

A Beacon of Swiss Philanthropy

Switzerland

A high mountain pass, the Julierpass, as a place of culture. Why would you build a theatre in the middle of nowhere? The Romans had already built a temple here. In the Middle Ages there was a chapel at this spot. The project 'Origen' renews this interpretation of the mountains as a place of culture, bringing the theatre out of the city and into nature. The architecture of the tower, with its many openings, underlines the connection between culture and nature and thus refers to the name of the project: 'Origen' is Rhaeto-Romanic, Switzerland's fourth national language, and means 'genesis, origin, creation'. In Origen's case, cultural promotion in Switzerland means enabling initiatives that address ongoing social and political topics in our country such as urban and rural disparities, multilingualism and rural exodus. Even before social action, education and research, culture is the most represented field of activity of grant-making foundations in Switzerland.



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