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Swiss Institute to Relocate to the East Village in 2017

The Swiss Institute announced today that it has found a new home in New York City's East Village and has welcomed nine new trustees to its board. Designed by Selldorf Architects, the new 7,500-square-foot-space is located at 38 Street Marks Place and will open in the spring of 2017.

Director Simon Castets said, "This new building offers tremendous opportunities to expand upon our mission and serve a growing audience, to whom we will continue to offer forward-looking exhibitions and public programs, always free of charge." He added, "We look forward to joining and contributing to the diverse community of cultural organizations and artists that have called the East Village home for many years."

The design for the new building will feature space for exhibitions, projects, public programs, a library, bookstore, and a useable rooftop. The Institute will be within half a mile of several other cultural organizations, including Cooper Union, Danspace Project, the International Center of Photography, and the New Museum.

With the addition of the nine new trustees, the number of board members has grown to eighteen. The new trustees are: Bice Curiger, cofounder and chief editor of Parkett and artistic director of the Fondation Vincent Van Gogh Arles; Matthias Dettling, head of the Culture and Education Department at the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York; Alexandra Economou, philanthropist and art collector; Sam Keller, director of the Fondation Beyeler; Lisa Schiff, president and founder of the advisory firm Schiff Fine Art; Dominique Lévy, founder of Dominique Lévy Gallery; Christian Marclay, visual artist and composer; Michael Ringier, chairman of Swiss media company Ringier AG; and Iwan Wirth, president and cofounder of Hauser & Wirth.

Founded in 1986, the Swiss Institute is an independent nonprofit contemporary art institution dedicated to promoting forward-thinking and experimental art making through innovative exhibitions and programs. The organization has been looking for a new building since the lease for its 18 Wooster Street location ended and Jeffery Deitch decided to move back into the space.



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