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PROJECTS

Arts: graphic design and architecture - 2 projects

Title: **Workshop “Building Upon Broken Spaces”**

Date: **28.03 – 01.04.2022**

Venue: **Bucharest**

About the project:

Ludovic Balland, a very appreciated Swiss graphic designer coordinated in Bucharest, from 28.03 - 01.04.2022 a workshop for professionals and art students. The participants addressed the subject of rupture, damage or decommissioning by examining the architecture of Bucharest. The workshop ended with an exhibition of the participants' work.

Title: **Conference of the Swiss architect Valerio Olgiati**

Date: **19.10.2022**

Venue: **Romanian Athenaeum, Bucharest**

About the project:

At the invitation of the Order of Architects in Bucharest and the magazine Mazzocchioo, the renowned Swiss architect *Valerio Olgiati* gave a lecture in front of more than 700 participants at the Romanian Athenaeum.

As Valerio Olgiati's work has become a point of reference within the framework of the University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" in Bucharest, the university awarded him the title of Doctor Honoris Causa on this occasion.

Students, specialists in the field and the large public of Bucharest and of the country could benefit from free entrance to this event and discover the discipline of architecture in the vision of a Swiss specialist.

Music: 6 projects

Title: **Extraordinary Recital “The Present meets the future”**

Date: **16.04.2022**

Venue: **Casa Artelor Dinu Lipatti, Bucharest**

About the project:

An extraordinary classical music recital took place on April 16 at Casa Artelor Dinu Lipatti, under the direction of *Geza Hosszu-Legocky*, a Grammy-nominated Swiss violinist. Initiated by the latter, the project entitled "The Present Meets the Future", brought together talented young people and artists of international prominence, including Swiss violinist *Lyda Chen-Argerich*, Romanian violinists *Relu Piculeață*, *Antonio Piculeață*, *Dumitru*

Pocitari, Chinese-Canadian pianist Tony Yang, Belgian pianist Marie Françoise and Romanian cellist Rodin Moldovan.

Title: Tour of the Romanian Chamber Orchestra

Date: 01.06 – 05.06.2022

Venue: Timișoara, Lugoj, Hunedoara

About the project:

Founded in 2019, the Romanian Chamber Orchestra (RCO) is, by the value of its components and the contribution it makes to the national heritage, a point of reference for the Romanian culture. After a series of master classes, the RCO organized a tour in Timisoara, Lugoj, Hunedoara and Brugg in Switzerland, having as guests the Swiss violinist Sebastian Bohren and the Romanian-Swiss violinist Cristian Andriș.

Title: "Music's days in Oravița" International Festival

Date: 15.08 – 25.08.2022

Venue: Oravița

Founded in 2008, the International Festival "Music Days in Oravita", had as guests at its 13th edition, the pianists *Philippe Boaron and Dinu Mihăilescu*, professors at the Popular Conservatory of Music, Dance and Theater in Geneva. They gave an original two-piano recital at the Roman Catholic Church in Oravita on August 19, in the presence of a large audience.

Title: Concert for peace, dedicated to the victims of Ukraine

Date: 21.08.2022

Venue: Memorial of the Victims of Communism in Sighet

About the project:

A special concert was organized at the Memorial of the Victims of Communism in Sighet, on the Romanian-Ukrainian border by Oxy More Duo composed by the pianists *Philippe Boaron and Dinu Mihăilescu*. The concert was a manifesto for solidarity, humanity, empathy and compassion in the face of the tragedy of the war in Ukraine.

Title: Green Hours Jazz Fest XIV

Date: 01.09 – 4.09.2022

Venue: Green Hors Garden, Bucharest

About the project

Founded in 1994, Green Hours is recognised as the oldest independent jazz and theatre club in Romania. For the 14th edition of the festival that took place in the gardens of Green Hours, in the heart of Bucharest, Switzerland was represented by the Swiss percussionist *Julian Sartorius*, who offered to the public an original concert oscillating between improvisation, experimental music, performance and conceptual art.

Title: Tour in Romania of Sophie de Quay

Date: 05.10 – 07.09.2022

Venue: Iași, Suceava, București

About the event

Invited to the International Festival of Theater for Young Audiences in Iasi, the Swiss duo composed by *Sophie Loretan* (singer) and *Simon Jaccard* (keyboardist, composer, and producer) started a tour in Romania that began in Iasi and continued in Suceava and Bucharest.

With a mainly French-speaking repertoire, the two young musicians managed to fill the halls at the French Institute in Iasi, at the Schmidt Auditorium of the "Ștefan cel Mare" University in Suceava and at Green Hours Jazz Café in Bucharest. Their music is inspired

by their travels and encounters, talking about love, the beauty of the world and its madness.

Cyber security: 2 projects

Title: Cyber Espionage Awareness Day for Business

Date: 14.06.2022

Venue: New Europe College (Swiss House), Bucharest

About the event:

The first edition of the “Cyber Espionage Awareness Day for Business” (CEAB) in Bucharest was hosted by the Swiss Embassy and the Chamber of Commerce Switzerland-Romania and addressed to members of the Swiss-Romanian Chamber of Commerce (CCE-R) as well as to members of business and diplomatic environment.

Featuring top specialists, the event aimed at providing privileged insights and practical guidelines to business representatives and decision makers beyond the usual first layer of cyber security protection. It was meant to provide information to participants in order to understand the nowadays Cyber espionage in business and to offer a platform of dialogue between experts in the field and the business communities. The CEAB is meant to be a kick-off event that should be repeated periodically, as the organizers believe that the rapid implementation of digitalization projects will highly be prioritized over the coming years, both in the private and public sectors.

Event recorded and broadcast live by [Bursa newspaper](#).

Title: Campaign to raise awareness of online dangers among children and their families

Date: 01.06.2022, 04.11.2022, 08.11.2022, 20.12.2022

Venue: Bucharest

The Swiss Embassy has joined the Romanian authorities in the campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of the Internet among children and their families. Thus, the Embassy supported through the Swiss Sponsors' Fund the translation into Romanian and the printing of 5'000 copies of each of the 2 comics „Povești cotidiene digitale” and „Întâmplări de pe net”, developed by the Swiss Federal Office for Communications.

- On June 1st, the awareness campaign started at the Romanian Senate, on International Children's Day, where the Embassy together with the National Cyber Security Directorate and the training center Swiss Webacademy in Sibiu organised workshops for children and distributed the comics.
- At the end of October, the two brochures were included on the [siguranta online](#) website, a campaign initiated by the Romanian Police, the National Cyber Security Directorate and the Romanian Association of Banks.
- At the beginning of November, the digital education campaign [#OnlineSafety](#) was launched in schools, where the brochures were used as teaching and prevention material for online incidents.
- On 20 December, the Embassy participated in the "Santa Claus Day at the Senate" event, attended by around 2000 children. Together with partners in the online safety campaign, the Embassy organized workshops on prevention and online safety, distributed the brochures and offered gifts to the children.

Theatre and performing arts: 2 projects

Title: International Festival of Radio Theatre “Grand Prix Nova”

Date: 14.06 – 18.06.2022

Venue: Bucharest and online

About the event

From 14 to 18 June 2022, Radio Romania organized in Bucharest the 10th edition of the International Festival of Radio Drama Grand Prix Nova, dedicated to innovation in the

creation of radio drama. The Embassy supported the presence of *Reto Ott*, director, playwright and producer of radio dramas at Swiss Radio and Television and member of the EBU (European Broadcasting Union), as a member of the festival jury.

Title: Sibiu International Theatre Festival (FITS)

Date: 20.06 – 03.07.2022

Venue: Sibiu and online

About the event

Organised under the motto "Beauty", the 29th edition of the Sibiu International Theatre Festival offered to the audiences more than 800 events in 80 venues with more than 3'500 participants from 75 countries.

Switzerland was represented by *Théâtre Vidy-Lausanne* with the play *Contre-enquêtes*, directed by Nicolas Stemann. A show of remarkable intensity, where humor remains very present despite the seriousness of the subject.

Collectif Acrocinus presented a contemporary circus show. Three artists and a musician escape from their daily routine, confronting their own questions and fears. A minimalist performance where listening is essential to coexist in harmony.

Film: 2 projects

Title: Bucharest International Film Festival (BIFF)

Date: 29.09 – 09.10.2022

Venue: Bucharest

About the project

Conceived as a festival open to art cinema, encouraging new cinematographic trends, discovering talents and promoting young filmmakers, the BIFF presented world premieres and films awarded at prestigious international festivals. In addition to film screenings, Q&A sessions, panel discussions and masterclasses were held during the festival.

Switzerland was represented with, 2 films that were screened during the festival: *Unrest* by Cyril Schäblin and *Tchaikovsky's wife* by Kirill Serebrennikov.

Title: Contribution to reducing social disparities and awareness of the importance of education // support for the making of the documentary film "About Us - Vanessa"

Date: 14.11.2022

Venue: Bucharest

About the project

Contributing to the reduction of social disparities and raising awareness about the importance of education among institutionalized youth, the Embassy supported one of the projects realized by Alina Ţerban, actress, playwright, director of Roma origin and her cultural NGO "Untold Stories".

The documentary "*About Us - Vanessa*" is part of a series of video portraits made with institutionalized youth, which was presented at the "I Count - Gala for Institutionalized Youth", on November 14, at the Romanian Peasant Museum in Bucharest. The film tells the story of Vanessa Dancea, a young woman who grew up in different orphanages in Romania. Vanessa turned the painful experiences she lived through into strength, creating her own path in life.

Alina Serban's projects promote a sense of cultural belonging among vulnerable communities, the strengthening of self-esteem and the affirmation of cultural identity, as well

as an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of minorities at national and international level.