

THE CANADIAN-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY
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PATRON:
The Ambassador of Austria

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Dear Members and Friends:

Christmas has again been and gone and I hope you all had an opportunity to get away from the day-to-day things and enjoy time with your family and some introspection. We have entered into a new year and the Board of Directors of the Society wish you all a Happy and Prosperous, most importantly however a Healthy 2009!

“DER HERR KANZLEIRAT”

will be our main feature for our first video evening in 2009. It is a Marischka production of a typically Viennese comedy set in postwar Vienna, when among other pastimes, “Hamstern” was a necessity! It features the indomitable Hans Moser as Herr Kanzleirat, in one of his roles as a total curmudgeon of a bureaucrat. However, even sometimes bureaucrats have a weak side when it comes to pretty women and so does Moser who falls for the wiles of a flirtatious married woman. He maneuvers his holidays to coincide with hers at Velden am Wörthersee where confusion ensues when the lady’s husband arrives unexpectedly and mistaken identities lead to threats of marriage break-ups but also marriage proposals. Moser sings a charmingly typically Viennese song with words like “Tschapperl” and “Patscherl”. However, if you want to find out how it all ends you will just have to join us at the Musket on January 22nd, 2009!

For the “Vorspann” for our first presentation in 2009 we have chosen a presentation in the “Visions” series, this one being “Visions of Austria”. It is in English as it was produced by WLIW New York, however, an Austrian producer could not have done our beautiful country more justice! “Visions of Austria” offers a serene tour that invites you to linger, watching a virtual vacation. Shot in Winter and Spring the film captures the essence of what was once the crown jewel of Europe - even if we say so ourselves and might sound just a little chauvinistic!

Highlights include views of Hallstatt and the lake, historic Salzburg, a cruise along the Danube including Melk and Dürnstein Ruine, and on to Vienna. The soundtrack showcases pieces by Schubert, Mahler, Haydn and Mozart. Although a US production it was made possible in part by Austrian Airlines.

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- DATE:** Thursday, January 22nd, 2009 - 6:45 p.m.
- PLACE:** The Musket Dining Lounge
40 Advance Road, Etobicoke - Tel. (416) 231-6488
- TICKETS:** \$4.00 per person administrative contribution, no booking necessary.
- SPECIAL:** Our host will provide us again with a special for dinner (I believe this time a Schweinsbraten mit Knödl). Austrian wines are available. If you intend to dine prior to the movie please come early so that we can begin the feature film punctually at 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE EVENTS:

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

We have arranged a visit to the newly renovated **Art Gallery of Ontario** for a tour of the **Thomson collection of European Decorative Art**, which includes a large number of Austrian and German objects. The collection includes carved portrait miniatures from the Renaissance, including those of Philip the Fair, Margaret of Austria and Charles V. The Thomson family is very possessive of its collection and it is difficult to secure permission to give talks about it. We are, therefore, privileged to have an opportunity of a private tour.

- Date and Time** Saturday, February 7th, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Admission** \$14.40 per person, participants who are already members of the AGO will enter for free.
- 10:45 a.m. Main entrance to the AGO to afford time to check coats and obtaining the tickets.
- 11:00 a.m. Tour begins with a private tour guide who will explain the origin and history of these objects which would last approx. 90 minutes after which we will have some time left to look at the objects more closely and individually.
- 01:00 p.m. End of tour - If you wish to stay on at the AGO after our tour to visit other exhibits you may do so at no extra charge.

We will try to arrange a lunch somewhere nearby if sufficient interest in such a lunch can be generated. Please let us know your preference on that when you make your reservations.

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Reservations Tel: 416-928-1400 ask for Herta Goodyear or Herta Ritscher.

Payment Please send your payment by cheque by February 4, 2009 to
Canadian Austrian Society
C/o Frastacky Associates Inc.
Suite 1500
22 St. Clair Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario M4T 2S5

Or you may pay at the door, however, should you fail to keep your commitment we are sure you will understand that we will be obliged to invoice you accordingly since we have to guarantee attendance.

Sunday, February 1st, 2009 - SING ALONG with the Edelweiss Choir 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Please see the enclosed flyer announcing the first Sing Along with the Choir at the Donauschwaben Club at 1686 Ellesmere Road. This promises to be an enjoyable Sunday afternoon on a Winter's day, and hopefully will be only the first of an event that might just become an "institution".

MOST IMPORTANT EVENT

BALL AUSTRIA 2009

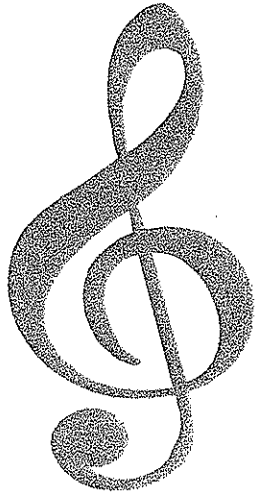
Please do not forget to mark February 28th, 2009 on your calendar for the most popular event of the year of our Society. We will be honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Austrian Ambassador, Mag. Werner Brandstetter, while the theme of the Ball this year will be the 200th Anniversary of the death of Joseph Haydn, one of the most prolific Austrian classical composers of all time. A special letter is going out to you this week still and please make your reservations early. The official invitations will be sent out to you in early February.

We hope to see you on Thursday, January 22nd at the Musket!

Sincerely yours



Christine Meyer
President



Please join us at the

first

Sing Along

with the **Edelweiss Choir.**

(German and English songs)

Sunday, February 1st 2009

from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*A Buffet is available after 12:00 noon
for \$13.00 (all taxes are included).*

Admission: \$10.00 per person (NO REFUND)

Children under 12 are FREE

Tombola (Raffle tickets)

At the

Association of the Danube Swabians

1686 Ellesmere Road, (Corner of McCowan & Ellesmere Rd.)

Scarborough, ON, M1H 2V5

One street south of RT McCowan Stop.

For tickets please call

Hilda 416-249-3880

or the office 416-290-6186.

Free underground parking