

Rapperswil, 1 May 2010

**Foreword by the President of Association of Friends of the Polish Museum  
in the Annual Report for 2009**

In 2008, in connection with the new project of the City Museum at the Herrenberg and demands of group "Pro Schloss" to remove the Polish Museum from the castle, several workshops took place on the future of the castle in Rapperswil. The result of those discussions was: "The castle must become more inviting. It should become a cultural and meeting center. Rapperswil-Jona City should feel at the castle as hosts. The tower and cloister should be open to the public. The Polish Museum must fit into an overall concept, a substantive renovation is encouraged."

A study under the direction of Peter Röllin which was just published confirms this demand and indicates architectural and content changes to the castle.

Association of Friends of the Polish Museum is grateful to be allowed to continue to play a central role within the walls of the castle, however, is also aware of the related responsibilities to the public.

The renewal of our museum will claim not only financial means but also human resource management. However, it gives opportunity to rethink the concept of the museum and recruit new Friends.

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Rapperswil, Mai 2008

**The Polish Museum is a unique and valued Institution**

**Sign the Petition**

**The Polish Museum should stay in Rapperswil Castle!**

Since 1870 there is The Polish Museum on the Castle Hill in Rapperswil. The Poles had the partial destroyed Castle again rebuilt. Rapperswil became the stronghold of Polish hopes, meetings and ideas. Also Swiss poet Gottfried Keller supported the liberty efforts that Poland. Until today it is an institution without firm employee and without subsidies of the public hand. The Polish Museum pays annually a rent of 20'000.- CHF to the local municipality Rapperswil Jona. The exhibition offers a view also into the history of the versatile Swiss-Polish relations. The Polish Museum counts annually against 10'000 visitors - from all the World. From it profits the tourism, the hotel trade, the catering trade and the image of the city.

Now an appointed group wants to drive the Polish Museum out from the castle. If you sign the Petition - you set an indication against this intention and for the whereabouts of the Museum in the Castle Rapperswil.

**Thank you!**