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### EStrella Piano Duo

Please join us at the German Society on **Sunday, March 17 at 3pm** as we welcome the EStrella Piano Duo to our stage!

Bursting onto the musical scene in 2011 with a series of great Russian masterpieces, EStrella Piano Duo, Svetlana Belsky and Elena Doubovitskaya, share their Russian/Ukrainian heritage and training, as well as their enthusiasm for virtuosic four-handed piano recitals.



### March 2024 Events

3 Gentle Yoga, 11:00am

10 **Buchclub:** *Professor Unrat oder das Ende eines Tyrannen* by Heinrich Mann, 1:30pm

9 Bösendorfer Youth Music Festival Concert, 3:00pm

13 Konversationsabend, 6:00pm

15 Zoom Presentation - "American Dreams, a New Life in the USA, 12:00pm EDT

15 Friday Film Fest: *Das Lehrerzimmer*, 6:30pm

16 Wandern at the Willows, 11:00am

17 Wister and More Presents: EStrella Piano Duo, 3:00pm

### Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rare Book Department: Beyond Borneman

Who was Henry S. Borneman and how did the Free Library of Philadelphia come to acquire his collection of Pennsylvania German manuscripts, fraktur, and imprints? Learn about the history of the Free Library's [Pennsylvania German collection](#) and see highlights from the collection.

2024 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Rare Book Department. To celebrate this anniversary, the Rare Book Department will offer extended evening hours until 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, and a free behind-the-scenes, sneak peek program to interested visitors from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for an updated schedule of events.

## American Dreams Zoom Presentation

Please join us for a Zoom presentation at **12:00pm EST on Friday, March 15**. This is an exciting opportunity to take a virtual tour through the special exhibition "American Dreams, A New Life in the USA", now on display at the Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg, in Stuttgart, Germany.

Dr. Christina A. Ziegler-McPherson, one of the curators of the exhibition, will discuss the development of "American Dreams", with a special focus on the stories from Pennsylvania featured in the exhibition. A highlight will be a presentation of the material loaned by the German Society of Pennsylvania!

This event is brought to you with co-operation from our partners the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the German Historical Institute Washington (GHI). Register [Here!](#)



## Scholarship Apps are Still Open!

The German Society is still accepting scholarship applications for academic year 2024-25! The deadline is March 11th 2024 at 5pm.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of the Greater Delaware Valley (see list of eligible counties on our website)
- A senior in high school intending to major in German at college, OR
- A German major or minor at one of the colleges or universities listed on our website (double majors are also eligible)

Learn more about the program requirements and eligibility [on our website](#).

## Bösendorfer Youth Music Festival

### Bösendorfer Youth Music Festival Concert

Come join us **Saturday, March 9 at 3:00pm** for the final concert of our Bösendorfer Youth Music Festival. The Bösendorfer Youth Music Festival is a competitive musical event for students aged 6-18 produced by the German Society of Pennsylvania and named after our beautiful Bösendorfer piano. The final concert consists of performances by the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists for each age group and instrument category. Tickets [Here!](#)

### Help PhillyKinder Recover from Fire

In January, a fire tragically struck our partner organization, PhillyKinder, at their rental location at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church. The program has been forced to relocate until this coming fall, placing an unforeseen financial burden on an organization that provides a unique service to the region's German-speaking families and is a regular partner with the German Society's Children's Programs Committee.

The Society is donating to assist our friends at PhillyKinder and would gladly add to that sum any donations that you might wish to make. You can do so by sending a check to the German Society at our Spring Garden address or by going on our website and using our [donation button here](#). Remember to indicate in the note field that the donation is for PhillyKinder. Thank you for your support for such a special program!

