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# SWISS CULTURAL EVENTS IN AUSTRALIA

September 2019 - January 2020

### **UPCOMING / ONGOING EVENTS**

Dates, locations and ticket prices are subject to change. Please confirm before visiting events

#### **MUSIC**

# World renowned Lutenist Hopkinson Smith Australia Tour 2019 "Mad Dog: The Elizabethan Lute"



#### Biography

Born in New York in 1946, Swiss-American lutenist Hopkinson Smith graduated from Harvard with Honors in Music in 1972. In Europe, he worked with Emilio Pujol, a great pedagogue in the highest Catalan artistic tradition, and with the Swiss lutenist, Eugen Dombois, whose sense of organic unity between performer, instrument, and historical period has had lasting effects on him.

He has been involved in numerous chamber music projects and was one of the founding members of the ensemble Hespèrion XX. Since the mid-80's, he has focused almost exclusively on the solo repertoires for early plucked instrument, producing a series of prize-winning recordings for Astrée and Naïve, which feature Spanish music for vihuela and baroque guitar, French lute music of the Renaissance and baroque, English and Italian music of the 16th early 17th century and music from the German high baroque.

The recording of his lute arrangements of the Bach solo violin Sonatas and Partitas, released in the year 2000, has been universally acclaimed by the press. Gramophone magazine called it "the best recording of these works on any instrument". A Dowland recording, released in early 2005, on a Diapason d'Or and was called 'wonderfully personal' in a review in the New York Times. A recording with music from the world of Francesco da Milano, was awarded a Diapason d'Or de l'Année (the French equivalent of a Grammy award) in November 2009 and has been called "the first recording to do justice to Francesco's reputation." A CD with the first three Bach Cello Suites played on the German Theorbo was released in early 2013, has also won Diapason d'Or and was called "totally riveting" in the BBC Music Magazine.

Hopkinson Smith has performed and given master classes throughout Eastern and Western Europe, North and South America, Australia, New Zealand, Korea and Japan sometimes combining the life-style of a hermit with that of a gypsy. In 2007 and 2009, he gave concerts and workshops in Palestine under the auspices of the Barenboim-Said Foundation and the Swiss Arts Council. In 2010, he received the music prize from the Italian Region of Puglia with the inscription "maestro dei maestri, Massimo interprete delle musiche per liuto dell'antica Europa Mediterranea". He lives in Basel, Switzerland where he teaches at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis.

## Concerts across five states from November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

As many of the recitals have limited seating, please book early

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm
The Little Music Room
35 Blakiston Rd, Littlehampton, SA 5250
thelittlemusicroom.com/comingevents/

Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm Brighton Performing Arts Centre 305 Brighton Road, North Brighton SA 5048 www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=501439&

#### **TASMANIA**

Wednesday Nov 20th at 7.30pm Longford Anglican Church 2A William St, Longford TAS 7301 christchurchlongford.com.au/p/music concert

Friday Nov 22 at 7.30pm Runnymede House 61 Bay Rd, New Town TAS 7008 Bookings essential; please contact Susan King 0432164145 or susanjanetking@gmail.com

#### **VICTORIA**

Monday Nov 25 at 6pm Melbourne Recital Centre 31 Sturt St. Southbank VIC 3006 www.melbournerecital.com.au/events/2019/mad-dog-the-elizabethan-lute/

#### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

Wednesday November 27th at 7pm Larry Sitsky Recital Room at Llewellyn Hall The Australian National University www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=501447&

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

Friday November 29th from 7.30pm - 11.00pm Harbour Cruise/Recital/Feast MV Sydney 2000 Show Deck King Street Wharf No.1 captaincook.com.au/sydney-harbour-cruises/whats-on-in-sydney/hopkinson-smith/

Sunday December 1st at 5pm drinks for 5.30pm start Norman Lindsay Gallery 14 Norman Lindsay Cres, Faulconbridge NSW 2776 \*\*Limited seating\*\*\*; Bookings by Email <a href="mailto:nlg@nationaltrust.com.au">nlg@nationaltrust.com.au</a> or Phone: 02 4751 1067

Official Website: <a href="https://www.maddogdownunder.com/">www.maddogdownunder.com/</a>

#### Visual Arts

# Arcadian Artists Art Trail and Exhibition 2019 Saturday 09th and Sunday 10th November in and around Galston / NSW

Connected by a beautiful, meandering country drive, eight working studios have more than fifty artists & artisans exhibiting their art in the rural district of Arcadia on the northern outskirts of Sydney.

Throughout the years, the Arcadian Artists have endeavoured to support & provide an avenue for both experienced and emerging artists from inside & outside the community to showcase their creative talents, including Swiss-Australian Artists

For more information, please check The Arcadian Artists website <a href="www.arcadianartists.com.au">www.arcadianartists.com.au</a> which presents an insightful look into all of the artists involved with a wealth of information, including maps and brochure, venue locations & artists demonstrations <a href="http://arcadianartists.com.au/brochure/">http://arcadianartists.com.au/brochure/</a>.

## Participating Swiss artists

## **Ulric Steiner, Sculptor**

Contemporary stainless steel and glass sculpture <a href="http://www.ulric-steiner.com.au/">http://www.ulric-steiner.com.au/</a>



## Jessika Steiner, Painter

Abstract painting in acrylic and mixed media, jewellery and accessories <a href="http://arcadianartists.com.au/jessika-steiner/">http://arcadianartists.com.au/jessika-steiner/</a>
Instagram @jessika.steiner



## **Brigitte Ehrat, Jeweller**

Classic, fun & beaded jewellery <a href="http://www.brigitte-ehrat-beading-designs.com.au/">http://www.brigitte-ehrat-beading-designs.com.au/</a>



### **Contemporary Dance**

## **SWISS.STYLE**A focus on Swiss dance



## 01 - 10 November 2019 @ Dancehouse 150 Princess St., Carlton North 3054 VIC

Switzerland is a country of many polarities. From its idyllic cow-grazing pastures to its muchenvied civic participatory processes and policy of neutrality - the distinct Swiss-made trademark is grounded in aesthetics of cleanness, readability, and 'objectivity.'

Can art be said to represent nationhood in an era defined by political polarization, the rise of nationalism, mobility for the privileged few and the dissolution of borders? Can art be identified in relation to place in an age of globalization and transnational movement? While these questions could be put to any season of work hailing from a particular place and time, SWISS.STYLE is much more than this.

Dancehouse's Swiss focus proposes a slightly different approach a selection of 'danses d'auteur'. These artists are all innovators of gestural artistry, modulating the spectacular in order to enunciate a different stylistic relationship to movement — staging a return to the almost elementary, the minimal, the supremely simple. At once stripped back and intimate but always utterly and meticulously elaborate.

From the black box to the white cube, from public parks to rock concerts and cinema scapes, this selection brings to Melbourne some of the most sophisticated, thought-provoking Geneva-based makers. These breathtaking works all interrogate complex notions of identity, shared heritage, tradition and the desire to demarcate, possess, tame or exploit the environment and the self. Grouped together, they point to the specificity of place manifested in a unique SWISS.STYLE.

### **Performances**

## CINDY VAN ACKER Solos

1 - 3 November, 8pm



## RUDI VAN DER MERWE Trophy

2 - 3 November, 6pm



## PERRINE VALLI & THE SUNFAST Sun Trip

8 - 10 November, 8pm (5pm on Sunday 10th)



#### JOZSEF TREFELI

*Jinx 103* 9 - 10 November, 2pm



#### VICTORIA CHIU, RUDI VAN DER MERWE, JOZSEF TREFELI Genetrix

8 - 9 November, 6pm



For more information, bookings and public program:

http://dancehouse.com.au/performance/performancedetails.php?id=343
You can use the code: **SWISSMO**; this will give you 25% off all full price tickets

## Singing / Music

## Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn celebrates its 50-Year Anniversary



# Saturday 16 November 2019 Hungarian Community Centre 760 Boronia Road, Wantirna VIC 3152

To commemorate its 50-Year Anniversary, the Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn in Melbourne is organizing an Evening of Swiss Entertainment. For further information see the Flyer here which gives details of this great dinner evening and indicates how to get your tickets for the event. Places are limited so it is advisable to book your tickets early.

Associated with the special event, Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn is holding a Raffle with 10 great prizes. The flyer also gives details of how to purchase raffle tickets from 17 August to 16 November.

To give an insight into what the Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn is about and to tell about its 50-year history, a Commemorative Booklet has been prepared. A pdf copy of this booklet can be downloaded by going to the Matterhorn Choir webpage and following the link to the booklet from there. Printed copies of the booklet will be available at the 50-Year Celebration. Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn is looking forward to welcoming you at this special celebration!

Official Website: http://matterhornchoir.org/index.html

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/category/Performance-Art/Swiss-Yodel-Choir-

Matterhorn-Inc-1940853419293153/

#### **Sport / Tennis**

## ATP Cup 2002 from 03 to 12 January 2020 in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney







## Don't miss the world's best tennis players competing in the inaugural ATP Cup 2020

This international outdoor hard court men's tennis tournament with A\$22M prize money is a brand new global event owned by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and driven by the players.

The ATP Cup will feature teams from 24 countries divided in six groups of four teams each. The group stage will be played over 6 days in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney. The teams led by the world's best tennis players will face in ties composed of two singles matches and one doubles match. The winner team of each group will be joined by the two best second places in the quarterfinals of the tournament for consecutive knockout rounds in Sydney until a champion team is crowned.

Third seed Switzerland, spearheaded by World No. 3 Roger Federer, will play its group stage matches in Sydney at Ken Rosewall Arena.

Official Website: www.atpcup.com/

Schedule of games: <a href="https://www.atpcup.com/schedule">https://www.atpcup.com/schedule</a>

#### ABOVE AND BEYOND



#### facebook.com/SwissEmbassyCanberra



#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Swiss Representations in Australia:

http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps/ocea/vaus/afoaus.html

Swiss-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry: <a href="www.swisscham.com.au">www.swisscham.com.au</a>

Swiss Clubs and Organisations in Australia:

www.eda.admin.ch/countries/australia/en/home/living-in/clubs.html

Arts Council of Switzerland: www.prohelvetia.ch

Federal Office of Culture: www.culture-suisse.admin.ch

Dance: www.tanznetz.ch

Film: www.cinesuisse.ch, www.swissfilms.ch

Museums: <a href="https://www.museums.ch">www.museums.ch</a>
Theater: <a href="https://www.theaterschweiz.ch">www.theaterschweiz.ch</a>

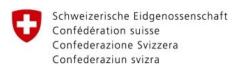
Artists in residence: <a href="www.artistsinresidence.ch">www.artistsinresidence.ch</a>
Presence Switzerland (PRS): <a href="www.swissworld.org">www.swissworld.org</a>

Tourism: www.myswitzerland.com

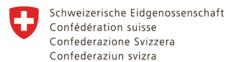








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