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Oktoberstef: A Dance Party!

Join us on **Friday, October 6 at 8pm** in the German Society's fabulously retro Ratskeller to celebrate three occasions with one great party: It's German-American Day, it's Oktoberfest season, and it's our favorite DJ, Stephan Kadauke's birthday! Come for a selection of seasonal beers, Oktoberfest-inspired snacks, and transatlantic music tracks that will keep the dancefloor busy! Show up in your Dirndl or Lederhosen to get a free drink. Must be 21+ to enter. Admission is free, but you can help us plan by [reserving your spot on our website](#).

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presents:

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Friday, October 6th, 2023
8 PM - whenever!

The Ratskeller at The German Society of Pennsylvania
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The Party AG looks forward to serving up a selection of seasonal beers and other beverages, Oktoberfest-inspired food and snacks, and transatlantic music tracks that will keep the dancefloor busy! Show up in your Dirndl or Lederhosen and receive a free drink.

October 2023 Events

- 1 Gentle Yoga, 11am
- 2 Global Quizzo with the World Affairs Council, 7:00pm
- 6 Oktoberstef - A Dance Party!, 8:00pm
- 8 "Wister and More" presents Elissa Lee Koljonen and Amy Yang, 3:00pm
- 11 Baroque to Folk: A German/Jewish Journey with Bach, Beer, & Ben-Haim, 7:00pm
- 12 Library Treasure Tour: "A Century of Immigrant Aid: The German Society's Agentur Ledgers, 1847-1947", 6:00pm
- 14 Buchclub: *Homo Faber* by Max Frisch, 1:30pm
- 18 Konversationsabend, 6:00pm
- 20 Friday Film Fest: *Die Unbeugsamen*, 6:30pm
- 21 Wandern at the Willows, 11:00am

GAHF 2023 Distinguished German American Award Gala

Join the **German American Heritage Foundation (GAHF)** to celebrate German American culture and achievements at their annual black tie gala on **Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 6pm** at the historic Willard Hotel in Washington, DC. This year the GAHF will be honoring **Dr. Hans-Jörg Königsmann**, former VP of Build and Flight Reliability at SpaceX, as the 2023 Distinguished German American of the Year. [Click here to get tickets!](#)

As one of the first employees of SpaceX, still a startup at the time, Königsmann was hired by Elon Musk in 2002 as VP of Avionics, later became Launch Chief Engineer, and finally rose to the rank of VP of Build and Flight Reliability where he was responsible for the safe completion of SpaceX missions.

Baroque to Folk

Join us on **October 11 at 7:00pm** for **Baroque to Folk: A German/Jewish Journey featuring Bach, Beer, & Ben-Haim!**

This special concert, part of our German Jewish Heritage Series, will feature a classical, folk, and jazz ensemble including members of the Philadelphia Orchestra led by cellist Udi Bar-David. Join us for an evening of music that crosses borders, while exploring the unique and shared history of the German and Jewish musical traditions and inter-actions over the last 300 years.

In honor of Maestro Wolfgang Sawallisch's 100th birthday, we will share soulful and entertaining music, while welcoming a dialogue as we bridge and create a community together. A Clarinet Quintet of the Philadelphia Orchestra will perform a special tribute to Maestro Sawallisch, on the eve of the Orchestra's tour of Germany and China. An American/Israeli vocalist and composer will be joining Udi and the ensemble with an innovative medley of folk and jazz in celebration of the German/Jewish musical connection. [Get your tickets here.](#)

Featured artists:

Tammy Scheffer, Vocalist & Composer

Ricardo Morales, Principal Clarinet*

Amy Oshiro-Morales, Violin*

Mei Ching Huang, Violin*

Marvin Moon, Viola*

Udi Bar-David, Cello*

*Philadelphia Orchestra Musician

German Bake-Off and Book Signing with Jürgen Krauss

Jürgen Krauss is a professional baker and former contestant of *The Great British Baking Show* whose love for baking began during his childhood in the Black Forest. On the show he was known as the master of German bread-making, the perfect showcase for his technical precision and creative flavors. Jürgen will be at the **Barnes & Noble in Philadelphia** (1708 Chestnut Street) on **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00pm** to celebrate the release of his new book, *The German Baking Book*, by judging a German bake-off!

Observation is open to all, but to participate in the competition, you must fill out an entry form here: <https://rb.gy/jqveo>. It's free to enter, and then all you need to do is bring your German baked good into the store, where Jürgen will be joined by a local bakery to select the best entry!

Jürgen will also be signing copies of his new cookbook at the end of the bake-off. He will only be signing books purchased at the Barnes & Noble in Philadelphia; proof of purchase is required. Copies are available now if you would like to purchase one before the event, but copies will also be available on the day of.

Meet Europe's Leaders in Green Energy and Hydrogen

The Federal State of Hamburg is home to one of the most international and prosperous economies in the world. Their innovative green tech focus as well as their effort to decarbonize the economy are key factors for their success. Hamburg is one of Europe's leading business locations for offshore wind and will become a major Hydrogen hub for Germany and Europe in the near future. Hamburg is a first mover for ramping up a hydrogen economy and has already started building one of the world's first pure Hydrogen Distribution Grids. Not surprisingly, Hamburg was already the European Green Capital of the EU. They are constantly reinventing themselves, and the US will become even more important as a close friend, ally, and business partner.

Spearheaded by **Hamburg Senator Dr. Melanie Leonhard**, a delegation of 20 companies from the hydrogen and offshore wind sectors will be visiting the US and Canada in October. The **German American Chamber of Commerce Philadelphia** cordially invites you to join them for a networking reception with the delegation from Hamburg on **Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-8:30pm!**

The event is free, but registration is required. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

