New Film Festival launches with theme, “Reel Women”

The Germanic-American Institute is proud to announce a new annual event, the Twin Cities’ first German film festival! This four-day event is produced with support from the DEFA (Deutsche Film Aktiengesellschaft) Film Library and the Goethe-Institut Chicago. The inaugural theme, “Reel Women,” highlights German films with women at the center of the narrative—women who have enacted social or cultural change in their lives and in the lives of those around them.

Thursday–Sunday, November 3–6
Details about venues and films coming soon at gaimn.org/filmfest

BOOK TALK
Free Berlin: Art, Urban Politics, and Everyday Life

Harvard professor and author, Briana Smith, will present an overview of her new book, Free Berlin: Art, Urban Politics, and Everyday Life. The book tells 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. Smith will highlight a series of artists and art collectives active in the walled city of West Berlin and socialist East Berlin, and highlight some of their memorable, and often humorous, art projects.

She will also discuss the long-term impact of these artists on grassroots urban activism in the contemporary city, including ongoing efforts to make the city affordable and accessible to all.

Saturday, October 29 | 3–4:30 PM
Held in the GAI third floor ballroom (not ADA accessible)
$12 admission includes a Kaffee und Kuchen reception after the talk
Buy tickets at gaimn.org/freeberlin

Stammtisch Curbside
Tuesday, October 11 | 11:30–noon
The menu: Geschnetzeltes (pork strips in paprika sauce), Spätzle, peas and carrots, 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, October 7. $13 for lunch and dessert.

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Haus & Grounds work session

OCTOBER 11
Stammtisch Curbside

OCTOBER 15
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Vom Ton zum Topf pottery workshop

Kids and Teens

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Teen Escape Room auf Deutsch

GAI GRUPPEN

OCTOBER 17
GAI Damenklub

OCTOBER 18
Deutscher Sprachklub
PARTNER EVENT
The Mendelssohns with VocalEssence Saturday, October 15 | 7 PM
Musical talent often runs in families, and one of history’s most talented set of siblings were the Mendelssohns—Felix and Fanny. Join VocalEssence singers, soloists, and an honor choir comprised of area high school singers as they present Felix and Fanny’s marvelous musical creations. Use code WELCOME2223 for 25% off tickets. More info at vocalessence.org

PARTNER EVENT
Webinar: Last Train to Auschwitz Wednesday, November 2 | 7–9 PM
Author Dr. Sarah Federman will present her book, Last Train to Auschwitz, which explores the legal cases surrounding the French National Railways’ culpability during the Holocaust and efforts in the U.S. to hold a business accountable to the survivors and descendants. More info at worldwithoutgenocide.org/lasttrain

PARTNER EVENT
Film: Hannah Arendt Wednesday, November 16 6 PM reception | 7 PM film
The University of St. Thomas will screen Margarethe von Trotta’s 2012 film, Hannah Arendt. The film centers on Arendt, a political theorist, author, and Holocaust survivor, and her response to the 1961 trial of Adolf Eichmann, which she covered for The New Yorker. Introduced by Dr. Kirsten Christensen, executive director of the Twin Cities German Immersion School. More info at gaimn.org/arendt

ST. PAUL
Oktoberfest
Herzlichen Dank!
We couldn’t be more grateful to our sponsors, Fanklub members, and amazing volunteers! Herzlichen Dank for making St. Paul Oktoberfest an unforgettable celebration.
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

Filmkurs: Der Zweite Weltkrieg und die DDR im Film
Mondays, October 17–November 7 | 6:30–8 p.m.
Do you like to watch German language films? Learn more about the GDR/reunification and World War II in this four-week course. We will discuss the following movies: The Lives of Others (2006), Goodbye, Lenin! (2003), The Downfall (2004) and The Counterfeiters (2007). German level B1/B2
Online via Zoom | $110 | Register at gaimn.org/special-programs

Die Dritte Hand Krimi Buchklub
Thursdays, October 20–November 10 | 6:30–8 p.m.
In this 4-week German class, students will learn Krimi (crime thriller) vocabulary in order to be able to dive into the plethora of German Fernsehkrimes available publicly on the websites of German TV stations. German level A1/B2
Online via Zoom | $110 | Register at gaimn.org/special-programs

Vom Ton zum Topf: Pottery workshop auf deutsch
Friday, October 28, 6–8 p.m.
This full-immersion pottery workshop will be held at Squeaky Wheel Pottery in Hastings. No experience in pottery is necessary. Participants will create cups or bowls on the potter’s wheel while practicing German.
$79 | Register at gaimn.org/special-programs

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. Learn more at Kinderstube-preschool.org

Order your Kinderstube spirit wear by October 5!
Options include men’s, women’s, and children’s t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts.
Order at tinyurl.com/28xjrbfa

AROUND THE HAUS
Haus & Grounds October work session
Haus & Grounds will hold our regularly scheduled work session on Saturday October 8, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with lunch and beer! We’ll be getting ready for winter and making general repairs. If you would like to volunteer or for more information on helping with gardening and maintenance of the GAI Haus, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.
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German Night at the Minnesota Wild
Saturday, October 15
4 PM pregame activities | 7 PM puck drop

Ab aufs Eis! Cheer on Minnesota’s hockey team at this special event with GAI members and friends.
Buy tickets through our website to join us for a photo on the ice, a pre-game party, and a chance to win fun prizes!
We encourage participants to wear fan gear like you would to a Fußball match, or since it’s October, dress up in your Oktoberfest best!

Find a detailed schedule and buy tickets at gaimn.org/hockey

Lunch with Ambassador Schlüter
Friday, October 28
11:30 AM–1:30 PM

Germany’s Zeitenwende: Setting New Priorities in Foreign, Security, and Energy Policy

Ambassador (ret.) Stefan Schlüter is on a two-week tour of U.S. cities to engage with Americans and discuss current issues in Germany and the state of the transatlantic relationship. During this meeting, Mr. Schlüter will discuss the domestic and international impact of Chancellor Olaf Scholz’s Zeitenwende speech in February, announcing a tremendous shift in Germany’s policies as a result of Russia’s war in Ukraine. He will also address how the cut in Russian gas deliveries affects climate policy and sustainable development goals in Germany.

Presented by the American Council on Germany and the Germanic-American Institute
Co-sponsored by Global Minnesota and the Minnesota Chapter of the German American Chamber of Commerce

Held in the GAI dining room
$30, tickets at gaimn.org/lunchtalk

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