

Art & Culture

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APRIL

LUGANO

Picasso: A Different Gaze

Featuring 120 works, 105 drawings and 15 sculptures spanning from 1905 to 1967, the Museo d'Arte della Svizzera Italiana's wide-ranging exhibition, organised with the Musée National Picasso-Paris, aims to provide new perspectives on how Picasso developed his language and influenced twentieth-century art.

→ Museo d'Arte della Svizzera Italiana, LAC Lugano Arte e Cultura, Piazza Bernardino Luini 6, Lugano (058 866 42 30, www.masilugano.ch). Until Jun 17. CHF20, CHF14 concs, under-16s free.

WEIL AM RHEIN

Night Fever: Designing Club Culture 1960-Today

Hosted across the German border at the Vitra Design Museum, this first major exhibition documenting the cultural identity of the discothèque starts with venues created by the Radical Design movement in 1960s Italy before peeking inside the likes of New York's Studio 54 and Manchester's The Hacienda.



→ Vitra Design Museum, Charles-Eames-Str 2, Weil am Rhein, Germany (0049 7621 702 3200, www.design-museum.de). Until Sep 9. 11€, 9€ concs, under-12s free.

ACROSS SWITZERLAND

Steps

The biannual international contemporary dance festival celebrates its 30th anniversary with 76 shows in 36 venues in 31 Swiss cities. Many of the performances, including those by the Faso Danse Théâtre from West Africa and South Korean choreographer Jeon Misook, will be Swiss premieres.

→ Venues around Switzerland (www.steps.ch). Apr 12-May 5. Various prices.

Savage Grace Night Fever



GENEVA

Geneva Book and Press Fair

The place to rub shoulders with the latest Goncourt Prize winners, Geneva's literary fair is expecting over 1,000 authors, including Douglas Kennedy, Joël Dicker and French badboy intellectual Frédéric Beigbeder. There's also a New York pavilion, Valais wine tastings, a cookbook section, an African salon and comic books.

→ Palexpo, Route François-Peyrot 30, Geneva (www.salondulivre.ch). Apr 25-29. CHF12, under-26s free. Free after 5pm & Wed 25.

GENEVA

Of Gardens & Books

The Martin Bodmer Foundation is one of the most important private libraries in the world with first editions of Shakespeare, Molière and the Gutenberg Bible among its 150,000 volumes. This latest exhibition showcases exceptional books about gardens, taking in everything from ancient Babylon to 'Paradise Lost', leading up to the present day.

→ Fondation Martin Bodmer, Route Martin Bodmer 19-21, Geneva (022 707 44 36, www.fondationbodmer.ch). Apr 28-Sep 9. CHF15, CHF10 concs, under-16s free.

BASEL

Bacon Giacometti

At first glance the works of Alberto Giacometti and Francis Bacon

CRITICS' CHOICE



BASEL

Art Basel

The mother of all modern art fairs gets Basel buzzing with pieces by over 4,500 artists from almost 300 galleries. As well as the stands, you can also wander around oversized works in the Unlimited section and site-specific pieces around the city in the Parcours strand. Many cultural institutions around Basel will also host related events.

→ Messe Basel, Messeplatz 10, Basel (058 200 20 20, www.artbasel.com). Jun 14-17. CHF50-60, CHF40-45 concs (one-day), CHF90-100 (two days), under-12s free.

could not seem more different: the former's figures are sleek and spartan; the latter's grotesque and fleshy. But as this show highlights, they were friends and rivals who shared a fascination with the old masters, the human figure and the representation of space.

→ Fondation Beyeler, Baselstrasse 101, Riehen/Basel (061 645 97 00, www.fondationbeyeler.ch). Apr 29-Sep 2. CHF25, under-25s free.

MAY

GENEVA

To Camp: One Week of Living, Working and Performing

Over seven days a group of 17 young choreographers will live, sleep and work around the clock in Geneva's Contemporary Art Centre. The aim is for them to try out their ideas in the institution's spaces, swap views and question production methods. On the final weekend, audiences are invited to enter the camp and participate in talks, dinners, screenings, workshops and performances.

→ Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers 10, Geneva (022 329 18 42, www.centre.ch). May 7-13 (performances May 11-13). CHF5, CHF2 concs, under-18s free.

JUNE

BASEL

Too Early to Panic: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger

The Swiss artistic duo bring their peculiar poetic universe to the Tinguely, complete with invasive plants, hairy plastic, collected tears and growing synthetic fertiliser crystals, which fascinate adults and children alike.

→ Museum Tinguely, Paul Sacher-Anlage 1, Basel (061 681 93 20, www.tinguely.ch). Jun 6-Sep 23. CHF18, CHF12 concs, under-16s free.

GENEVA

La Nuit des Bains

Several times a year the galleries and museums of Geneva's hip Quartier des Bains art district join forces to open their new shows on the same night and push the city's contemporary art scene into the spotlight. This year's summer edition is sure to lure thousands.

→ Various venues, Quartier des Bains, Geneva (www.quartierdesbains.ch). Jun 7. Free.

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