

Swiss Club of Washington, DC



December 2024 Postillion

Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salut!

The holiday season is in full swing, and I hope you are all excited to gather and spend time with loved ones and friends to celebrate the season!

There are many opportunities to celebrate the holidays with the local Swiss community. Next Sunday (December 8th) will be the annual members-only SCDC Christmas party, including Grittibänz baking, delicious food, and a visit from Samichlaus. Skate with Switzerland at Washington Harbor is on Thursday, December 5th, and Swissmas will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, VA. Hope you are able to join these events!

December also marks the end of the term for two Swiss Club Board Members. We want to thank Christine Saba and Markus Pfeiffer for their years of service and look forward to seeing them as guests at future Swiss Club events.

Also, please look out for the 2025 event calendar which will be released in the January 2025 Postillion.

Wishing you a wonderful advent season and a great start to 2025!

Best,

All the best,

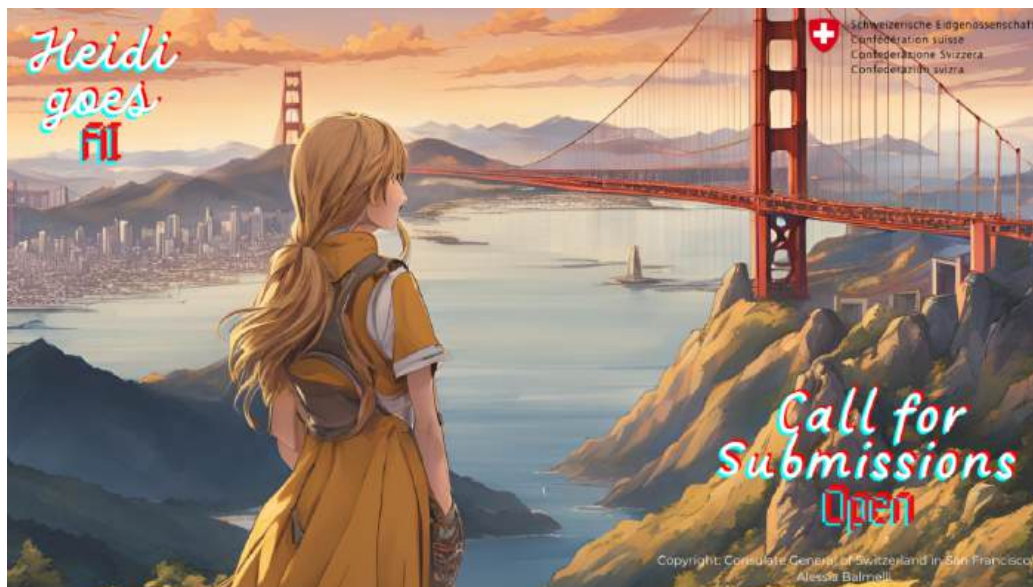
Kevin H. Sprenger

Heidi Goes AI - A Call for Submissions

The **Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco** and the **Heidiseum** (owner of the UNESCO's Heidi Archive) are thrilled to announce that the Call for Submissions of AI-generated art for the upcoming exhibition "**Heidi Goes AI**" is now open.

Heidi is the protagonist of the novel written by the Swiss writer **Johanna Spyri**. Published between 1880 and 1881, Heidi became one of the most successful children's books of all times. This beloved character has since inspired numerous literary adaptations, film, television, theater, and even computer games, captivating audiences across generations with her timeless story, and reaching countries across the globe! This cultural icon was inscribed in 2023 on UNESCO's "**International Memory of the World Register**", testifying to the recognition of the global significance of its Heidi archive.

In the age of AI and generative technologies, how would you imagine Heidi?



We invite **YOU**, artists, professionals, and aficionados from all backgrounds from the United States and Switzerland to showcase your interpretation of **Heidi** using **AI**!

Unleash your creativity and experiment with various AI techniques, prompts, and software to breathe new life into cultural heritage. If selected by our international jury, **your Artwork could win USD 3'000 (first place), USD 2'000 (second place), or USD 1'000 (third place)**. Further selected Artworks will be part of an exhibition and discussed during panels, where topics such as AI, art, and copyright will be debated.

Make sure to submit your application on [SWISS IMPACT](#) by **December 16, 2024!**

Swiss Club Events for 2024

- Grittibänz
- Samichlaus

December 8, 2024
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