



Spring into Language Learning

Spring classes begin April 8

Have you tried our German classes? If you are a beginner, our Start 1-2-3 series will put you on the road to basic communication. If you know some German but would like to take it to the next level, we also offer intermediate and advanced language and culture classes. It's never too early or too late to start learning a language! View our class schedule and register at **gaimn.org/adults**.

German Summer Camps



Plan your summer fun!

Add a GAI German camp to your child's summer fun. Our half-day week long camps (with optional extended care) immerse campers in themes such as *In der Märchenwelt* (into the world of fairy tales), *Musiktheater* (musical theater), All Things *Bauen* (engineering), *Kinder in der Küche* (cooking) and more! German beginners to bilingual children are welcome.

Learn more at gaimn.org/camps

Preschool for Fall



Registration now open

Families looking for a quality preschool should look no further than the GAI's German Immersion Preschool. With locations in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Kinderstube program focuses on a social-emotional approach that offers play-based learning in a fun environment. We guide young learners through early childhood while also preparing them for future academics.

Learn more at gaimn.org/kinderstube

EVENTS

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MARCH 1 Grapes to Glass: German Wine Workshop MARCH 7 Walker Art Center Tour: *Multiple Realities* MARCH 9 Teen Murder Mystery *Abend* MARCH 14 Partner Event: Uniting Across Borders MARCH 23+24 Pysanky European Egg Decorating

LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS Spring session registration open

KIDS AND TEENS Summer Camp registration open

GAI GRUPPEN

MARCH 16 Modelleisenbahn Gruppe MARCH 18 GAI Damenklub MARCH 20 Deutscher Sprachklub



March Stammtisch Tuesday, March 12 | 11:30-noon

Das Menü: Schweinefilet (pork loin) with sauerkraut, green beans and potatoes, with carrot cake for dessert. Pick up your meal between 11:30 and noon.

Please call the office at 651.222.7027 or e-mail office@gaimn.org to **RSVP by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6.** *\$14 for lunch and dessert*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Grapes to Glass: German Wine Workshop March 1 | 6–8 PM

Take a tour of the 13 German wine regions and learn about what makes them special. You'll sample wines from at least five regions, some featured from the vineyards we'll visit on our August German Wine Tour! Sommelier & German Wine Ambassador Amy Waller will be your guide through the exciting world of German wines. *Learn more at gaimn.org/wine-workshop*



Walker Art Center Tour: Multiple Realities March 7 | 10 AM-12 PM

Join us for an exclusive group tour of *Multiple Realities: Experimental Art in the Eastern Bloc, 1960s–1980s* at the Walker Art Center. *Multiple Realities* sheds light on ways that artists refused, circumvented, eluded, and subverted official systems, in the process creating works often riddled with wit, humor, or irony. *Learn more at gaimn.org/multiple-realities*



Pysanky European Egg Decorating March 23+24 | 2-5 PM

Two days – choose Saturday or Sunday! Create vibrantly hued and highly detailed works of art on a simple egg. Participants will apply wax using traditional tools, dye eggs in a succession of colors to create multicolored eggs, and remove wax to reveal the final colors. Best for ages 12 and older. *Learn more at gaimn.org/pysanky*



Apprenticeship and You April 10 | 6-7:30 PM

Increasingly more U.S. students and families are choosing apprenticeships as the debt-free, post-secondary education option leading to a rewarding and high paying career. Join us to learn more about local, national and international opportunities, and hear directly from apprenticeship directors at Bühler and ICATAP. *Learn more at gaimn.org/apprenticeship-and-you*



Partner Event: Uniting Across Borders March 14 | 6–8 PM

Write letters to political prisoners in Russia who are detained for protesting the war in Ukraine. This prisoner support strives to build and preserve democracy. Prisoners who get letters receive better treatment because the guards know that the prisoners aren't alone. All materials will be provided, registration is not required. *Learn more at gaimn.org/uniting-across-borders*



German Wine Tour AUGUST 2–11, 2024 Visit Mainz, Deidesheim, Urzig & Wiesbaden

German Wine Tour August 2–11

Enjoy stunning vineyard views and the best wines Germany has to offer as we visit the regions of Franken, Pfalz, Mosel, and Rheingau! We'll visit spectacular sites, including a hike through the steepest vineyard in Europe and a visit to the Rheingau Wine Festival. We'll also have exclusive access to some of the best vineyards, cellars and tasting rooms in Germany. *Learn more at gaimn.org/ german-wine-tour*

GAI GERMAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



Kinderstube updates

On February 19, our entire Kinderstube team participated in customized training led by one of our St. Paul Kinderstube parents, Juliane Schicker. Juliane is a German professor at Carleton College, and has spent the past several months working with a student helper on a grant-funded preschool language immersion project. Together, Celia and Juliane have looked at existing research on early childhood immersion practices, connected with German immersion preschools in Wisconsin and New York, and Juliane has observed practices at both of our schools.

Our team learned about best practices and received practical tools to help improve our craft. We are so grateful to Juliane and Celia, and look forward to next steps following our training (including a published journal article!).

Hiring Kinderstube Head Teacher

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool is hiring! We're looking for an experienced teacher who wishes to be a leader and mentor for other staff members and brings a positive attitude and joyful spirit to the program. Learn more at gaim.org/employment

For kids and teens

Teen Murder Mystery Abend March 9 | 5-8 PM

Unlock the secrets of the silver screen at *Babelsberger Lügen* – a thrilling teen murder mystery night. Immerse yourself in an evening of suspense and suspicion as you investigate the untimely demise of a renowned movie director, whose fatal car crash casts a shadow over the glitzy awards show scheduled for the next day. Was it a tragic accident, or is there more to this story than meets the eye? Grab your detective hat and join us for a night filled with clues, conspiracies, and clandestine affairs.

Dress up is encouraged but not mandatory. This is a full immersion event for teens 12-16 years old. Minimum language level A2 required.

Learn more and register at gaimn.org/teen-mystery-abend

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds March work session

Haus & Grounds will hold their regularly scheduled work session on Saturday, March 9, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with lunch and beer! This month they will be working on routine maintenance. If you would like to volunteer or to get more information about helping maintain the GAI Haus and grounds, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.





German Storytime

German Storytime Every third Saturday of the month | 11–11:45 AM Next storytime on March 16

Join for a fun-filled storytime auf deutsch. Children and their families will immerse themselves in stories, songs and activities that foster language skills. The storytime will be conducted in German and is geared towards children who have German as a home language, have been exposed to German through classes or immersion programs, or have at least basic knowledge of the German language.

Learn more gaimn.org/ storytime



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Willkommen, RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS!

We're excited to welcome three of our outstanding board members back for another three-year term: Philipp Burchartz, Todd Brand and Carla Passon. We're so thankful for these and all our dedicated board members for their continued commitment to serving our organization and community! 2024 Executive Board

Aaron Verdell Call, *Board Chair* Jasmin Quiggle, *Vice Chair* Gary Shipp, *Secretary* Philipp Burchartz, *Treasurer*

GAI Member Deals



Brueske's Bread

Enjoy \$5 off your first order of artisan bread from Brueske's Bread. Pre-order by Thursday, March 14th at the link below and use discount code **gaimember**. Pick up your fresh German breads, rolls, or pretzels at the GAI on Saturday, March 16th between 10AM-12PM. **Pre-order at brueskesbread.com**

Bach Society of Minnesota

The Bach Society of MN is teaming up with Rochester's Choral Arts Ensemble for A Symphony of Joy—an unforgettable performance with music of the Bach family. GAI Members can get 20% off tickets for the March 10 performance using promo code **GAI**. **Buy tickets at bachsocietymn.org/ a-symphony-of-joy**

Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery

Buy one/get one beer at Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery—year round! One per member. Members must show their membership confirmation email/ letter with member ID and expiration date.

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