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Mini Newsletter of the Austro-American Association of Boston

April 2006

Dear Members and Friends!

We are very excited to announce the last three events for this season. Please look them over. We will have a special Lehár celebration, a great concert, and the Newport Music Festival. It is also Mozart's 250th birthday this year, which we will celebrate in September. More on that in our next August newsletter.

Have a wonderful spring and we hope to see you at our events.

With my warmest regards, Traude

NEXT EVENTS:

Friday, May 5, at 6:30 pm

STAMMTISCH (last one for this year) - we will speak German (Thema wird beim Anruf bekanntgegeben).

Place: at the Ackers'. For reservation call 617-527-7335, for food contribution please call Renate at 617-527-4927.

Saturday, May 20, 2005, at 5:00 pm

SPECIAL ANNUAL DINNER

This year we will have a celebration commemorating 100 years of performances of the operetta "The Merry Widow", ("Die lustige Witwe") by Franz Lehár. Some of his best known operettas are: Giuditta, The Land of the Smiles (Land des Lächelns), and The Gypsy Baron (Der Zigeunerbaron). We are fortunate to have two of Lehár's grand-nephews and their spouses among our guests, Alex & Jane Lehár, and Joseph Lehár & Nora Ghillány, with a presentation given by Alex.

ANNUAL ELECTION

The nominating committee will present the slate, and nominations from the floor will be accepted. If you are interested in being included on our various committees, please let us know.

A change in membership fees will also be voted on at the meeting.

Please see the enclosed flyer for your reservation. The event will be at the "LUCIA RISTORANTE" in Winchester.

Saturday, June 3, at 4:00 pm

CONCERT

featuring Patricia Ann Metzger, soprano, and Jeffrey Stevens, piano. Pat will sing various songs (Beethoven, Brahms, Raymond, and of course Lehar). Jeffrey will play selected classical and semi classical pieces, including some honoring Mozart's 250 Birthday this year. Flyer to follow.

Saturday, July 22, at 11:00 AM

NEWPORT MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

This year's concert was chosen based on popular demand at 11:00 AM. The performance at the ELMS mansion will feature a "Schubertiad" String Trio in B-Flat; Four Impromptus. Cost will be \$ 35.00 pp.

We would like to arrange a lunch after the concert if you are interested. Flyer with more details will follow.

Special Note: Sunday, July 23 at 9:00 pm will be the Closing Gala at the Breakers with Inessa Galante in Recital.

We have played her beautiful rendition of Ave Maria at our Christmas Parties. If you would like to stay over for this concert, please get your own tickets by calling the Newport Music Festival (401-846-1133, or www.NewportMusic.org).

Other items of interest:

- * This year's **Rockport Chamber Music Festival** will be held from June 8 through July 2. For program and ticket information please go to www.RCMF.org or call 978-546-7391. A program can also be mailed to you by Traude.
- * If you are interested in our **2006-2007 Scholarship Program**, please go to our website www.Austria-Boston.org.
- * If you need to order anything on **Amazon.com** you can first go to the A-AA website (www.Austria-Boston.org) which has a link to Amazon.com and you can place your order. This would generate a donation to our organization.
- * The **"Salute to Vienna"** concert will be back on Friday, January 5th, 2007, at 8:00 pm at Boston Symphony Hall. If you are interested, please let Didi Harrington know as soon as possible (without obligation), so that Didi can reserve a block of tickets, before they go on public sale. (Didi's telephone 508-366-0433, or DidiHarrington@verizon.net.)

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