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Mini-Newsletter of the Austro-American Association of Boston

December 2006

Dear Members and Friends,

The A-AA board and I would like to wish you a peaceful and enjoyable time with your families and loved ones for this Holiday Season. With our fondest wishes for a New Year that brings us closer to world peace and a time of prosperity, and, most importantly for a very healthy one for all of us.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a
Very Happy New Year !

Traude Acker, President



Next A-AA Events:

Friday, January 5, 2006, at 8:00 pm, at Symphony Hall, Boston:

Salute to Vienna

If you have not ordered tickets with the A-AA and would like to go to the concert, please contact the Symphony Hall ticket office at 617-266-1200 or order online at www.BSO.org.

For those who have ordered tickets through Didi Harrington, she would like you to know that the tickets were sent out on Thursday, December 7. If you did not receive yours, please call her at the number below.

Several people will be going for dinner around 5:30 pm at the "Tiger Lily", a Malaysian restaurant just around the corner from Symphony Hall. Those who would like to join us should contact Didi by December 28 (Tel 508-366-0433, or e-mail: didiharrington@verizon.net).

Saturday, January 27, 2007, at 6:00 pm

Filmabend and Stammtisch at Donners'

Christian and Pamela Donner have invited us again to see one of their Austrian movies. The selection will be announced with the flyer. It will be at their home on 92 Green Street, Medfield, MA 02052. (Tel 617-500-4215 or c@d.....com).

Sunday, February 18, 2007, at 4:00 pm

Monika Stadler Concert entitled "My Imaginary Garden"



Internationally renowned Austrian Harpist Monika Stadler will play as part of her 2007 American Tour at the Goethe Institute in Boston. Accolades she has received for her performances include: "Her music touches the soul", "Monika sweeps her audience away in a storm of enthusiasm, virtuosity and great intuition", "moving, dramatic, lively, joyful, fun". You will be charmed and captivated by her performance. Wait for our flyer for more information.

Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 7:00 pm

Reading and Lecture by Austrian Author Anna Mitgutsch and Prof. David Dollenmayer

The program will be based on Anna Mitgutsch's work in general with special attention to her novel "Haus der Kindheit" (House of childhood) which was translated by David Dollenmayer, Prof. of German at WPI. The readings will be from the German and English versions, the lecture will be held in English. Prof. Thomas Hansen, an A-AA Life Member, and the German Department of Wellesley College will host the event. Look for our flyer.

Saturday, March 17, 2006, at 5:30 pm

Strauss Ball



Annual ball held at the BSV (Boylston School Verein), in Walpole. It is always a spectacular event, which is dedicated to our Austrian King of Waltzes, Johann Strauss. Flyer to follow.

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Saturday, March 31, 2007, at 4:00 pm

Christopher McMullen-Laird - 2005 Scholarship Recipient

A multi-media presentation by our 2005 scholarship recipient exploring an early Mozart opera. His presentation will include the historical context of the 18th century opera, many musical examples, and readings from period correspondence.

This event will be held at the Goethe Institute in Boston and promises to be one of the highlights of our season. More on Christopher's background and presentation will be forwarded in our flyer.



Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 6:00 pm

Documentary film "Austria's Influence on American Skiing" by Ian Scully



Ian has shown this film in various venues, and it has always been enthusiastically received.

More on it will be in the flyer.

Friday, May 11, 2007, at 6:30 pm

Stammtisch

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

Annual Dinner and Meeting

Date to be determined; either end of May or beginning of June, depending on location and availability. Flyer will follow with all pertinent details.

July 2007

Newport Music Festival

No program has yet been forwarded to us from the Newport Music Festival's Organization. We will inform you as soon as we have selected a program and its date.



Notes of Importance:

Membership 2006/2007: Most of you have sent in your membership dues and we thank you for that. A very special thank you to those who have contributed either to the Scholarship Fund, or for operation expenses. We would like to express our gratitude. In the last 5 years, I have sent you a membership card with your particular status. Please accept my apologies for not having done so this year, having to deal with a lot of extra duties, and time seems to run faster than expected. Supporting our Association is vital to its survival and we appreciate your active involvement in our programs. Again, my sincere THANK YOU.

Traude Acker

Request for help:

From Astrid Lambert: She would like to find a German-speaking nanny for a 3-4 month old child for 2-3 days a week, Somerville - Medford area. Please contact Astrid at: ALambert@challiance.org or call Traude Acker at 617-527-7335.

Austrian Products:

There is a great ONLINE SHOP led by Gernot Danklmaier in Schladming, Austria, which has a wide range of Austrian products in the food department, and even lodge shoes (Huettenpatschen). It's a real pleasure to just look at all the treats they offer. If you would like to contribute your wishes, they would be happy to listen to your suggestions. Please go to: www.austria-onlineshop.com, or e-mail: office@austria-onlineshop.com, or call 001-43-660-654-2255. Guten Appetit!!

A-AA Help:

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to chair an event. If you have some time on hand and would like to be more involved in our programming, please give me a call. There is also a need for a place to hold our events. Your home? A reasonable backroom of a restaurant? Your ideas are all welcome.



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