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Gala Milonga at the GSP

On **December 17**, join us for a special **Gala Milonga** celebrating Kelly Ray's 30 years of teaching and organizing Argentine Tango in the Philadelphia area! Kelly's first milonga in Philadelphia took place at the GSP 30 years ago, so it's fitting that this anniversary celebration returns to our building now. GSP members may also remember Kelly from his KA presentation on Tango this past June.

The event features music by the fabulous Abaddón New York Tango Sextet and special guest DJ Maria Aldrete! Guests will also be treated to lavish refreshments, including Indian delicacies by Santosh H.

There will be a **lesson from 4-5pm** for any new dancers, and the **milonga will begin at 5pm**. [Get your tickets here today!](#)

Recorded Lecture Now Available

If you missed our Zoom lecture with Julius Wilm, "A German-American Revolutionary Takes Office: Carl Schurz and the Waning of African American and Indigenous Rights in 1870s America", don't worry! The lecture is now available to view on our YouTube channel. [Click here to watch!](#)

December 2023 Events

- 2 Christkindlmarkt, 12:00pm
- 3 Gentle Yoga, 11:00am
- 4 Breakfast Briefing with Michael Georg Link, 8:00am
- 8 Fühl the Heat: A Wintery Glühwein Dance Party, 8:00pm
- 10 PhillyKinder Familiennachmittag, 4:00pm
- 13 Konversationsabend: Weihnachtsfeier, 6:00pm
- 15 Winter Spirits, 7:30pm
- 16 Wandern at the Willows, 11:00am

GSP Items Featured in Stuttgart Exhibition

Three items belonging to the German Society are currently on loan to the **Haus der Geschichte Baden Württemberg** in Stuttgart as part of an exhibition titled, **American Dreams: Ein neues Leben in den USA!** The exhibition opened on November 17 and will run through July 28, 2024.

The exhibition, featuring around 200 original objects from gold rush nuggets to wooden pillows, tells the stories of 34 people from three centuries who all left the German southwest to start a new life in America.

The German Society's items which are being displayed are: a portrait of the first president of the GSP, Henry Keppele, Keppele's hand-written family register, and an Applicants' Ledger from the Society's "Agentur" Collection.

You can read more about the exhibition and related programming on the Haus der Geschichte website. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Christmas in Southern Germany with Piffaro, the Renaissance Band

Join Piffaro, the Renaissance Band, for their upcoming holiday concert! From **December 8-10**, soprano Clara Rottsolk and wind players Sian Ricketts, Stephanie Corwin, and Héloïse Degrugillier return to celebrate Christmas in southern Germany! This concert will visit major German centers of Renaissance music making and wind playing, such as Nuremberg, Augsburg, and Heidelberg, introducing new pieces and arrangements and bringing back to life some beloved Piffaro favorites.

On the program:

- Settings of the Advent hymn *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*
- Lieder for a cold winter's day, including Caspar Othmayr's *Es ist ein Schnee gefallen*
- 17th century motets transcribed by Augsburg composer Adam Gumpelzhaimer
- Joyful Christmas hymns, including long-time audience favorite, Hans Leo Hassler's *In dulci jubilo*

In-person and virtual tickets are available for each of the three performances, which take place at different locations in Philadelphia and Wilmington. [Click here to get yours today!](#)

Advent Wreath Workshop with the German American Heritage Museum

On **December 9 from 11am-1pm**, join the German American Heritage Museum in Washington, DC to learn how to make a traditional German *Adventskranz* in time for the holidays! Whether you've never had an Advent wreath before, or can't remember a Christmas without one, welcome the holiday season German-style with this beautiful decoration!

Space is limited. In-person and online attendance options are available. In-person tickets are \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members, and online tickets are \$10. [Click here for more details and to reserve your spot!](#)



PhillyKinder Familiennachmittag und Laternenumzug at the GSP

On Sunday, November 12, families from PhillyKinder and the GSP met to enjoy an afternoon of crafts, stories, and a St. Martin's Day Parade around the neighborhood. A great time was had by all, as you can see from these photos! *Was für ein schöner Tag!*



Hybrid Lecture: "German-Romance Language Contact in the Italian Alps"

Since ancient times, the Alps have been a transitional space between German(ic) and Latin/Italian cultures. This lecture, produced by the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, will introduce the citizen science [AlpiLinK project](#), which aims to document the Germanic and Romance dialects and minority languages spoken across the Alpine regions of Italy. The talk will feature recordings and images from centuries-old German speech islands and the surrounding Romance dialects.

Presenter [Stefan Rabanus](#) is Professor of German linguistics at the University of Verona in Italy. Trained at the universities of Mainz, Greifswald, and Marburg in Germany, his research interests include dialectology, the history of the German language, language contact, and digital humanities.

The event takes place on **Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00pm Eastern (6:00pm Central)**. Pre-registration is required. Email Antje Petty (apetty@wisc.edu) to receive a Zoom link. [Click here to learn more about the event.](#)