

# Cultural Newsletter

of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai

## Dear Swiss Citizens, Dear Friends of Switzerland,

I am delighted to present to you the new cultural newsletter the Swiss Consulate General has produced. It covers the next month's Swiss cultural events in our Consular District. It makes me proud to see the large variety of Swiss musicians, actors, dancers and artists who will enrich our cultural scene in October – a proof of the outstanding cultural potential of our small country.

Before dwelling on the details of the single events, I'd like to draw your attention to **some projects of our own**:

Firstly, we take part in this year's "Settimana Della Lingua Italiana" Festival with a **screening of an Italian Film** in our facilities ([page 2](#)). The movie is titled "Oro Verde" and is a comedy movie of Swiss-Algerian director Mohammed Soudani.

Secondly, last month two life St. Bernard dogs came to the Beijing and Shanghai to mark the Sino-Swiss Year of Tourism. Their interaction with the public was a great success and created a broad echo on social media and the press. Using our national animal mascot proved to be an effective way of promoting Switzerland. For this reason in the coming month **Panda and St. Bernard statues** will be displayed in the Jinqiao Mall ([page 2](#)).

Additionally, the consulate plans to bring the **BernARTiner** to Shanghai. These statues of St. Bernhard dogs were running this summer in Bern with great success. Sponsored by companies, institutions and individuals hundred individually designed statues were exhibited all over the city.



Our cultural sector plans a similar attraction in Shanghai before Christmas/New Year and during festivities of the Chinese Year of the dog, in February 2018. Swiss companies and institutions have the possibility to design their own statue which will be exhibited in malls and public spaces. The design and production of the statues as well as the first venues are already secured. What we are looking for now is companies and individuals interested in buying their own St. Bernard statue. If you are interested we kindly invite you to get in touch with us for more information ([Link](#)).

Now, without further ado, I wish you good entertainment at the following events!

Deputy Consul General, Erwin Lüthi



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## Events of the Consulate:

### Screening of Ticinese Film Oro Verde

Swiss Consulate's Contribution to the "Settimana Della Lingua Italiana"

Where

**Swissnex Movie Room**

319 Xianxia Rd., Changning District – 长宁区仙霞路 319 号

When

**October 23; ca. 7 p.m.**

Reservation

[Link](#) (only 40 seats available, first comes - first serves)



One of the highlights of this year's Italian Language Week is the screening of Swiss Film Oro Verde (2014) by Swiss-Algerian director Mohammed Soudani. Inspired by real events in Ticino in the early 2000s, Oro Verde is based on the story of Mario and his gang who plot the heist of the century: stealing a huge quantity of cannabis confiscated by police and stashed in a military warehouse. Their plan is simple and potentially life-changing, but will it go up in smoke? Join us for this special occasion and enjoy a delightful evening including a Swiss Aperò. Click this [Link](#) to register.

### St. Bernard and Panda Statues Tour

Celebration of Sino-Swiss Year of Tourism

Where

**Lifehub @ Jinqiao Shopping Mall**

968 Jinqiao Rd., Pudong New District – 浦东新区金桥路 968 号

When

**Mid-October**



To mark the 2017 Sino-Swiss Year of Tourism and honour both countries' respective animal mascots, the Embassy of Switzerland in Beijing has teamed up with the Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) in Beijing to produce four pairs of St. Bernard and panda statues. Designed by CAFA student Wang Chao, the statues will be displayed in the Lifehub @ Jinqiao Shopping Mall in Shanghai. They will be painted by local emerging artists. So if you are in the region, pay them a visit.



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## Ambassador's Briefing with His Excellency Dr. Jean-Jacques de Dardel

*Swiss Ambassador in China pays Shanghai a Visit*

<b>Where</b>	<b>Sofitel Shanghai Hyland</b> 505 East Nanjing Rd., Huangpu District –黄浦区南京东路 505 号
<b>When</b>	<b>November 9, 2017, 6.30 – 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Price</b>	RMB 350 (SwissCham Members: RMB250)
<b>Registration</b>	Deadline November 6, 2017: <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Supported by</b>	<a href="#">SwissCham Shanghai</a>



2017 has been another period of intense interaction between Switzerland and China as both countries continue to strengthen their relations. Highlighting current trends, Swiss Ambassador Dr. Jean-Jacques de Dardel will provide a comprehensive overview of the state of Sino-Swiss affairs—domestically, bilaterally and regionally.

H.E. Dr. Jean-Jacques de Dardel is Switzerland's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Mongolia and the DPRK. Previously, he served as Ambassador to the French Republic, the Principality of Monaco, UNESCO and the International Organization of La Francophonie until 2014, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and Head of the Swiss Mission to NATO until 2011 and Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, Central Asia, the Council of Europe and the OSCE until 2007. Dr. de Dardel's 36-year career in the Swiss Diplomatic Service has also included postings to Washington, Canberra and Vienna. Originally from Neuchâtel and Nendaz in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, Dr. de Dardel holds a PhD in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of Higher International Studies (now IHEID) in Geneva and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Geneva.



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## Swiss Cultural Events in October 2017:

### Yves Netzhammer: "Peripheries of Bodies"

- Where** **Hanshan Art Museum (Suzhou)**  
999 Taihu Av., Gaoxin District - 苏州高新区太湖大道 999 号
- When** **September 29 – November 20, 2017; 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily**
- Links** **[www.hanshanart.com](http://www.hanshanart.com)**
- Supported by** Pro Helvetia Shanghai, Swiss Arts Council



We are glad to inform you that Yves Netzhammer is participating in the opening exhibition of a new museum in Suzhou, the Hanshan Art Museum. The exhibition, Imagination Factory, invited 15 artists/ teams from China and abroad with works that span many fields, from multimedia, installation, to VR.  
*Source: Hanshan Art Museum*

### KALO YELE at World Music Festival

World Music Festival, Shanghai

- Where** **World Music Festival (Shanghai)**  
234 Songhu Rd., Yangpu District - 杨浦区淞沪路 234 号
- When** **October 5 and 7, 2017; 7:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**
- Links** **[www.bandcamp.com](http://www.bandcamp.com)**
- Supported by** Pro Helvetia Shanghai, Swiss Arts Council



KALO YELE is bringing the season's most gripping set of Swiss music with a West African pulse, arriving at World Music Festival and OCT LOFT this October. Aly Keïta is one of the grand masters of the balafon, the West African xylophone. The Ivorian musician fits the balafon in inter- action with artists such as Joe Zawinul, Omar Sosa and Jan Garbarek. Together with the Swiss clarinetist Jan Galega Brönni- mann and Swiss drummer Lucas Niggli Keïta mixes the traditional African repertoire with Western jazz, Improvisation and African rhythms. This "Brotherhood of vibes and grooves" takes the audience on an adventurous ride.  
*Source: ProHelvetia*



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## Yannick Barman at JZ Club

*New Musical Solo Project of Yannick Barman*

**Where** **JZ Festival (Shanghai)**

Expo Park, 2700 Expo Av., New Pudong - 浦东新区世博大道 2700 号

**When** **October 14 - 15, 2017**

**Where** **Keep it Quiet / YongFoo Elite (Shanghai)**

200 Yongfu Rd., Xuhui District - 徐汇区永福路 200 号

**When** **October 17, 2017**

**Where** **Loopy (Hangzhou)**

77 South Zhongshan Rd., Shangcheng District - 上城区中山南路 77 号

**When** **October 19, 2017**

**Links** **[www.yannickbarman.com](http://www.yannickbarman.com)**

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Yannick Barman returns to China after his highly acclaimed debut performances at Lab 47 (Beijing) and the Chronus Art Center (Shanghai) last year. Barman has established a reputation as a versatile crossover artist. Starting out as a classical jazz musician, he took an interest in electronic music early in his career and thereafter incorporated digital influences into his sounds. On account of his delicate beats and ambient sound background, he regularly collaborates with jazz and classical musicians on tours across Europe, Asia, and Africa. *Source: [www.yannickbarman.com](http://www.yannickbarman.com)*



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## BCONNECTED @ JZ Club

*Eugene Montenero and his Jazz Group*

- Where** [JZ Club \(Shanghai\)](#)  
158 Julu Rd., Huangpu District - 黄浦区巨鹿路 158 号
- When** [October 18, 2017](#)
- Links** [www.bconnected.ch](http://www.bconnected.ch)



BCONNECTED was founded in 1994 by Swiss guitarist Eugene Montenero and has, throughout the years managed to preserve a strong identity with roots in Jazz and an open mind towards the wide world of music. After 23 years, BCONNECTED remains a perpetually evolving project. The release of the 9th album "TWENTY" (featuring Dominique Di Piazza, Jean Marie Ecay, Marielle Herve, Macleen Rangasamy, Damien Banzigou, Jacques Marugg) in 2016 confirmed the strong will to move towards new musical horizons. Since 1999 the band tours through China.

Source: [www.bconnected.ch](http://www.bconnected.ch)

## Béjart Ballet Lausanne in China

*BBL Celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is Coming to the Shanghai Art Festival*

- Where** [Cultural Square \(Shanghai\)](#)  
211 Kangding Rd., Putuo District – 普陀区康定路 211 号
- When** [October 21 - 22, 2017; 7:30 p.m.](#)
- Links** [www.bejart.ch](http://www.bejart.ch)



2017 marks 30 years since Béjart Ballet Lausanne was founded and 10 years since Maurice Béjart's demise. For the occasion, his successor Gil Roman and his company present a series of original performances. Performed on October 21 and 22 at the Cultural Square of Shanghai, this masterful performance is according to Maurice Béjart's words "a fairytale which takes us into the pure poetry of childhood or genius; then – and most of all – a precise, rigorous, and inspired ritual." Through the alternation of magical or comical scenes, this ballet, which has faithfully staged Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's score, makes music visible and reveals the essence of the movement that lives in its core.

Source: [www.bejart.ch](http://www.bejart.ch)



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## Theatro delle Radici: “If Silence Knew”

*Created, performed and directed by Cristina Castrillo, Theatro delle Radici*

**Where** **Wuzhen Festival – Ancient Courtyard Theatre (Wuzhen)**

578 Dajie, Wuzhen - 大街 578 号, 乌镇

**When** **October 23 - 25, 2017; 7 p.m. (24<sup>th</sup> on 2 p.m. as well)**

**Tickets** RMB 380.00

**Links** [www.wuzhenfestival.com](http://www.wuzhenfestival.com)

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During the “Transit” Festival in the Odin Theatre in Holstebro (Denmark) one of the artists of the Wuzhen Festival, Tian Qinxin, invited the spectacle “Se il silenzio sapesse” (“if silence knew”) of and with Cristine Castrillo to participate at the next edition of the event.

## Creative Workshop: Self-Development and Leadership Transformation

*Trusting the Leader in You*

**Where** **Gallery Capsule (Shanghai)**

1F, Bld. 16, Lane 275 Anfu Rd., Xuhui District – 徐汇区安福路 275 弄

**When** **October 27, 2017; 9 a.m. – October 28, 2017; 5 p.m.**

**Tickets** **Registration – net profit will be donated to support Asian orphans**

**Links** [www.aergon.ch/en/news](http://www.aergon.ch/en/news)



In today's climate of constant change and economic uncertainty, we need a clear sense of inner balance and a stronger outer presence to enable us to cultivate faith, clarity and purpose within ourselves and with those who surround us. To develop this, ‘Trusting the Leader in You’ aligns your affective and cognitive capabilities by linking the creative and experiential approaches of the arts with proven analytical tools of psychology. It will enable you to discover and unleash your inherent potential and effortlessly bring your personal performance and leadership to a new level



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## Jazz Quartet: “No Square”

*Jazz Quartet from West-Switzerland*

**Where** **JZ Club (Shanghai)**  
158 Julu Rd., Huangpu District - 黄浦区巨鹿路 158 号

**When** **October 30, 2017**

**Links** **[www.no-square.com](http://www.no-square.com)**

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The quintet ROOFER plays contemporary, liberated jazz music, but always keeps a sublime eye on the tradition of classic jazz. The compositions on the debut album “Prospect” in 2015 all came about in an apartment in Brooklyn NY in 2013 and shine from the first moment on, due to their impressive complexity. They bear witness to great vigor and verve, trickery and groove, passionate improvisation as a collective and mutual swerve through rapid unison parts.

Source: [www.no-square.ch](http://www.no-square.ch)



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## Preview: Events in November 2017

### Choreographie: “Komplizen“

*Dance Group Cie Zeitsprung (Zurich) passes Shanghai*

**Where** **Ming Contemporary Art Museum**

436 East Yonghe Rd., Jing'an District –静安区永河西路 436 号

**When** **November 20 – 22, 2017**

**Links** **[www.cie-zeitsprung.ch](http://www.cie-zeitsprung.ch)**

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On their second Asia Tour the Zurich based dance group will pass Shanghai for two days and will perform and organize workshops as well. Their main focus is the collaboration and exchange with local artists, hobby dancers and the audience as well. Since their final program is not yet definite we highly recommend to regularly check their website and/or the Consulate's next newsletter.

Source: [www.cie-zeitsprung.ch](http://www.cie-zeitsprung.ch)



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