



## Early June 2023

Dear Friends of Switzerland,

It's June, which means it's time to celebrate the arrival of summer! In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find a few ways you can join, including the annual celebration of Pride in Washington, DC, and one of the art world's biggest events, which takes place in Switzerland. But don't worry if you don't plan to travel to Switzerland – you can also access some of that great content online.

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, and stay healthy!



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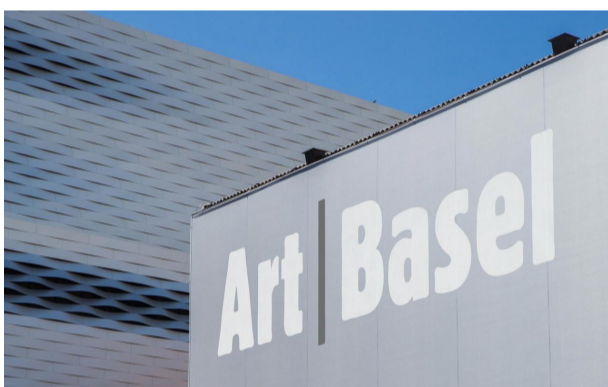
## Pride

### **Capital Pride Parade 2023**

**June 10, 2023, 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM ET**  
**Logan & Dupont Circle Neighborhoods**  
**Washington, DC**

June is Pride month, celebrated around the globe, and one of the biggest annual festivities in Washington, DC is the historic Capital Pride Parade. On June 10, it is time to celebrate with the local LGBTQ+ community and allies. As Switzerland approaches the first anniversary of the legalization of marriage equality, the Embassy will once again participate in the parade. We hope to see you there!

Find out more about the 2023 Capital Pride Celebration [here](#).



Source: [Art Basel](#)

## Meanwhile in Switzerland...

### **Art Basel**

**June 15 – 18, 2023, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM CEST**  
**Messe Basel, Messeplatz 10**  
**4058 Basel, Switzerland**  
**General Admission: CHF 67**  
**Online Content also available**

The Swiss city of Basel is currently preparing for one of the biggest and most beloved events in Switzerland: Art Basel. Though it now has iterations around the globe – most notably for American art-lovers in Miami Beach each December – we're a bit biased in favor of the original. The fair brings the international art world together, featuring over 200 leading galleries and more than 4,000 artists from around the world. We cannot think of a better place to celebrate, marvel, and enjoy the beauty and creativity of arts.

If you're in Switzerland during the fair, you can purchase your tickets [here](#).

Art Basel also offers an amazing online experience with their [Online Viewing Rooms \(OVR\)](#). You can enjoy [OVR: Basel](#) between June 14 and June 23, 2023.



Source: [Helvetic Kitchen](#)

## Cuisine

### **Valais-Style Asparagus**

*Adapted from Helvetic Kitchen*

June is also *Spargelzeit* (asparagus season), a pretty big deal in Switzerland, so we're sharing one way to prepare and enjoy asparagus the way the residents of the Swiss Canton of Valais do.

It's quite common to serve your asparagus with ham, but the Valaisans serve their stalks with local air-dried country ham, tossing in tomatoes and some raclette cheese for good measure. If you don't have Valais country ham and raclette cheese at home, don't worry! Similar dried meats such as prosciutto and basically any hard cheese work as well.

#### **You will need:**

2 ¼ lbs. asparagus  
¼ lbs. Valais country ham or other dried ham, cut in strips  
½ lbs. raclette or other hard cheese, grated  
3 tomatoes, sliced  
pepper

#### **Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
3. Snap the woody ends off the asparagus and trim away any hard bits. Briefly blanch them in the water for about 3-4 minutes, until they turn deep green and have softened, but still retain a bit of bite (timing will depending on how thick they are).
4. Remove from the water and place them at the bottom of a large casserole dish, covering with the ham, then tomatoes, and topping with cheese.
5. Bake for about 25 minutes, or until the cheese is melted to your liking.

6. Add pepper to taste.

Enjoy!

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