The German Society of Pennsylvania

presents

The Ephrata Cloister Chorus

Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 3:00pm

The German Society of Pennsylvania
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611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
## Calendar of Events

### December 2013
- **Sun. Dec. 29 3pm** Opening Event for the celebration of our 250th Anniversary Year

### January 2014
- **Sat. Jan. 4 11am** Women's Auxiliary Appreciation Party
- **Sat. Jan. 1 11:30am** *Buchclub*, Library, with Juli Zeh, "Schilf" ("Dark Matter" or "In Free Fall")
- **Mon. Jan. 13 11:30am** Start of Winter Term Language Classes
- **Fri. Jan. 17 6:30pm** Friday FilmFest presents "Marlene" (German with English subtitles)
- **Thurs. Jan. 23 6pm** Library Lecture Series: Dr. Friederike Baer – German-Americans, Nativism, and Murder: The Trials of Paul Schoeppe
- **Fri. Jan. 24 6pm** Women’s Auxiliary Fundraiser: Evening in the Black Forest at City Tavern
- **Mon. Jan. 27 7pm** Board of Directors Meeting, Ratskeller
- **Wed. Jan. 29 7pm** Konversationsabend: Jahresplanung

### February 2014
- **Sat. Feb. 1 10am** Women's Auxiliary Monthly Meeting in the Ratskeller
- **Fri. Feb. 14 6:30pm** Friday FilmFest presents "Ernst Lubitsch in Berlin" (German with English subtitles)
- **Wed. Feb. 19** Library Lecture Series: Dr. Randall Donaldson
- **Sat. Feb. 22 1:30pm** 3rd Annual Bierfest

### March 2014
- **Sat. March 1 10am** Women's Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

### Save the Dates for our Next of “Wister and More!” Concerts...
- **Sun. Jan. 5 3pm** Claire Huangci—Piano Recital
  Claire Huangci, born in Rochester, NY, stated playing piano at six years of age. She was accepted into the Settlement Music School, Curtis Institute of Music, and is currently studying at the Hannover Hochschule fuer Musik in Germany. In 2010, she participated in the Queen Elizabeth competition and became a laureate.

- **Sun. Feb. 2 3pm** The Delius Society presenting Davyd Booth & Michael Stairs
  Davyd Booth and Michael Stairs are both members of the Delius Society, play for it frequently and have made a number of recordings at Longwood Gardens. Davyd has been a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra since 1973. Michael, a former Curtis student, has been the official organist of the Philadelphia Orchestra since 1986.

- **Sun. March 2 3pm** Bach Choir of Bethlehem presenting Young Meister Bach
  The Bach Choir of Bethlehem was founded in 1898 and is the oldest American Bach Choir. It’s mission is to perform the works of J.S. Bach and to promote and encourage appreciation of their aesthetic and spiritual value through education and performance.
History of the German Society of Pennsylvania

In 1683 thirteen families from Krefeld under the leadership of Frankfurt lawyer, Franz Daniel Pastorius, founded the first German colony in America: Germantown — today part of Philadelphia. Many of these immigrants formed clubs that enabled them to preserve their cultural heritage. They also formed clubs that emphasized a specific geographic area, such as the Swabians, Bavarians, Saxons, Danube Swabians, Plattdeutsche, Tyroleans, and many others.

The German Society of Pennsylvania, founded in 1764, is the oldest German organization in the United States. It was founded to protect German immigrants from unscrupulous shipping agents and to ensure just treatment on their arrival here.

Since that time, the German Society has dedicated its efforts to preserving German heritage. This it does, for instance, by offering a full-fledged German language program as well as scholarships and prizes to students of German. In addition, the Society is a source of cultural programs, lectures, film series, and seminars. These events build bridges and strengthens relations among individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments.

The fine arts program also includes presentations that feature European music and literature as well as access to the Joseph P. Horner Memorial Library for education and research. The newly restored Library, holding over 70,000 volumes, is the largest private German library outside the Federal Republic of Germany.

In serving its members and the community, and in all its undertakings, the Society strives to benefit anyone in need of its resources.

Since the time of Pastorius, more than 8,000,000 Germans reached these shores. Today, 29% of the total population in the United States claims Germany ancestry.
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