

Art residency of the Fifth Switzerland

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2026

Sculpture

The Project

The Art residency of the Fifth Switzerland is a cultural exchange project for Swiss artists living abroad. The aim is to establish a platform in Brunnen on Auslandschweizerplatz (Park of the Swiss Dispora) that serves as an artistic link to Switzerland. Every two years, a young Swiss expatriate is invited to Brunnen to work in a local studio or gallery for at least four weeks. This is accompanied by a public programme at the Auslandschweizerplatz, which offers an insight into the artist's work and promotes cultural exchange with the local population.



Previous residencies

2016—Premiere

In collaboration with the Galerie am Leewasser, landscape painter Lucienne Fontannaz-Howard was invited. She lives in Australia and is originally from Bex (Vaud).

2018—Second edition with the Schoeck Festival

Berlin-based composer Stefan Keller wrote the work 'Der einsame Tisch' (The Lonely Table), a setting of a poem by Unica Zürn for voice and piano, among other pieces.

2024—Third edition

Scotland-based musician and artist Nat Cartier composed and presented several pieces of music in Brunnen, created paintings and enriched community life with a variety of smaller events.



Artist-in-residence of 2024,
Nat Carter, performing
in the village square

Anniversary 2026

The tenth anniversary in 2026 presents an opportunity to establish the Art residency of the Fifth Switzerland as an important cultural institution and raise its profile beyond Central Switzerland to the rest of the country. After a successful decade, the programme will be further developed through strategic partnerships with the aim of expanding its reach throughout Switzerland. To this end, from the anniversary year onwards, the Centro di Cultura e d'Arte Ascona, with the Galleria Sacchetti and its own art residency programme, an established name in the Swiss art landscape, will take over the implementation of the Art residency of the Fifth Switzerland.



We are looking for a Swiss artist living abroad with a focus on sculpture. The core phase of the residency, lasting at least four weeks, will take place in Brunnen between the beginning of June and mid-August.

Further phases may take place at locations on the Furka Pass or in Flims in order to emphasise the nationwide scope of the project. The Auslandschweizerplatz Foundation is responsible for the content and structure of the project. The project will be carried out in collaboration with the Centro di Cultura e d'Arte Ascona (CCAA), which will be responsible for its operational implementation. The project is also supported by the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA), which is making its communication channels available and thus contributing to its visibility within the global Swiss community. The call for applications will be launched on 22 August 2025 as part of Swiss Community Days. Interested young Swiss artists living abroad with a focus on sculpture are invited to apply by 9 November 2025. A jury consisting of at least two members of the Auslandschweizerplatz Foundation, a representative of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) and one or two experts from the cultural sector will decide on the award of the residency in December 2025.

Brunnen's Auslandschweizerplatz against the backdrop of the Mythen mountains.



Become part of the art residency

The Fifth Switzerland Art Residency 2026 is an ambitious cultural project with national appeal, and we welcome any form of support. There are many ways you can get involved:

Spread the word!

Tell people about the art residency in your country of residence, in Swiss clubs and associations. Every bit of publicity helps.

Get involved!

As a volunteer on site – or simply as a visitor to our events.
Do you know any talented Swiss artists living abroad?
Then please get in touch with us!

Become a sponsor!

Support the Art Residency with a donation:
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