

**ST. PAUL**

# Oktoberfest



## It's time for our biggest festival and fundraiser of the year!

We're pulling out all the stops this year with more beer, your favorite foods, and non-stop entertainment at St. Paul Oktoberfest! This sometimes kitschy, sometimes educational, and always fun event brings together people who want to enjoy great beer, sample authentic food, and enjoy German music and culture.

Our beer selection includes four varieties of the Munich original, Paulaner, and four beers from local brewer, Utepils, a crafter of traditional beers with a twist. We'll also feature an array of foods, including favorite German fare like Gerhard's Bratwurst, *Currywurst* by RJ's Meats, Aki's pretzels, and more.

Music for the event ranges from well-loved traditional Bavarian Musikmeisters to the campy and hilarious Polka Police.

The St. Paul Oktoberfest has become our largest fundraising event of the year. Festivities support the educational and cultural programming at the GAI. You support the GAI when you volunteer, become a Fanklub member or corporate donor, and by drinking beer at Oktoberfest!

St. Paul Oktoberfest—on the GAI grounds  
Friday, September 9 | 4–10 PM  
Saturday, September 10 | 10 AM–10 PM  
Alcohol wristbands for those 21 and older will be for sale on-site for \$5, photo IDs are required.

NEW! Free parking at St. Paul College!  
More info at [gaimn.org/oktoberfest](http://gaimn.org/oktoberfest)

## Prost to our amazing volunteers!

St. Paul Oktoberfest would not happen without our team of hard-working and fun-loving volunteers. Sign up for a shift or two and bring your friends and relatives—the more the merrier! All volunteers will receive a beverage, free volunteer food, bottled water, and an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party on September 15. Sign up at [gaimn.org/oktoberfest](http://gaimn.org/oktoberfest)



## EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9+10  
St. Paul Oktoberfest

SEPTEMBER 13  
Stammtisch Curbside

OCTOBER 29  
Book Talk: *Free Berlin*

## LEARN GERMAN

Adults

SEPTEMBER 12  
Fall Session begins

Kids and Teens

SEPTEMBER 17  
Fall Samstagsschule begins

OCTOBER 8  
Teen Escape Room *auf Deutsch*

## GAI GRUPPEN

SEPTEMBER 19  
GAI Damenklub

SEPTEMBER 20  
Deutscher Sprachklub



## Stammtisch Curbside

Tuesday, September 13 | 11:30–noon  
The menu: *Schnitzel*, German potato salad, carrot salad, and dessert.  
Pick up your meal between 11:30 and noon and take it home or stay and eat on the patio. Call the office at 651.222.7027 to RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, September 9. \$13 for lunch and dessert.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### PARTNER EVENT

#### **Utepils Brewing Oktoberfest** September 16+17 and 23+24

Our Oktoberfest beer sponsor Utepils Brewing is having their own Oktoberfest at their taproom and beer garden in Minneapolis. Enjoy beer, music, and Oktoberfest activities over two weekends. Stop by the GAI table Saturday afternoons to say "hi"!

**225 Thomas Ave N, Minneapolis**  
[utepilsbrewing.com](http://utepilsbrewing.com)



#### **Book Talk: Free Berlin** Saturday, October 29 | 3 PM

Harvard professor and author Briana Smith will present her new book, the unlikely story of how experimental artists flourished behind the Iron Curtain and beyond the art market in the everyday spaces of late Cold War Berlin and in the reunified city after 1990. She'll highlight some of the memorable, and often humorous, art projects. In the GAI 3rd floor Ballroom.

**Tickets at [gaimn.org/freeberlin](http://gaimn.org/freeberlin)**



#### **Twin Cities German Film Festival** November 3–6 | times vary

We're working on an exciting new event coming in November—our very own German film festival! As we finalize dates and venues, we'll share all the details. This event is produced with support from the DEFA (*Deutsche Film Aktiengesellschaft*) Film Library and the Goethe-Institut.

## Willkommen, new staff

### **INTRODUCING MONIKA ESTRADA** Director of Language Services

Monika is originally from Poland, but grew up in Hamburg, Germany. She of course loves languages and one of the things she finds most exciting is when people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds come together. On most days, she uses the four languages she knows: German, Polish, Spanish and English.

Monika enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and two sons. Fall is her favorite season in Minnesota and she is looking forward to seeing Summit Avenue painted in fall colors from her office window.

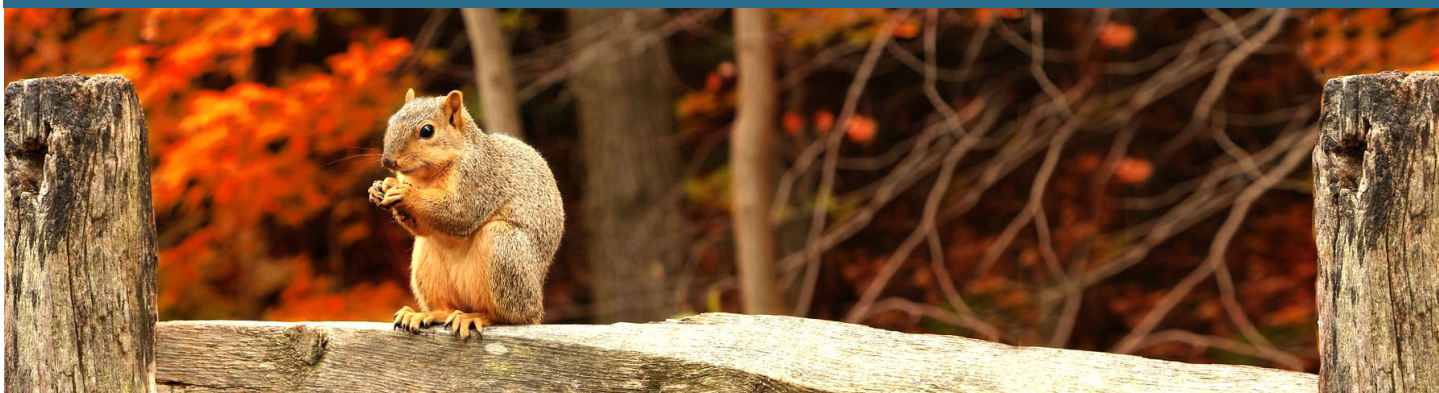


### **INTRODUCING ANDREW LSHOVSKY** Director of Development and Communications

Andrew studied at University of Innsbruck School of Management and received a Master's Degree in Strategic Management and Multi-Cultural Branding. Previously, he held director of marketing positions for Berkeley Symphony in Berkeley, CA and Theater Latté Da in Minneapolis. He's a vintage Volkswagen collector and enthusiast and loves German language and culture. He's proud to join the GAI as Director of Development and Communications and looks forward to meeting everyone in the GAI family.







## Language programs for all ages

### Adult classes—online and in-person

It's back to school for our adult classes—fall session begins the week of September 12. Whether you are a beginner wanting to try our classes, an intermediate learner, working on your grammar and comprehension skills, or a regular at our advanced culture classes, we have a class for you. Come join our fun community of Germanophiles! **Register at [gaimn.org/adults](https://gaimn.org/adults)**

### Samstagsschule for kids and teens

Samstagsschule classes incorporate singing, crafts, games, and physical motion along with lessons at an age-appropriate level. Our creative instructors make "Saturday School" something for kids to look forward to! Classes begin on September 17 and meet weekly. **Register at [gaimn.org/kids](https://gaimn.org/kids)**

### Kinderstube German@home begins October 3

Kinderstube German@home is an educational enrichment program for preschool-age children (ages 3–6) created by the Germanic-American Institute. This online, self-paced German language program offers fun activities for kids and caregivers to do together at home. **Learn more at [gaimn.org/preschoolathome](https://gaimn.org/preschoolathome)**

### Escape Room adventure for teens at the GAI Haus



*"Spezialagenten: You have 60 minutes to find and neutralize a poisonous substance planted by the notorious Dr. J. Save the GAI and yourselves—auf Deutsch—und macht schnell!"*

Each one-hour session will have groups of participants working together to solve the puzzle. Register for a start time between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**More info at [gaimn.org/escape](https://gaimn.org/escape)**



### FALL OPENINGS

#### Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool

Families looking for quality preschool should look no further than the GAI's German Immersion Preschool! The Kinderstube program focuses on experiential learning in a play-based, German immersion preschool setting modeled after a combination of the German Kita and the American licensed preschool program.

Learn more at [Kinderstubepreschool.org](https://Kinderstubepreschool.org).



### AROUND THE HAUS

#### Haus & Grounds September work session

Haus & Grounds is a group of volunteers who meet every Thursday morning and the second Saturday of each month. They support the GAI by making repairs, taking care of the gardens and performing needed maintenance. For the month of September, we will be working to support Oktoberfest, especially set-up and tear-down. Sign up at [gaimn.org/oktoberfest](https://gaimn.org/oktoberfest). For more info about Haus & Grounds, please contact Jim Gruetzman at [jgruetzman@gaimn.org](mailto:jgruetzman@gaimn.org) or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.



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#### Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool

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kinderstubepreschool.org

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### FALL MEMBER DEALS

Get discounts at local businesses and venues!



#### September

Get 20% off food (up to \$30) at Glück's Bar & Restaurant, a bustling old-world beer hall in an 1855 warehouse in downtown Minneapolis.



#### October

Get a 35% discount on up to four tickets for MN Opera's Ordway Series (*Edward Tulane*, *The Daughter of the Regiment*, and *Don Giovanni*). Some restrictions apply. Buy tickets at gaimn.org/membership.



#### November

Buy one beer, get one free at Utepils Brewing. Enjoy traditional European-style beers with a twist, brewed by GAI beer partner Utepils Brewing and Taproom in Minneapolis. Learn more at gaimn.org/membership.



**Support the GAI—become an Oktoberfest Fanklub member!**

We rely on our Very Invested Patrons to help support our biggest event of the year. Along with a goodie bag full of German treats and surprises, Fanklub members are invited to a special VIP happy hour on Friday, September 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. Donations are \$100 per person and support GAI cultural events and language programs throughout the year. Sign up online or call the office at 651.222.7027.