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UNUSUAL SWISS BAND



This unconventional "Ländler Kapelle" is made up by Martin Dürrenmatt, Monika Schär, Thomas Hochuli, Claudia Hochuli, Dani Hauri, Heiri Ruf and René Hunziker (from left to right)

Although they call themselves "ALPHORNY" this band has nothing to do with the traditional "Ländler Kapellen" as we know them.

Because the seven singers and musicians from Attenwil (Aargau) love all types of folk music, they decided to mix yodeling, "Ländlermusik" and cowbells with rock and roll, pop and funky blues. To spice up their performance, they use besides guitars and accordions such exotic instruments as steel drums and bouzoukis. They claim that their folk music is not "bünzlig" but cool. For those of you who might be interested, "ALPHORNY" have just produced their first CD called "Uf dr Alp".

SWISS HOLDING NOBEL PRIZES

Year	Name	Subject	Citizen of	Born in
1901	Henri Dunant	Peace prize	Geneva	1828
1902	Albert Gobat	Peace prize	Tramelan BE	1834
1902	Elie Ducommun	Peace prize	Geneva	-
1909	Emil Theodor Kocher	Medicine	Bern	-
1913	Alfred Werner	Chemistry	Zurich	1866
1919	Carl Spitteler	Literature	Liestal BL	1845
1921	Albert Einstein	Physics	Zurich	1879
1920	Ch-Eduard Guillaume	Physics	Fleurier NE	-
1921	Chris. Louis Lange	Peace prize	Geneva	1869
1937	Paul Karrer	Chemistry	Zurich	1889
1939	Leopold Ruzicka	Chemistry	Zurich	1887
1945	Wolfgang Pauli	Physics	Zurich	1900
1948	Paul Müller	Chemistry	Basle	1899
1949	Walter Rudolf Hess	Physiology	Frauenfeld	1881
1950	Tadeus Reichstein	Chemistry	-	1897
1950	Hermann Hesse	Literature	-	1877
1952	Felix Bloch	Physics	Zurich	1905
1957	Daniel Bovet	Medicine	Neuenburg	1907
1975	Vladimir Prelog	Chemistry	-	1906
1986	Heinrich Rohrer	Physics	-	-
1987	Karl Alex Müller	Physics	-	-
1991	Richard Ernst	Chemistry	-	-
1992	Edmond Fischer	Medicine	-	1920

Note: Many of the people above were actually born outside of Switzerland but became Swiss citizens prior to obtaining their Nobel prizes. Information supplied by Mr. E. Flepp.

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FRENCH SWISS ANGRY WITH SWISSAIR

To save costs, Swissair has decided to concentrate all its long-haul flights on Zurich airport alone. As far as Swissair goes, apart from short-haul European flights, Geneva will from now on be connected to all other continents only by feeder services via Zurich. This of course has angered not only Geneva but all French speaking cantons who consider this move as one more slap in their face by their German Swiss counterparts.

The "Association Genève-Cointrin" which defends the interest of the Geneva Airport has reacted very violently. In a full page advertisement, it sarcastically asked Swissair: If you feel it necessary to cancel all intercontinental flights in and out of Geneva airport to save money, will you also do away with your aircraft jet engines in order to save fuel? It also asked every reader to cut out this advertisement and send it to the Managing Director of Swissair.

Through Swissair's move, Geneva, headquarters for over 280 worldwide institutions (UN, International Labour Office, International Red Cross etc, to name a few) feels that its position as a world centre is being put into jeopardy.

In retaliation the "Association Genève-Cointrin" is demanding total freedom from the Swiss Government to negotiate traffic rights for as many overseas airlines as possible to land in Geneva without Swissair being allowed to make opposition, since Swissair no longer flies from Geneva to such countries.

Unfortunately, it seems that the famous "Röstigraben" between the German and the French Swiss is widening.

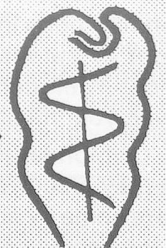
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