

**ALPINE VIEWS: ALEXANDRE CALAME AND THE SWISS LANDSCAPE**  
related events at the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute

**Mighty Mountains and Verdant Valleys**

**Sundays, October 8, October 22, November 12, December 10 at 2 pm**

Four free Sunday afternoon lectures will delve into the beauty and meaning of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century school of Swiss alpine paintings. Alberto de Andrés, expert on 19<sup>th</sup>-century Swiss painting and author of the catalogue will introduce Calame in the opening lecture for *Alpine Views* on October 8. Other lectures in the “Mighty Mountains and Verdant Valleys” series will examine the broader context of the history of Swiss painting, investigating its relationship to the popular concept of the sublime, and tracing its impact on the landscape painting of America.

“Currents and Cross-Currents in Swiss Alpine Painting”

Sunday, October 8, 2 pm

Alberto de Andrés, independent art historian residing in Lausanne, Switzerland

“More Than Yodeling and Chocolate: A Brief History of Swiss Painting”

Sunday, October 22, 2 pm

Curator of education Michael Cassin

“‘An Agreeable Kind of Horror’: Mountains, Caves, and the Painterly Sublime”

Sunday, November 12, 2 pm

Associate director of the Research and Academic Program Mark Ledbury

“Purple Mountain Majesties and Manifest Destinies: Bierstadt and the American West”

Sunday, December 10, 2 pm

Assistant curator of education Danielle Steinmann

***The Eiger Sanction***

**Sunday, October 29 at 2 pm**

Catch a free screening of Clint Eastwood’s *The Eiger Sanction* (1975, 123 min.), an action thriller about an art history professor/international assassin assigned to climb the Eiger’s treacherous north face in the Alps in search of a Russian killer

**Chocolate Challenge**

**Sunday, October 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**

Sumptuous delights featuring Toblerone chocolate, prepared by local celebrity chefs, will make the “Chocolate Challenge” at the Clark a mouthwatering cocoa extravaganza. A public taste test will determine one of the two winners and local food critics and editors will select the other winner of the chocolate cook-off. *Alpine Views: Alexandre Calame and the Swiss Landscape* is sponsored by Toblerone. Admission to the “Chocolate Challenge” is free and space is limited.

**Swiss Bliss Family Day**

**Thursday, December 28 from 11 am to 3 pm**

A variety of alpine amusements at the Clark bring the mountains and merriment of Switzerland to the Berkshires. From 11 am to 3 pm, families will enjoy painting a Swiss cowbell, snowshoeing on Stone Hill, and taking in the Swiss landscapes on a family gallery tour of the exhibition *Alpine Views: Alexandre Calame and the Swiss Landscape*. Most activities are free.