Summer events begin with the our first Lawn Café

The GAI grounds were in full bloom for our first in-person event at the Haus this summer. Friends reconnected while enjoying Kaffee und Kuchen, cello music, and a beautiful and relaxing setting on the lawn. Thanks to the Haus & Grounds team, the lawns were lush and dotted with colorful flowers. Many participants wore their Dirndl face masks with pride (removing them to enjoy their Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte or Apfelstrudel!) Our next outdoor event is a concert by Makam Baklava Turkish Music Ensemble on August 22. Details below!

**Makam Baklava Turkish Music on the Lawn**

**Saturday, August 22 | 6:30–8:30 PM | Germanic-American Institute**

Save the date for a summer evening lawn concert with GAI favorite, Makam Baklava Turkish Music Ensemble. Orhan Ucer, Nickolai Kolarov, and friends will play spirited music that connects us to our friends across the Atlantic. Enjoy the music from our socially-distanced chairs or on your own blanket or lawn chair. Everyone is welcome to bring their own non-alcoholic beverages and snacks. $10 per person, registration required. Registration opens August 1 at gai-mn.org/turkishconcert.
Throughout the world, people continue to react to the death of George Floyd at the hands of the police in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. From taking to the streets in protest, to re-examining long-held beliefs about racism and systems of justice, a global movement is calling for social justice and equality. Street art has played an important role in this movement—as an outlet for citizens to express their grief, outrage, and hope about the future. This street art has been created on the sides of local businesses, street corners, plywood covering broken windows, and more, from neighborhoods in Minneapolis to countries around the world.

Recently, our team at the Germanic-American Institute connected with the local scholars and students at St. Thomas University who created the Urban Art Mapping George Floyd and Anti-Racist Street Art database. This database serves as an important resource for communities and scholars around the street art—locally and internationally—and the issues it explores. From breathtaking murals created by teams of professional artists to poignant graffiti, this collection captures the breadth of street art that has been created in response to this moment.

ONLINE GALLERY: gai-mn.org/streetartgallery
The gallery on the GAI’s website represents a selection of street art from the database with works by local street artists and community members in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. For the full database, see georgefloydstreetart.omeka.net

PODCAST: gai-mn.org/Podcast
Our latest episode of the GAI’s podcast, Hier & There, features an interview with Dr. Heather Shirey, Dr. Todd Lawrence, and student researcher Chioma Uwaqwu, curators of the Urban Art Mapping George Floyd and Anti-Racist Street Art database.

VIDEO: bit.ly/2X2xq5n
Visit the GAI’s YouTube channel for a video introduction to the street art database and recent developments in street art around the world.

Street Art and George Floyd—a new multimedia project from the GAI

About the project
The GAI’s multimedia street art project was inspired by the Goethe-Institut’s #artbits blog, a photo collection and series of articles about street art discoveries and artists in cities throughout Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. To learn more about #artbits, please visit: bit.ly/2OKP0GJ. As a Goethe-Institut Kulturgesellschaft, the GAI has been a close collaborating partner of the Goethe-Institut on a wide array of educational and cultural programs.
This podcast makes a splash with topics such as summer escapes, pool culture, and Eurovision. Learn about Summer Camps and Samstagsschule first-hand from nine-year-old Kaspar and hear details about language classes resuming at the Haus.

Also, see page 3 for information about the George Floyd street art project podcast.
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Oktoberfest Lite will take place at the GAI the weekend of September 19 and 20. Pick up an Oktoberfest kit on Saturday for a party at home, or reserve a kit and a spot at a table on the GAI grounds for one of two seatings on Sunday. Registration opens mid-August at gai-mn.org/OktoberfestLite.