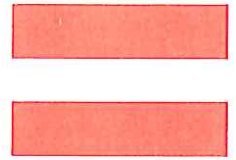


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Dear Members and Friends:

I am happy to report that this year's Ball Austria was again a superb success. Reports coming in from guests at the Ball range from "best meal ever" to "best show ever". Already the Champagne Reception with background music by Ken Jones at the grand piano set the tone for a festive event. The reincarnation, produced by Doug Zimmerman of two of the greatest tenors ever alive – Enrico Caruso and Luciano Pavarotti - was hugely applauded and rightly so. What made the show especially effective was that our two tenors very much resembled Caruso and Pavarotti, not only in their voices but also physically. Matt Lebar and his Orchestra did their usual magic for our guests some of whom stayed right to the bitter end. And thinking of our all-round, including our gastronomical wellbeing, the staff of the Delta Chelsea Hotel, everyone from the events planner, Ms. Leslie Anderton, to Executive Chef Gino Guercio, to the professional servers did Joe Ebner indeed proud! Thank you Mr. Ebner from all of us.

If you wish to view some of the pictures of revelers at the Ball you can do so by going to website: <https://picasaweb.google.com/>, log in with username [dpgermanpress@gmail.com](mailto:dpgermanpress@gmail.com) password number1987 (you must include "number" otherwise it won't work!) then select the gallery March 09, 2012, or <https://media.germanpress.ca>,. Echo Germanica also has pictures on its website [www.echoworld.com](http://www.echoworld.com), Feature Articles "Music Unites – Ball Austria". You might find yourselves in one or the other gallery!

### VIDEO EVENING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 22, 2012 – 6:45 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 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 prepare again a special dinner. 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.

### Die seltsame Geschichte des BRANDNER KASPER

This is the story about an old gamekeeper, Kasper Brander, who is celebrating his 70th birthday. Despite his age one can just see his love of life sparkling in his eyes and thus he just cannot bear it that exactly on that day Death himself appears at his door. But the cunning Kasper gets Death so inebriated that he haggles with Death to give him another two years of life.

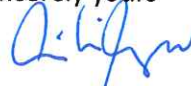
When an angry St. Peter demands Kasper's immediate ascent to heaven, Death in turns convinces Kasper to make a trial visit to Paradise.

This innocent comedy stars Paul Hörbiger in the role of "Jäger" Kasper Brandner, with Carl Wery, Ursula Lingen, Georg Thomalla, Victor Staal, Gustav Waldau among others; Producer Josef von Baky.

As "Vorspann" we will show a nature film, a film about one of Austria's many national parks, "Nationalpark Nockberge". One of Austria's oldest landscapes is a green island surrounded by young, dramatic peaks. The gently onndulating hills are reminiscent of Ireland and the high plateaus of Castille. In Summer, herds of red deer running into the hundreds, share the pastures with domestic cows in harmony, grazing right up to the mountain tops. Old mines have long been overgrown by Alpine forests. Wild nature and the ancient culture of the mountain farmers are imprinted upon this National Park of the "Nockberge", which in the middle of Austria encompasses an almost exotic landscape. Miraculously, the high, yet green and gentle "Nock" hills have been equally bypassed by geological upheavals and more modern dangers of economic and tourist development. Another piece of many Austria's natural wonders!!

We hope to see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Sincerely yours



Christine Meyer  
President