

My favorite party every year is the [Stuttgart Animation Festival](#) event, and this year as the honored country they went all out. In past years the event was a large affair but this year Filmforderung Baden-Wurttemberg was co-hosting the party, as well as the opening MIFA event and so this fete was a "petite animation reception." After a bus ride up a very curvy mountain road we arrived at the beautiful Auberge la Mageriaz. This tranquil, cozy inn is owned by Vincent and Cathy Ferris. In case Vincent's name sounds familiar, he is the former manager of MIFA. The superb French-Swabian regional food (Swabia covers much of Germany's Southwestern state of Baden-Wurttemberg) was only matched by the lovely rustic country surroundings. The food and atmosphere was totally complemented by music provided by Rolf Bachler and Nik.

