

**«WITZERLAND» A GUIDE TO SWISS HUMOUR**

2nd April – 13th September 2009

Special exhibition in the Swiss National Museum, Zurich

**SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES**

Wed, 22nd Apr 2009, 8 pm



**SPASSPARTOUT «SATIROFON»: DRS 1 WILL BE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM THE NATIONAL MUSEUM!**

Political cabaret achieved its peak on Radio Beromünster during the Second World War. Later DRS 1 has been broadcasting well known programmes such as «Faktenordner» or «Zweierleier». For «WITZERLAND», Hanspeter Gschwend has combed through the archives of Swiss Radio DRS and selected the brightest jewels. With Hanspeter Gschwend, Walter Keller, Jürg Kauer and Fritz Zaugg

Thurs, 14th May 2009, 7 pm

**«PHILOSOPHIE DES LACHENS»**

A short talk by philosopher Ursula Pia Jauch and Peter Rothenbühler. Followed by a panel discussion led by Andreas Spillmann, Director of the Swiss National Museums

Thurs, 4th June 2009, 7 pm

**«KINDERWITZ, -VERS UND -REIM»**

A short talk by Alfred Messerli, folklorist. Followed by a panel discussion with Allan Guggenbühl, psychotherapist for children and young people, and Walter Keller, curator of the «WITZERLAND» exhibition

Sat, 6th June 2009, 3–5 pm

**«WER ZULETZT LACHT ...» THEORY UND PRAXIS**

Cartoon drawing for adults. With Magi Wechsler, cartoonist CHF 20.– per person, numbers limited, booking required until 3rd June 09 on +41 (0)44 218 65 04 or [fuehrungen@slm.admin.ch](mailto:fuehrungen@slm.admin.ch)

Thurs, 3rd Sept 2009, 7 pm

**«GIBT ES DEN UNIVERSALEN WITZ?»**

Why African humour is not always funny for Swiss, and vice versa. Talk by David Signer ethnologist and writer

## MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM

«EXCLUSIVE ... ECCENTRIC: MUSIC TO MAKE YOU PRICK UP YOUR EARS»

Sun, 5th April 2009, 3 pm

«**Sounds of nature**» Hans Matt can get sounds out of anything – a cow's horn or a goat's horn, a trumpetshaped shell or a «Stockbüchel»

Sun, 3rd May 2009, 3 pm «**Ma collection**» With Dodo Hug and Efsio Contini, thinking becomes a game and the game becomes music

Sun, 7th June 2009, 3 pm «**Percussionitis**» Roland Wäger conjures a rich variety of rhythms and sounds out of drums, bongos and marimbas

Sun, 5th July 2009, 3 pm «**Sound art, word art, performance**» Whether rap or a madrigal, the a-capella quartet «Urstimmen» makes everything sound as if freshly discovered

Sun, 2th August 2009, 3 pm «**Close Harmony: Swing4you**» Samuel Zünd and his quartet show how Schwyzertütsch can be made to swing

Sun, 6th Sept 2009, 3 pm «**The Swiss Experience**» Bruno Spoerri (saxophone) and Roger Pirod (piano) accompany Kornelia Bruggmann (vocals)

## PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sat, 9th May 2009, 3–5 pm

«**CREATE YOUR OWN FIGURE OF FUN!**» Drawing comics, for children from age 7 and families. With Magi Wechsler, cartoonist

Sat, 16th May 2009, 3–5 pm

«**DRAWING CARTOONS – EASY ART**» Drawing cartoons, for young people from age 12. With Magi Wechsler, cartoonist

Booking required three days in advance on +41 (0)44 218 65 04 or [fuehrungen@slm.admin.ch](mailto:fuehrungen@slm.admin.ch), numbers limited, CHF 10 per person.

Other dates on request

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MUSEUM

Sun, 17th May 2009, 10 am–5 pm

### «A JOURNEY TO WITZERLAND»

Expedition through the Swiss National Museum. Further information and programme available under [www.museumstag.ch](http://www.museumstag.ch)

## LONG NIGHT OF THE MUSEUMS

Sat, 5th Sept 2009, 7 pm–2 am

### «FIXED STARS AND FALLING STARS»

Further information and programme available under [www.langenacht.ch](http://www.langenacht.ch)