



COURTESY THE ARTIST

*Neons, a painting by Rachel Schmidhofer, whose work was on view in September at Freight + Volume, in New York City.*

*What, for you, is typically Swiss?*

The Alps. They're world-famous. And Toblerone. Chocolate is really well known.

*What about typical Swiss sports?*

The name isn't coming to mind... Chlausklöpfen.

*Yes, that is a regional custom. But what about typical Swiss sports?*

Skiing, but that exists everywhere.

*Schwingen, and Hornussen. Have you been on vacation in Switzerland before?*

I went to a ski camp once. Otherwise I've been on day trips to lakes. Lake Zurich, Lake Lucerne, Lake Geneva. Mainly lakes.

*What would you show a visitor?*

It depends on the time of year. In the spring and the summer, for example, there's Lake Lucerne, or sightseeing in the city.

*What sightseeing would that be?*

The old town. The sights themselves I wouldn't know. The little town looks pretty, but to be honest I don't know any of the history.

*You said that the Alps are typically Swiss. What Alps do you know?*

I'm not great with names. Matterhorn...

*Where is that?*

I don't know off the top of my head. Zermatt? Engelberg?

*Do you know any other Alps?*

None come to mind.

*What would change for you personally if you were to receive a Swiss passport?*

I was born here and know no other life. The only thing would be that I could vote. Otherwise everything really stays the same.