

SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



Early October 2024

Dear Friends of Switzerland,

As autumn begins, we have some great suggestions for culture-filled weekends. For one, Switzerland has recently announced its entry for the Best International Feature Film at the 2025 Oscars, and we are excited to share that audiences in the DMV will have the chance to watch the selected film, *Reinas*, in early October! Also, keep reading to learn about our upcoming programs on the art and life of Swiss sculptor and painter Alberto Giacometti, as well as for another edition of the Swiss *Rendez-Vous*, which follows our colleagues as they explored the town of Helvetia, West Virginia.

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!

Film



Source: [AFI Silver – Theater and Cultural Center](#)

Reinas

Latin American Film Festival
Saturday, October 5, 2024 2:00 PM
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 5:15 PM

AFI Silver Theater
8633 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD

Swiss film fans, are you ready to freshen up your Spanish? As part of the Latin American Film Festival, the AFI Silver Theater is showing the film *Reinas* by Swiss-Peruvian director Klaudia Reynicke. *Reinas* has been screened at a number of prestigious festivals around the world, and was recently selected as Switzerland's Oscar entry for 2025! Set in the politically unstable Lima, Peru, of 1992, the film highlights the struggles faced by parents seeking the best for their children. The film will be shown in Spanish with English subtitles. You can get your tickets [here](#).

Visual Art



"The Forest", 1950, Alberto Giacometti, Source: [National Gallery](#)

A Closer Look: Alberto Giacometti

Webinar: Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 12:00–1:00 PM

Gallery Talk: Friday, October 18, 2024, 12:00–1:00 PM

Film Screening: Saturday, October 19, 2024, 2:00–4:00 PM

Hirshhorn Museum

Independence Ave at 7th St SW, Washington, DC

The Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti, from the eastern canton of Graubünden, or Grisons, is renowned for his distinctive, elongated sculptures and drawings that offer a fresh perspective on the human form. And now there is an opportunity to delve further into his art right here in DC! In collaboration with the Hirshhorn Museum and the National Gallery of Art, the Embassy is organizing three public programs that celebrate Giacometti and his impact on the art world.

The series begins with a virtual lunchtime presentation by Dr. Elke Seibert, a post-doctoral research fellow and Giacometti expert based in Switzerland, on her book, entitled *Prehistoric Pictures and American Modernism: Abstract Art at MoMA 1937-1939*. Then, for a great start to your weekend, you can join a guided gallery walk through the Hirshhorn Museum exhibition *Revolutions*, featuring eight Giacometti sculptures, led by curator Betsy Johnson and Dr. Seibert, which will be followed by an open Q&A session. The series will conclude with a screening of the documentary *The Giacomettis*, which explores Giacometti's origins and his artistically talented family, as well as how they were influenced by the rugged Swiss landscape in which they lived. We will be joined by the film's director, Susanna Fanzun, after the screening for a discussion of the film. Reserve your spot for any of these events [here!](#)

Your Swiss Rendez-Vous



Source: [Embassy of Switzerland](#)

**1 Main Street
Helvetia, WV 26224**

Earlier this summer, we invited you to go on a Swiss *Rendez-Vous* road trip to Helvetia, West Virginia. Some Embassy representatives were so intrigued by the town that they visited to learn more about this “Little Switzerland” right here in the United States. If you’re curious about the journey and want to learn more about the charming town of Helvetia, check out our video on the Swiss Impact [website!](#)

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

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