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## Upcoming Swiss Cultural Events in New Zealand

(As indicated by the Swiss Embassy, Wellington)

### The Abbey of St. Gall: A Cultural Center

Auckland **21 May - 21 June 1998**  
Auckland City Library  
44-46 Lorne Street, Auckland

### Mario Botta Architecture 1980 - 95

A photographic retrospective of the work of the famous Swiss architect, Mario Botta, during the period 1980 - 1995.

Wellington **6 - 24 July 1998**  
Faculty of Architecture, Victoria  
University of Wellington  
139 Vivian Street  
Wellington

Auckland **31 July - 21 August 1998**  
Faculty of Architecture, The  
University of Auckland Architec-  
ture Building, 26 Symonds  
street, Auckland

### "Joli n'a qu'un oeil"

This photographic exhibition of three Swiss photographers, Anne-Marie Grobet, Charles Weber and Robert Müller is part of the *Fotofest 98* exhibition. The first two both swap images of the countryside in the way that travellers swap tales, while the latter, an employee of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, whose life-long fascination landscape photography has been fostered by the travels involved with his job. His particular source of inspiration has been the interplay of light and shadow, and the textures of the Namib Desert.

### EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND IN WELLINGTON

We have gratefully received an updated index of Embassy staff as follows;

**Mr. WALTER R. SIMMEN** is the Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Head of Mission and handles relations with the New Zealand Government, with local authorities in New Zealand, the Tokelaus, Cook Islands, Niue, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga. He is also the Swiss consul for American Samoa. As Deputy Head of Mission Walter Simmen deals with trade enquiries and he is also in charge of relations with the universities, art, culture and the medias. At the Embassy since June 1995.



from left to right: Franz Schneider, Nadine Studer Weckerle, Walter R. Simmen  
Louise Beale and Ivan Eyre.

**Mr. FRANZ SCHNEIDER** is Head of Chancery and deals specifically with AHV, social security, assistance to Swiss tourists and settlement in Switzerland, liaison with Swiss clubs. At the Embassy since November 1995.

**Mrs. NADINE STUDER WECKERLE** is in charge of passports, registrations, citizenships, visas, matters concerning military duties, political rights and accounts. At the Embassy since August 1996.

**Mrs. LOUISE BEALE**, local secretary deals with correspondence, translations, telephone, appointments and also liaisons relevant to art and cultural projects. At the Embassy since April 1991.

**Mr. IVAN EYRE**, local chauffeur also in charge of maintenance and repairs of all equipment at the Embassy and at the Ambassador's residence. At the Embassy since September 1993.

We thank our Embassy for supplying us with the above information which will certainly interest many of our readers. Ed.