

Das Deutsche Echo

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Please join us for

An Afternoon with The Barthelmes Trio

Sunday, February 25, commencing at 3 PM in the Great Hall of the GAST Center

Music by Enrique Granados (1867 - 1916) Franz Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809) Antonín Dvorák (1841–1904)

The **Barthelmes Trio** was founded in March 2005. The ensemble consists of Barthelmes Conservatory faculty Dana Maher, piano; Kevin Jackson, cello; and Terry Pollak, violin. Offering a selection of Chamber works from Classical, Romantic and Contemporary music repertoire, the trio is motivating, exciting and full of energy. The Trio sets high performance standards and serves as a "Role Model" for the students.

Dana F. Maher, Piano, began her musical career at the age of thirteen as a church pianist and choral accompanist. She received her Bachelor of Arts (1991) and Master of Music (1996) degrees in Piano Performance from the University of Tulsa Henry Kendall College of Music where she studied primarily with Dr. Roger Price. Dana is a member various Music Teachers Associations. She holds MTNA National Certification in Piano and Theory. Dana Maher founded the Amadeus Piano Festival in 1995 and served as the Festival's Artistic Director from 1995 to 2006 and continues today as Festival Artistic Director. Dana Maher became a faculty member of the Barthelmes Conservatory in Summer of 2003.

Kevin Jackson, Cello, received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Tulsa. Mr. Jackson has served as an instructor in several Tulsa Public Schools, as well as in his own private studio. Mr. Jackson has also taught in the Tulsa Public Schools Summer String Enrichment Program and Barthelmes Conservatory Summer String Program. He currently serves as the Instrumental Music Director for Gilcrease Intermediate School. He joined the Barthelmes Conservatory faculty in 2002.

Terry Pollak, Violin, received his Bachelor of Music degree in violin with a minor in music theory from North Texas State University and his Master of Music degree in violin from Southern Methodist University. He later studied viola at The University of Oklahoma while earning his Teacher Certification. He is currently a violist with the Signature Symphony. Prior to coming to Tulsa he was a violist for the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, and has been a violinist with several orchestras including the Fort Worth Symphony and the Jacksonville Symphony in Florida. Terry Pollak became a faculty member of the Barthelmes Conservatory in Fall of 2003.

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM				-	Germanfest begins	_	Sonntagskaffee	
	Feb 25	Barthelmes Trio	Apr 1	Sonntagskaffee Stammtisch	-	Stammtisch Konversationsrunde		Stammtisch Sonntagskaffee
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	Mar 4	Sonntagskaffee		Konversationsrunde	•		Nov 4	Sonntagskaffee
	Mar 11	Konversationsrunde	Apr 22	Gen Mbrship meeting	Jul 1	Sonntagskaffee		
	Mar 23	Weinkeller	Apr 27	Weinkeller	Jul 6	Stammtisch		

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



Dave Schoneweis and his committee are working hard preparing for our Germanfest event, scheduled for the first weekend in May. The advertising has already begun. Again, we will need many volunteers to make this a success. The sub-chairpersons will be calling people for their areas and they tend to call people they know. So if you have any special skills or interest in working in food service or schlepping tables and chairs, call the office 744-6997 and leave your name and phone number. We always need people with some experience using a cash register or willingness to take about an hour of training.

The weather finally cleared and we were able to have Fasching as scheduled. The Elferrat under the leadership of **Harold Wicks** put on a great party including a special appearance by the Soggy Bottom Boys. Prince Paul I and Prinzessin Ginny I (**Paul and Ginny Greek**) were properly toasted and they awarded medals to several special members. On the following Monday, with decorations still in place, we had a youth Fasching Party. Our youth chair **Katie Sloan** with the help of **Carol and Don Wright, Arnold Bieber** and **Marianne Segner** partied with about forty students.

Now always on the Wednesday after the Board meeting

Echo Deadline is: Wednesday, March 21 by 6 PM

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At our February Board meeting, the 2007 Budget was approved as written after much debate. The date of April 22, 2007, was selected for our Annual General Membership Meeting when we elect new Officers and Directors. Christy Fell, chairperson of the Nominating Committee reported that a slate of nominees was almost complete. We also set the date of April 7, 2007, for the Children's Easter Party, so parents and grandparents mark your calendars.

We still have a Weinkellerabend on the fourth Friday of each month, the Sonntagskaffee on the first Sunday of each month and the Stammtisch on the first Friday of the month. These are good events for our many new members to meet other new members and many that have been around a few years.

- Charles Tegeler

.. from the Arts President

Kinderdeutsch began on January 27. We had a good an important source of income for Arts programs. turnout and classes are proceeding well. Please note that we will, if necessary, hold makeup classes if any sessions are canceled due to inclement weather.

There was a near record enrollment for adult language classes on February 13. Sixty three enthusiastic students signed up with thirty eight of them pre enrolled to ensure they had a seat. This is a testimony to the excellence of our teachers! There were many familiar faces to be seen in class along with new students.

The Barthelmes Trio will perform for us at 3 PM on Sunday, February 25. The program features works by Granados, Haydn and Dvorák. The performance will last about ninety minutes with one intermission. A reception follows. The musicians have been hard at work preparing for the recital and recently rehearsed at the Center. I had the pleasure to hear the rehearsal and know this will be a delightful afternoon of good music.

The American Theater Organ Society returns on September 21. Other musical events are being planned. No details are available at the moment.

Our annual garage sale is fast approaching. This is

Your donations of salable items are needed to support the sale. Small items may be left at the office. Please contact me or Arnold Bieber for storage of larger items.

The Speaker's Bureau remains busy with regular requests for appearances at different venues. Please contact **Arnold Bieber** to arrange for a speaker or to volunteer in the program. Share your experiences with an interested audience.

The temperature is twenty degrees as this is written so I again suggest this is a good time to enjoy some of the new books received by our Library. Curl up in your favorite chair with a book and some hot tea. Many titles are available on a broad range of topics in both German and English.

All Arts Association events are free and open to the public. Come enjoy them and remember to bring a friend.

Best wishes,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

A big Thank You to Gaby Richardson for hosting the February Konversationsrunde on short notice. Barbara and Gerald Taron's presentation of their experiences and fabulous pictures of Myanmar (formerly Burma) was a treat for all present.

The March 11, 2007 meeting will be hosted by **Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt** at 5133 E 86th Place. You will hear all about the famous American composer George Gershwin and his master piece Porgy and Bess.

The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspices of the German-American Society of Tulsa Arts Association. It serves to promote the German language and other cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information or hosting one of our meetings, please call **Barbara Conrad** at 492-3273 (Chair) or **Gertrud Schmidt** at 495-3727 (Co-chair).

—Gertrud Schmidt

Tater People



Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "Speck Taters".



Some people are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

They are called "Comment Taters".



Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands.

They are called "Dick Taters".



Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

They are called "Agie Taters"



There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

They are called "Hezzie Taters".



Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "Emma Taters".



Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will do. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

"They are called "Sweet Taters".

Which one do you choose to be?



Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation Monday, March 5

Starting at 6:30 PM

Heimatmelodien

Starting at 7:30 PM
Es war Mord und ein
Dorf schweigt

Starring: Betina Zimmermann, Johannes Brandrup, Julia Richter and Arnd Klarwitter

...from the Building President

March 07

Our building now has a fully licensed kitchen. The Tulsa County Health Department does a periodic inspection. We recently had an inspection and we passed with just four minor problems. All of those have been addressed and corrected.

The kitchen was used for the annual Fasching party and will be in full operation during Germanfest. Kitchen volunteers are encouraged to get their food handlers card. It requires a class and test which take approximately one hour. You may sign up by calling the **Health Department at 582-9355.**

Our building is in use nearly every day of the year. At this time we have 26 leases for 2007 and one for 2008. We are looking for new **volunteers** to join the leasing committee. You will have some training and partner experience before you host leased events in the building. If you are interested or have questions, please call me or Becky in the office on MWF from 9:00 to 3:00 at 744-6997.

Harold is waiting for some nice weather to start working on the grounds. If you notice anything around the building that needs to be addressed, please call me 625-7629 or write to me at **amishkitchen@mail.com**.

—Elam Blank

The GAST Nomination Committee is asking those interested in becoming Board of Directors members for GAST, GAST Arts Association and GAST Building Corporation to contact **Christy Fell** at 747-1919 or **Gwen Bieber** at 357-9156. There are several Director's position available. GAST Members will be voting on these positions at General Membership meeting to be held on Sunday, April 22nd.

Easter Party

Children from the age of 2-12 are invited to the GAST Easter party. It will be held from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7. There will be an Easter egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, games and refreshments. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Children should bring their Easter basket for the hunt. Contributions of side dishes and desserts would be greatly appreciated. Please call 744-6998 to RSVP by Wednesday, April 4.

—Janet Jamison

GAST is collecting

non-perishable items for the Tulsa Food Bank. Please bring your items to any of the parties.

Let's show Tulsa we care!

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Iris and Ray Andrasko 2447 E. 53rd St. Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105 743-3280

Terry and Debra Cumbey 13803 S. 19th Ct. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 366-3963

Nathan D. Laird 3693 N. 248 Rd. Mounds, Oklahoma 74047 918-366-7369 Ray and Elizabeth Markley 1136 S. Florence Ave. Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104 584-0203

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New Years Eve Party at GAST

A picture of our young people having fun at the GAST New Years Eve Party.



The Sunshine Lady

Please call or E-mail me if you know of a GAST member who is ill.

Last Month a sympathy card was sent to the George Parker family. Get well cards went to Karl-Heinz Darnieder and Glen Cockrell.

Also, please let me know if it is appropriate to send a sympathy card. Thank you.

E-mail book_worm34@hotmail.com
Phone 357-9156
—Gwen Bieber



Stamp collectors alert!

GAST member **Jessie Tauber** has collected about 100 plus stamps from her correspondence with friends in Europe and will sell for best offer!

For further details, call Jessie at 728-8311

Giant GAST Garage Sale in March

The annual Garage sale will be coming up at the end of March. Please help us with this most important fund-raiser. We need help at the sale, we need more items and we do have a storage facility available.

Please call **Arnold Bieber** at 357-9156 if you are available to help and if you have items to be stored or to be picked up. Thanks,

—Barbara Conrad



Sonntagskaffee

Our next Sonntagskaffee will on Sunday, March 4, at 3:00 pm. This time we do not compete with the Super Bowl and I hope you will find the time to join us. Please call me or send an email (1-918-434-5995, silkehbecker@gmail.com) in case you have any questions or offer bringing a cake. See you soon.

-Silke Becker.



Friday, March 2, 2007 Come and join us, starting at 6:30 PM

—Dann Bjorklund, Chair

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