

## THE CANADIAN-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY OF TORONTO





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### Dear Members and Friends:

We can report that the request for e-mail addresses has had a very good response and starting January 2012 we shall endeavour to send out our newsletters to as many electronic addresses as possible as opposed to mailing them by regular mail. This will indeed save us a considerable amount of postage expenses as well as time. Thank you and we hope that we shall receive more such addresses as time goes on. We consider this a "work in progress"!

# IMPORTANT CHANGE IN DATE - CHRISTMAS GET-TO-GETHER

Please note that for logistical reasons we have had to change the date for our annual Christmas Get-Together from December 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. We hope that this will not inconvenience anybody too much and that this notice is well in time to make the necessary changes in your calendar.

#### Please see the enclosed Invitation.

Our next event will be a film evening as promised:

Thursday, November 17, 2011 - 6:45 p.m.

PLACE:

DATE:

The Musket Dining Lounge

40 Advance Road, Etobicoke - Tel. (416) 231-6488

TICKETS:

\$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.

#### "SCHRAMMELN"

directed by Ernst Marischka, with Hans Moser, Paul Hörbiger, Hans Holt, Fritz Imhoff, Marte Harell, Paula Pfluger and many others. As a loose adaptation on historic events of the late 1900s, this amusing and warm-hearted film tells the story of the creators of the original "Schrammel Quartet", the Brothers Johann and Josef Schrammel, two violinists, who were joined by Anton Strohmayer on a double-necked contra guitar, and Georg Dänzer on the clarinet.

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The ensemble started out in the Viennese "Heurigen", however, once the "Schrammel euphoria" also gripped the Viennese elite, the quartet was invited to perform in palaces and mansions. "Schrammelmusik" even encompassed some of the earlier folk music forms, such as the Wienerlied dialect songs. In 1893 they were also invited to perform at the international Exposition of Chicago. "Schrammelmusik" eventually became inseparably entwined with "Wiener Volksmusik" and an example for uncountable successors to the Brothers Schrammel. But while it tells the story of the Brothers Schrammel it is also a little bit of a picture book of the Viennese lifestyle in the late 1900s. A number of "gemütliche Wienerlieder" round out a very enjoyable lighthearted movie.

As a "Vorspann" we have a beautiful documentary about our beloved Lipizzaner, which presents these famous horses not in their usual environment of the Hofreitschule but in their recently established second Summer home on the Heldenberg. "Die Lipizzaner am Heldenberg, Field Marshall Radetzky's Famous Neighbours" also presents the entire park area with its exhibitions of sculptures and gives beautiful vistas of Vienna and the surrounding area from this vantage point. It shows parts of a gala presentation of the world-famous horses on these historic grounds. The "Heldenberg" memorial was established in 1848 to honour the K+K Armies and it became Field Marshall Radetzky's last resting place.

#### **OTHER EVENTS**

#### THE BURGENLÄNDER CLUB - ANNUAL MARTINI DANCE

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Martini Dance will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2011 and please see the enclosed flyer for more details. Please note that the event will be held at a new venue, i.e. the Donauschwaben Club on Ellesmere. This is a very popular event so please reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

#### **NEW YEAR'S CONCERT 2012 – SALUTE TO VIENNA**

Held as always on January 1<sup>st</sup> at Roy Thomson Hall, this is "A rousing afternoon of music and dance welcoming in the new year!". Please see the enclosed flyer for information. This year's conductor is visiting from Budapest, a soprano and tenor from Vienna, and dancers will be from the Kiev-Aniko Ballet of Ukraine. It certainly promises to be a very beautiful event, as always. Again, this is a very popular event so please reserve your seats early.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Meyer

President