 23, experience the eerie atmosphere of Robin Rippmann's *Spellbound*, which follows protagonist James and his haunting apparitions. Then, on February 24, enjoy Georges Schwizgebel's artistic animation, *From One Painting... To Another*, a short film exploring two paintings created half a century apart. Engage with the filmmakers in Q&A sessions and explore Swiss storytelling in the heart of the DMV.

Your Swiss Rendez-Vous in DC



Source: *Condé Nast Traveler*

Why not take a stroll through the [National Gallery of Art](#), where Swiss art hides throughout the museum's maze-like rooms and long hallways?

This month's challenge beckons you to discover two Swiss masterpieces by artists **Alexandre Calame** (1810-1864) and **Alberto Giacometti** (1901-1966). Found them? Snap photos and share your discoveries – more than a journey in the artistic grandeur of the gallery, it's a Swiss-inspired adventure waiting to be uncovered in the heart of the nation's capital.

Stay connected for more glimpses of the Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in D.C. – and share your discoveries with us!



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