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102nd Edition

EDITION

KNAUTE TROMMELBAU

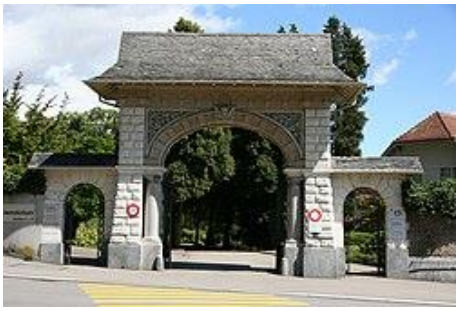
Drum Manufacturing
English Guided Tour



Thursday, November 5, 2026
Register by October 30 latest

Krematorium Nordheim

Zurich



Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Register by October 31 latest

ENJOY YOUR MEAL !

Enjoy a hearty lunch
at
Texas Steakhouse Irchelpark

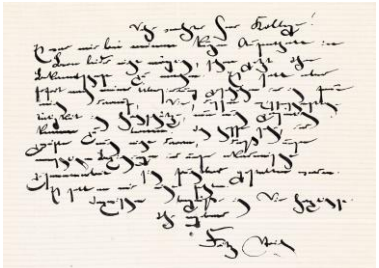


Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Register by November 10 latest

EN GUETE !

Illegible
at
Museum Strauhof



Tuesday, December 1, 2026

Register by November 25 latest

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SUMMARY

NOVEMBER

Thursday,5th Knaute Drum Manufacturing Zurich - *register by 30th October*
Tuesday, 10th Crematorium Nordheim Zurich - *register by 31st October*
Tuesday, 17th Lunch at Texas Steakhouse Irchelpark - *register by 10th November*
Sunday, 22nd Seniorenbühne Zurich - *register by 13th November*

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 1st "Illegible" at Museum Strauhof. - *register by 25th November*
Saturday, 12th Christmas Dinner 2026 – *register by 4th December*

FEBRUARY

Friday, 12th "Ustrinkete" – *registration recommended*

T H E E N D

INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS
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Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached.
Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied

A short note from the former Secretary

Dear Members,

This is the last programme which has been approved by the editor and two proofreaders. It finds now its way to our members who are pleased to take a good look into it – for a very last time notabene. Even for this edition of the approx. 256 previous Club programmes since 1963, we make the best mixture of interesting events. According to your state of mind, you start at the bottom with a crematorium or in a moderate mood with hunger, you go for lunch at Steakhouse Irchel. Wow, you're in a brilliant mood!? Then you come of course to the annual Christmas Dinner! *Even better, you come to all of them.*

The Christmas Dinner is **the last official event**.

But as pre-announced, a really **last unofficial event** awaits you **next year**
➔ details see last page/event.

Regarding Christmas Dinner, see postal sent out which should land safely in your letter box in the next days.

Please note that we will switch off our website www.escz.ch as per the end of the year. As well our e-mail address info@escz.ch.

Beyond that, you can still reach us. Directions see last page.

Warmest regards

Jürg

October 30	Register with Sibylle for guided tour at the Trommelfabrik Knaute, Zurich
October 31	Register with Rolf for Krematorium Nordheim Zurich
November 5 18.50 h **Register Thursday**	**Guided tour at the Knaute Trommelfabrik, Zurich** We will have an especially English guided tour of approx. 90 minutes through the Trommelfabrik Knaute, Zurich. What do you know about drums, mainly the "Basler drum"?? Or are you more familiar with "percussion"? The Swiss drum (traditionally known as the Basler Trommel) is a deep marching snare drum, deeply rooted in Swiss military history and carnival traditions. It is a highly specialized double-headed rope-tension percussion instrument. It typically has a shell diameter of 40 to 43 cm, with a shell depth that exactly matches its diameter.

The construction combines traditional craftsmanship with lightweight materials designed for marching.
A Swiss drum is highly durable and lasts a lifetime.
Would you like to know more about the specific drumming rudiments used in Swiss drumming or other drum sets and percussion? If time allows, Mr. Knaute will explain a few things of the multiinstrument ensemble (bassdrum, snare, toms, cymbals) played by one person. Costs are CHF 10.00 for members and CHF 15.00 for guests.
It's Sonja's idea!!. How to get there: Take tram 17, 50 or 51 to tram stop “Kronenstrasse” **= Meeting point at 18.50 h**.
From there, it’s a 3 minutes walk to the Trommelfabrik Knaute at Schaffhauserstrasse 21, entrance around the corner at Rötelstrasse
Please register with Sibylle by October 25, phone 044 780 19 45 or email: sibylle.geering@bluewin.ch
Please register early as it is limited to 15 persons.
When you register, please leave your full name and phone no. in a clear voice.

November 10
13.40 h **SHARP**
Register
In German



Visit Krematorium Nordheim

«What we are you’ll be, what you are we were”. Death, still the most important event of our life, got superseded in today’s society. But, up to not even 100 years ago, even children in the rural society grew up with it: when the grandparents in the adjoining Stöckli or one of their siblings passed, they were inevitably confronted with it. Today, even school classes take part in organized visits to these premises in order to ‘de-taboo’ what we will all one day be faced with.
In a guided visit we get to know dates and facts of the crematorium, insight infos of an undertaker’s job, procedure of a cremation, myths and misunderstandings of our funeral system. Duration: approx. 1 ½ hours; costs: CHF 15.00/person
We do need a minimum participation of ‘daring people’ – STRICT deadline for enrolment: October 31, 2026. Register with Rolf under bue3000@gmx.ch or phone 044 730 48 07.
How to get there: tram 50 (tram 11 in former days) to Bucheggplatz, from there 15 minutes on foot along the forest line or with bus 40 (departure Bucheggplatz 13.30 h) in two stops to our **meeting point** ‘Krematorium Nordheim’’.
We all meet there at 13.40 h sharp.

November 10 Register with Rolf for Lunch at Texas Steakhouse Irchelpark

November 13 Register with Rolf for Seniorenbühne Zurich

November 17
11.45 h
Register



Lunch at Texas Steakhouse Irchelpark

Since our last proposal for a common lunch was pretty successful, we dare to propose it again. This time in an US-ambience at a charming location in the Irchelpark. What might be different to the original is that even vegetarian menus are available. The two daily lunch menus include a salad buffet and meat for CHF 22.00 only ☺.
Of course, the offer expands up to any kind of steaks with appropriate steaktoppers (from grill champignons to crispy sweet potatoes).
If hungry, then glazed shrimps or even a nourishing 'Züri Gschnätzlets with homemade Spätzlis' could be recommended.
After these culinary delights we may stroll to a little viewpoint in one of Zurich's biggest parks.
How to get there: take tram 9 or 10 to "Universität Irchel" (one stop to/from "Milchbuck"), from there in 3 minutes to the Texas Steakhouse, the park's only restaurant. Meeting point at the mentioned tram stop or directly in the restaurant.
Register with Rolf under bue3000@gmx.ch or phone 044 730 48 07 by November 10

November 22
14.00 h
Register
Sunday
In German



Seniorenbühne Zurich / comedy thriller

And here we have something against a potential November-Blues: The Seniorenbühne Zurich offers a joyful little comedy thriller (titled 'Alli und doch niemert') in an improvised saloon of around 60 seats. The plot is dominated by much chaos and many suspects: As a matter of fact, each one of them has a "skeleton in the closet".
Duration: approx. 1 hour, no entrance fee (collection instead).
How to get there: Take bus 61 (direction Mühlacker) or bus 62 (direction Waidhof) at Bahnhof Oerlikon (right in front of the COOP) and ride in 2 stops to 'Oberwiesenstrasse'. From that stop, Goldregenweg is visible, walk 3 minutes in the direction of the forest until Goldregenweg 28. That building, our meeting point, is marked with AGZ (Allgemeine Baugenossenschaft Zürich).
Please register with Rolf by November 13 under bue3000@gmx.ch or phone 044 730 48 07.

November 25 Register with Jürg for "Illegible" at Museum Strauhof

December 1
16.50 h
Register



“Illegible” at Museum Strauhof

What happens when we cannot read characters immediately? The "illegible" is unsettling, yet it also awakes our curiosity: for what initially eludes our understanding holds the allure of being deciphered.
Illegible or encrypted, yellowed or blackened—the special exhibition “illegible” presents "illegibility" as both an aesthetic and a challenge. It brings together exhibits that push the boundaries of reading, understanding, and deciphering.
Can you read it now? No, not really? Then, please join us tonight, there is a lot to decipher! We will have a 1 hour English guided tour and afterwards we will have a clear understanding.
Costs for the guide are CHF 5.00 for members and CHF 15.00 for guests. The entrance fee of CHF 8.00 is subject to various reductions (i.e. Museum Card).
How to get there: Take any tram along Bahnhofstrasse and get off at “Rennweg” or “Paradeplatz”. Turn into Augustinergasse until you reach house no. 9. The tour starts at 17.00 h, so please be there 10 minutes before in order to purchase your entrance ticket.
Afterwards, for those who wish, we go for a bite to eat in the nearby Italian restaurant Santa Lucia at Paradeplatz. Please specify whether you come to the restaurant or not.
Register with Jürg by November 25 latest, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to info@escz.ch.
More information, see also www.strauhof.ch

December 4 Register for Christmas Dinner

December 12
18.00 h
Register
Saturday



Christmas Dinner

Let’s say it first. This is NOT the last Club event but it’s the last Christmas Dinner. We will do it as usual – it will be contemplative and solemn, starting with an apero. Please find more information in the invitation form included in the envelope which will be sent out by post soon.

February 9 *If possible, register with Jürg for Ustrinkete

February 12
From 19.00 h
(Register)*
Friday



Ustrinkete – the very last (unofficial) event of the ESCZ

Ustrinkete ?
We hear this expression often when a restaurant is going to close down and the very last event is then a “drinking out the glass for a last time”.
For our Club - In order to enable a very last coming together and saying farewell to each other, the “Ustrinkete” is an ideal opportunity to set the end of our 64 years of Club activities. This evening is **informal** – and we intend that it will be cheerful and maybe a bit weird – but never sad or gloomy! We look back on what wonderful events and emotions we had in all these decades.

Open House
At first look, this event appears like an Open House event. We used to have this kind of events in our former “Stammbeiz” Werdguet, thus we meet here tonight again. As per Open House mode, you can just come for a drink or a bite to eat and step in and leave whenever you like.

Annual General Meeting 2027 ? – Hä ???
You see the date: February? Why? In this month, we used to hold our Annual General Meetings (AGM). As a part of the entertainment tonight, we prepare a kind of last informal AGM. We read out the Secretary’s Report (Jürg) and possibly a Treasurer’s Report (Heinz) and an Auditor’s Report; not so serious as usual, then we solemnly discharge the remaining Committee – but no worries, we don’t elect a new Committee! The AGM starts at 19.30 h

Club archives:
Furthermore, on a big long table, we spread out (almost) all physical documents, archives and files from past decades of our Club, one is even from 1962. Jürg and Heinz will bring them along. So you can make a tour around and marvel at the old paperwork.

Tonight’s policy:
As a gesture of respect to our Club, English is spoken during the whole evening.

Catering:
Food and drinks are at your own expense.



…planning this event:
*No registration necessary but when you are sure you are coming to this event, please let me know. It helps for those who organise this event. Phone Jürg on 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to meier.nesslau@gmail.com (NOT info@escz.ch ➔ switched off on 31.12.2026)

Location:
Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.

How to get there:
It is recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the righthand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the lefthand side at the first corner. See also www.werdguet.ch

