

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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► *Week with gilles tschudi – get up and close with Swiss actor*

# gilles tschudi

APRIL 11 – 14, 2011



Swiss actor Gilles Tschudi is a rarity of its kind – one of the very few actors, who are not only 100% bilingual but also perform perfectly in both French and German language. Growing up in Basel with a French speaking mother and a Swiss German speaking father, Gilles Tschudi got immersed from early not only in two languages but also in two cultures.



After getting his training at the Schauspiel-Akademie Zürich, Gilles Tschudi performed on various theatre stages in the major cities of German and French speaking Switzerland. Among other roles he got fame with the Swiss public as the bad guy and scheming financier Michael Frick in the Swiss Chocolate Soap Opera “Lüthi & Blanc”, which has been a very popular show on prime time Swiss TV between 1999 - 2006. The Blockbuster *Grounding – the Last Days of Swissair*, was another highlight in his film acting career. Tschudi, personifies the two-fisted Swiss Banker Marcel Ospel with an amazing likeness not just because of some common features with the true

persona, but also because his admiring ability to immerse himself completely in a role. Tschudi regularly performs in German and French speaking productions in theatre and over 26 film roles. His roles vary. So far he has often played “the Bad Guy”. Playing in bigger and smaller roles, Gilles Tschudi is a very busy actor, always searching for new challenges also outside the Bad Guy spectrum.

On 2011 Gilles Tschudi plays in three theatre productions; at the Theater am Neumarkt Zürich he plays Rickard in the production “Ein Loch in meinem Herzen” by Lukas Moodysson, in “Katharina” by Heinrich Böll/Jerôme Richer, at the Comédie Genève, he is Commissaire Beitzmenne and at the Klosterspiele Wettingen, he portrays Foulon in “Der Franzose im Aargau”. The very likeable and environmentally conscious vegetarian Gilles Tschudi dedicates his time as president of the Swiss Actors Union (SSFV).

Take this unique opportunity to participate at the various events of the the Gilles Tschudi Week, organized by the Consulate General of Switzerland. Get up and close with this great actor and “see him conquer Hollywood”.

<http://www.gillestschudi.com/sites/default/index.asp?modul=film&l=f>

### **Program of the week:**

#### ► *Grounding – The Last Days of Swissair (2006)*

APRIL 11, 2011 – 7 pm

Directed by Michael Steiner, starring Hans-Peter Müller-Drossart, Michael Neuenschwander, Gilles Tschudi. Grounding – the Last Days of Swissair is the 6<sup>th</sup> biggest blockbuster hit from Switzerland. Most Swiss remember those tense days shortly after 9/11- some stuck on foreign airports, most just shocked about the historical grounding of the Swiss Airline, known for its great reputation? This film tells the story of the last days of the Swiss airline company Swissair. How was its destiny connected to the fate of Swiss top manager Mario A. Corti, the luckless chief of a tradition rich airline, nevertheless the tragic fate of many people who lost almost everything: Job, house and the belief in Switzerland itself.

Join us to see this Swiss Blockbuster and check out the amazing performance of Gilles Tschudi. There will be refreshments prior to the screening and a Q&A will follow the screening.

[www.groundingfilm.ch](http://www.groundingfilm.ch)

Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz  
10361 W. Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

#### ► *In Celebration of Max Frisch 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

APRIL 12, 2011 – 7 pm

Ron Sossi, artistic director of the Odyssey theatre Ensemble will talk about his staging of Frisch’s play “the Arsonists”. Swiss actor Gilles Tschudi will read excerpts from the novel “Homo Faber” in German and English. Snacks and Refreshments will be served. This event is organized in co-operation with the Goethe Institut Los Angeles.

Goethe Institut Los Angeles  
5750 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

#### ► *Grounding – The Last Days of Swissair (2006)*

APRIL 13, 2011 – 7 pm

Directed by Michael Steiner, starring Hans-Peter Müller-Drossart, Michael Neuenschwander, Gilles Tschudi. Grounding – the Last Days of Swissair is the 6<sup>th</sup> biggest blockbuster hit from Switzerland.

A Q&A with Gilles Tschudi will follow the screening. This event is organized in partnership with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

[www.groundingfilm.ch](http://www.groundingfilm.ch)

Caltech, California Institute of Technology  
Campus Baxter Lecture Hall  
1200 E. California Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91125-3405

[www.caltech.edu](http://www.caltech.edu)

► *An afternoon dedicated to Jacques Chessex*

APRIL 14, 2011 – 12 noon

Professor Jean-Claude Carron (UCLA) will talk about the life and the work of the Swiss author (1934-2009). Actor Gilles Tschudi will read excerpts from the novel “L’Ogre” in French. Snacks and refreshments will be served. This event is organized in co-operation with the Alliance Française Los Angeles.

Alliance Française de Los Angeles  
10390 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste. 120  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

► *Opération Casablanca (2010)*

APRIL 14, 2011 – 5 pm

Directed by Laurent Nègre, starring Tarik Bakharri, Elodie Young, Gilles Tschudi and Jean-Luc Bideau. One day, Saadi finally snaps. His boss has mistreated him one time too many. But when the young dishwasher, a North African illegal immigrant dares to protest, he is summarily fired. Leaving the rundown hotel in the outskirts of Geneva, on foot and with all his belongings in a shoulder bag, he becomes entangled in a terrorist group’s attempt to kidnap the Secretary-General of the United Nations and is surrounded by a SWAT team battalion who has mistaken him for one of the Arab criminals. With both the terrorists and the police gunning for him, desperate to keep from going under in this vortex of insanity, Saadi has no choice but to play along with the fundamentalists and try to find his own piece of heaven. This screening is organized in partnership with Bord Cadre Films Geneva.

[www.operation-casablanca.com](http://www.operation-casablanca.com)

Sunset Screening Room  
8730 W Sunset Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90069-2245

**FILM**

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▶ *HN HERMANN NITSCH at the Beverly Hills Film Festival*

APRIL 8, 2011 | 9 pm

Swiss filmmaker Daniela Ambrosoli presents her documentary “HN HERMANN NITSCH” at the 2011 Beverly Hills Film Festival.

Synopsis: Hermann Nitsch is the world-renowned Austrian painter, performer, composer and writer, best known for his “Theatre of the Orgies and Mysteries” and co-founder of Viennese Actionism. His work, which has always provoked contradictory reactions, is exhibited in various major museums around the world as well as in two museums entirely dedicated to him: the Museumzentrum Mistelbach (2007) in Austria and the Museo Hermann Nitsch (2008) in Naples. This documentary is an intimate portrait of the human being behind the artist, featuring images from Nitsch’s private and unpublished archives.

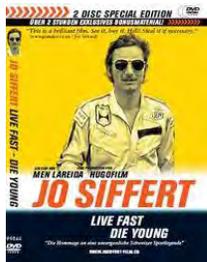
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[www.hn-movie.org](http://www.hn-movie.org)

Clarity Theater  
100 N.Crescent Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

▶ *Dinner and a Movie: JO SIFFERT LIVE FAST – DIE YOUNG*

*An evening dedicated to successful Swiss race car drivers – today and in the past*

APRIL 13, 2011 | 7 pm



On the day of Jo “Seppi” Siffert’s funeral in 1971, 50’000 people converged in the streets of his hometown Fribourg. Even today he is still considered to be one of the ten best racing drivers of all times. The film traces Jo Siffert’s career as he went from rags to riches in the frenetic world of racing. A gripping homage to an unforgettable Swiss sport legend. Directed by Men Lareida, 2005, starring Adriano Cimarosti, Jacques Deschenaux and others.

**The film will be introduced by Simona De Silvestro - a Swiss race car driver currently very successful in the North American open-wheel world.**



In 2009 the “Swiss Miss” as she is often referred to, was the first woman in series history to have earned the most wins, pole positions, and led the most laps all in a single season.

<http://www.simonadesilvestro.com/>

[www.josiffert-film.ch](http://www.josiffert-film.ch)

Entry Dinner & Movie: \$ 20.-, RSVP please.

Chalet Edelweiss  
8740 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Westchester, CA 90045  
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## PHOTOGRAPHY

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### ► *Verner Soler – “Visits to my village”*

Ongoing - MAY 20, 2011



Verner Soler grew up in the small village of Vrin in the Swiss Alps. Infused with a desire to widen his horizons he left the little hamlet with his 250 inhabitants and landed in Los Angeles. For 20 years since then he returned every year to Vrin and photographed the natural composition of his homeland and honest beauty of the working class. In his series “Visit to my Village”, Soler captures the daily lives of his family and fellow townspeople. He knows everyone’s story. Modernity and technology seep into their lives just as they have in the world at large. These metamorphoses are most apparent in their farming techniques. Furthermore, by creating a visual diary, Soler attempts to personally understand these changes to his village.

Verner Soler has been featured in exhibitions with Hous projects, New York Photo Festival 2009, Boston Museum of Art, Buendner Kunstmuseum and Julia Dean Photo Gallery. Critical attention has been paid to Soler’s work by The Photo Review, Darius Himes, Lenscatch, iheartphotograph, Fraction Magazine and The exposure project. Moreover he was the recipient of a grant in 2009 from the Kulturfoerderung Graubuenden in Switzerland, which is a government program that promotes Swiss culture.

[www.vernersoler.com](http://www.vernersoler.com)

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## MUSIC

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### ► *SCILLA – unplugged at the Mezz Bar, Downtown LA*

APRIL 7, 2011 | 9.00 pm



Swiss pop/rock singer/songwriter Scilla's music is Pop-Rock, influenced by Pink, No Doubt, The Runaways, Anouk, Katy Perry, Christina Aguilera and Lady Gaga. The young singer/songwriter from Switzerland studied Music in Milan, Italy and Music Business at the Musicians Institute in Hollywood - surely a good choice on getting the necessary tools on how to make it in the US. Last year Scilla participated at the Swiss final of the Eurovision Song Contest with her song "Barbie Doll", which she co-wrote with guitarist Rafael Moreira. If you would like to check out more of her music, Scilla will perform a 45 min. set at the Mezz Bar in Los Angeles.

www.scillamusic.com  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IVPMRUVABY>

Mezz Bar  
Alexandria Hotel  
501 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

<http://events.la.com/los-angeles-ca/venues/show/4143325-the-mezz-bar-alexandria-hotel>

### ► *DJ BOBO - one of Switzerland's best known artists performs in Las Vegas*

APRIL 23, 2011 | 6.00 pm



Swiss Artist DJ BoBo has fascinated more than 4 Million people on the globe with his spectacular shows. The former baker turned DJ, singer, dancer, show developer and independent label owner is one of Switzerland's most successful musician/performer of all times, having won 10 World Music Awards. Maybe you remember his biggest hits - dancing the sweat out to; "Chihuahua", "What a Feeling" (Duet with Irene Cara), "There is A Party", and "Somebody Dance With Me" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAnmLLRphqo>). DJ BoBo can look back to a long and successful solo career, also having performed as a special guest on tours with the Backstreet Boys and Michael Jackson's History Tour 1996. In October 2006 DJ BoBo became the National Ambassador for the United Nations World Food program with the goal to help fighting in particular children's famine.

This coming April 23, 2011 DJ BoBo will perform his 1001st concert at the Hard Rock Cafe in Las Vegas.

Tickets: [http://www.djbobo.ch/front\\_content.php?idcat=200](http://www.djbobo.ch/front_content.php?idcat=200)

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/DJ-Bobo-tickets/artist/1533290>

<http://www.hardrock.com/locations/cafes3/events.aspx?LocationID=507&MIBenumID=3>

[www.djbobo.ch](http://www.djbobo.ch)

## ART

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### ► *Art Show with Jean-François de Buren at the Beverly Hills Women's club*

APRIL 8, 2011, 6.00 – 9.00 pm

The exhibition "An Artistic Legacy – Art of the de Buren Family" highlights five successive generations of Swiss artists from the de Buren family. The exhibition brings together engravings, drawings, sketches, watercolours and sculptures made during the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in Switzerland and abroad.

Covering over 800 years of family history in the United States, Switzerland and Argentina, the de Buren family history is replete with passionate tales of soldiers, statesmen, adventurers and artists. From the blood-drenched battlefields of Europe to the steaming jungles of South America, from the fertile pampas of Argentina to California's Central Valley, the amazing saga of the de Burens reads like a great novel – evoking the grand sweep of history as well as its telling details, bursting with complex intrigue, fascinating personal stories, and the most compelling of family dramas.



In addition to the presentation Jean-François will showcase family heirlooms, as well as engravings, drawings, sketches, watercolors and sculptures made by family members during the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Designer, writer, historian, genealogist and aspiring filmmaker, Jean-François de Buren has been passionate about his family history for as long as he can remember. For the past 10 years he has actively worked on the story of his Swiss, Argentine&American roots.

Jean-François grew up in Northern California is a dual Swiss and American citizen and is active in the local Swiss community. He will publish this year his great-great-grandfather's journals chronicling a two-year journey through the Americas of the 1850s. As a companion to the book, Jean-François aims to retrace his Ancestor's expedition for a documentary film. He is also writing a screenplay for a feature film set in Switzerland that centers on his deaf-mute ancestor. Additionally, Jean-François writes about Swiss emigration to California, and is currently working on the Swiss-American version of the popular Swiss board game Helvetiq.

6.00 Cocktails & Light Buffet

7.00 Presentation

\$ 40. - Members & Guests

\$ 60. - Non-Members & Guests after April 5

RSVP by April 5, 2011: [info@bhwomensclub.org](mailto:info@bhwomensclub.org)

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Beverly Hills, CA 90210

[www.bhwomensclub.org](http://www.bhwomensclub.org)

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**Emmentaler Show Dairy:** Schaukäserei Affoltern im Emmental: <http://www.showdairy.ch/>

**Events in Zürich:** [http://www.zuerich.com/en/page.cfm/summerinthecity\\_events](http://www.zuerich.com/en/page.cfm/summerinthecity_events)

**Traveling to Switzerland:** <http://www.myswitzerland.com/en.cfm/travel/trips>

**Don't forget to visit:** [www.ThinkSwiss.org](http://www.ThinkSwiss.org)

**Switzerland's Portal in the U.S.:** [www.switzerlandportal.us](http://www.switzerlandportal.us)

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### **General Information:**

Official Swiss Internet Portal: [www.swissworld.org](http://www.swissworld.org) - or - [www.ch.ch](http://www.ch.ch)

Swiss Embassy Washington & Consulates in the USA: [www.swissemb.org](http://www.swissemb.org)

PRS, Presence Switzerland: [www.image-switzerland.ch/](http://www.image-switzerland.ch/)

News in 9 languages: [www.swissinfo.org](http://www.swissinfo.org)

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Tourism: [www.myswitzerland.com](http://www.myswitzerland.com)

Govt.: [www.admin.ch](http://www.admin.ch)

Dance: [www.tanznetz.ch](http://www.tanznetz.ch)

Film: [www.swissfilms.ch](http://www.swissfilms.ch) - or - [www.filmnet.ch](http://www.filmnet.ch)

Museums: [www.museums.ch](http://www.museums.ch)

Theatre: [www.theater.ch](http://www.theater.ch)

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