

## **“Rätz Clique” from Basel at Carnaval Festival in L.A.**

***“Swiss Roots” brings the “Rätz Clique,” a thirty-person fife-and-drum corps from Basle, Switzerland, to Los Angeles for the Carnaval Festival at UCLA’s Fowler Museum. The Clique will parade through the campus playing drums and piccolo flutes, accompanied by the Swiss Root postal bus.***

In conjunction with the exhibition ¡CARNAVAL!, the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History is presenting a major festival of Carnival arts and culture from around the world. ¡Carnaval! is a 10,000 square foot multimedia exhibition that, for the first time, celebrates the diverse global traditions and ongoing vitality of modern-day carnival. For this festival, Swiss Roots is featuring the famous “Basler Fasnacht”, the Carnival of Basle, by flying in the “Rätz Clique”, a genuine Basle Carnival group.

Come and visit the Swiss postal bus and engage in the activities of Swiss Roots. Learn how to yodel in 30 minutes with yodel teacher, view some three-dimensional pictures from beautiful Switzerland, and find your Swiss roots on the newly created website, [www.swissroots.org](http://www.swissroots.org), accessible on the provided computer terminals.

**¡Carnaval! Day with Parade:  
Saturday, April 8, 2006, noon – 5pm  
UCLA Campus, Los Angeles, California**

**Festival admission, art activities, live performances, face painting, and gallery tours are free. Food will be available for purchase at food booths.**

### **Schedule of events:**

**12-1 pm Art Workshops: Preparation for the parade with these workshops:**

- Create a noisemaker to use along the parade route
- Create a headdress or hat at the hat-making station

**1-2:30 pm - Campus Parade: march in our Carnival procession along with these performance troupes:**

- **RätzClique**, a thirty-person fife-and-drum corps from Switzerland accompanied by the Swiss Roots postal bus
- **Stilt Walkers**, who will glide over the route from twenty feet in the air
- **LA Carnival on Tour**, a Caribbean-style group in glittering costumes

**2:30-5 pm - Live Stage Performances**

- **Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca**  
Enjoy this vibrant synthesis of Latin-American *salsa* and African *soukous*
- **Los Angeles Carnaval on Tour**™  
Dancers in full regalia shake it to live Caribbean *calypso* and *soca* music

**All day - Open Galleries: Enjoy spectacular costumes, masks, photographs, and videos of Carnival celebrations around the world:**

- **Face Painting**
- **Food Booths**, featuring flavors from around the world.
- **Raffle Prizes**, including chances to win trips to Switzerland

**For more information see [www.swissroots.org](http://www.swissroots.org).**