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# In 2010 the Aargauer Kunsthaus celebrates three anniversaries

The year 2010 is a major anniversary year for the Aargauer Kunsthaus, as we celebrate three milestones at once: the 150-year anniversary of the Aargauischer Kunstverein, the 50-year anniversary of the Aargauer Kunsthaus as well as the 15-year anniversary of the Aargauer Kunsthaus's Art Education department. A number of events are planned to mark the occasion, among them a festive Gala, a grand Kunsthaus Fest, several fascinating special exhibitions, and the launching of Switzerland's first Junior Art Association.

Three anniversaries in 2010 are a cause for rejoicing: 150 years ago the Aargauischer Kunstverein was founded, the Aargauer Kunsthaus can look back on a 50-year history, and for 15 years now the Kunsthaus has been offering professional art education.

In addition to motivating us to look back, these three anniversaries also encourage us to look ahead. The Kunstverein, one of the oldest and largest art associations of the country, is doing its share by founding the first **Junior Art Association** in Switzerland for tomorrow's art lovers. When it is launched on Saturday, 9 January, the Junior Art Association will already comprise over 130 young art enthusiasts.

In the spring the Aargauer Kunsthaus will host a **festive gala**; the museum's galleries will be transformed into a ballroom for this evening. From late August until November **two exhibitions** will focus on the subject of memory as a basis for the future.

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150 Jahre Aargauischer Kunstverein  
50 Jahre Aargauer Kunsthaus  
15 Jahre Kunstvermittlung

The large group exhibition "Yesterday Will Be Better - Taking Memory into the Future" will present works of local, national and international artists that, each in their own way, deal with the question why we remember, forget or develop wishes. The exhibition "tempi passati," on the other hand, recounts the history of the Aargauischer Kunstverein and the Aargauer Kunsthaus, offering an overview in terms of a "Musée Sentimental" through works of visual art, documents, photographs, books, posters, objects and various memorabilia. A highlight of the anniversary year will be a grand **Kunsthaus Fest** to be held on 20-22 August, 2010. Starting with the opening of the special anniversary-related exhibitions on Friday, August 20, at 7 pm, the Aargauer Kunsthaus will open its doors to the public for an entire weekend, inviting everybody to come and celebrate. The programme in the museum galleries, on the museum's roof and in the park includes guided tours, special events as well as performances and concerts. Culinary treats will be provided as well.

Rather than celebrating on its own, the Aargauer Kunsthaus will be joined by numerous other cultural organisations in the region who will organise events of their own that take up the anniversary subject. Thus a varied and exciting cultural programme awaits regular and new visitors alike.

#### **Important Dates of the Anniversary-Year Programme:**

**Saturday, 9 January 2010, 2 - 5 pm**

Launching of the Junior Art Association

**Saturday, 24 April 2010, starting at 6.30 pm**

Kunsthaus Gala: A festive gala hosted by the Kunstverein

**Friday, 20 August 2010, 7 pm**

Opening of the anniversary-related special exhibitions:

- . *Yesterday Will Be Better - Taking Memory into the Future*
- . *tempi passati - An exhibition devoted to the history of the Aargauischer Kunstverein and the Aargauer Kunsthaus*

The **exhibitions** will run from 21 August until 7 November 2010

**Saturday, 21 August and Sunday, 22 August 2010**

Kunsthaus Fest: Open Days

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**"Yesterday Will Be Better" region-wide:**

From August until November, 2010, numerous events will be organised in cooperation with roughly 30 regional partnering institutes. Both the Aargauer Kunsthaus and the partnering institutes will serve as venues for these events.

**Detailed Information:**

A programme detailing all events from August until November will be published in June. For current anniversary-related information please check our homepage [www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch](http://www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch).

**Media Partners:**

Aargauer Zeitung  
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**Opening hours Aargauer Kunsthaus**

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm; Thursday, 10 am - 8 pm

**Images for the Media**

Images are available for downloading on our website [www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch](http://www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch) under "Media."

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