

## THE CANADIAN-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY OF TORONTO

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Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome back for the new Season 2011/2012 and we hope that you all had a beautiful and restful Summer. The Board of Directors has set the dates for this new season's events and we enclose the programme for events planned.

One of the most important items on today's agenda is to find a new Treasurer for our Society, to fill the position sadly left vacant with John Raschke's passing. We invite all members to bring forth nominations for a suitable person to fill the office of Treasurer.

The qualifications required would be simple: membership in good standing in the Society, knowledge of the goals and interests of our Society, and of course sufficient knowledge of accounting/bookkeeping to fulfill the responsibilities of a Treasurer.

We would ask that persons interested in taking on this responsibility mail in their application with qualifications and the Board of Directors will evaluate and select the person best suitable in its opinion. Please know that participating in the planning and guiding of events and of the operations to ensure its continuity of the Society and the services we provide to our members and friends is a satisfying experience and endeavour: – it by far outweighs the small burden of office. We can assure you that this work will not take up too much of your time and can be handled quite smoothly. We look forward to receiving your expressions of interest and know that you would find this participation satisfying and enjoyable.

Please mail your applications to the Canadian Austrian Society, at

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**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS AS ABOVE.**

We will commence the new season with a film evening:

**DATE:** Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6:45 p.m.

**PLACE:** The Musket Dining Lounge  
40 Advance Road, Etobicoke  
Tel. 416-231-6488

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ADMISSION: \$5.00 per person administrative contribution, no booking necessary.  
Our host will provide a special dinner and 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 8:00 p.m.

For the "Vorspann" we have a very special treat in store for you, a recreation of the first ever conquest of the **"Dachstein South Face" – "Die Erstbesteigung der Dachstein-Südwand"** in 1909. The South Face of this mountain massive is one of the mightiest freestanding climbing experiences in the Alps. 100 years ago, on September 22, 1909, the brothers Franz and Georg Steiner explored for the first time a direct route from the Ramsau through this immense mountain face to the summit, and in record time –which was then dubbed "The Steinerweg". And they did this in record time not surpassed to this date!

This film documents this momentous achievement with breathtaking pictures of the spectacular glacier world of the beautiful and awe-inspiring Dachstein Mountain and the natural paradise surrounding the "Ramsau". It shows the evolution of equipment from the first achievement 100 years ago to today's sophisticated rescue operations on foot or by helicopter.

Not enough though, it will also take you back in history to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, to a time when idealistic Lutherans smuggled their forbidden bibles along secret paths into this then inaccessible area at the foot of this mountain massive, where people followed their belief in secret masses despite the danger of persecution.

We hope to have as special guest, Gunter Kunzelmann with us, who could give us his commentary to the film by way of his very personal introduction and connection to these two mountain climbers, to whom he is actually related and thus would be able to give us a very personal perspective on this event.

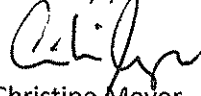
As the main feature we will show

**"HALLO JANINE"**

with Marika Röck, Johannes Heesters, Mady Rahl, Erich Ponto and Hubert von Meyerink, among others, from the year 1939. In the glittery world of Paris revue theatre she wants to reach the top: Janine, an attractive, vivacious, naive, charming, young woman with music in her step and a wonderful voice. However, her keenest rival for the main role is the girl-friend of the director. Will Janine have to wait again for her big success? Come and see!!!

See you on September 15, 2011!

Sincerely yours



Christine Meyer  
President

## CANADIAN AUSTRIAN SOCIETY

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2011/2012

Thursday, September 15, 2011	Film Evening
Saturday, October 15, 2011	Fall Excursion – Prince Edward County Visits to Wineries
<b>Sunday, October 30, 2011</b>	<b>Austrian National Holiday Residence of the President</b>
Thursday, November 17, 2011	Film Evening
Thursday, December 8, 2011	Christmas Get-Together
Thursday, January 19, 2012	Film Evening
Thursday, February 16, 2012	Film Evening
<b>Saturday, February 25, 2012</b>	<b>Ball Austria – Gala Ball</b>
Thursday, March 22, 2012	Film Evening
Thursday, April 19, 2012	Film Evening
Saturday, May 19, 2012	Spring Outing
<b>Thursday, June 21, 2012</b>	<b>Heuriger</b>

The above events are subject to change, details will follow for each event later.  
We again invite members to join the board as a special events coordinator and we also invite suggestions with regards to events, other than those above, should they be suitable to and enjoyable by most of our members.