

**An open invitation to all German teachers to participate
in this year's German-American Day Celebration.**



The University of Pennsylvania, German-American Day Celebration Committee and German Society of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with other area organizations, are planning ten days of activities to celebrate the beginning of organized German immigration to North America and the founding of Germantown in 1683. This commemoration will also reflect on the rich legacy of contributions made by all German immigrants to Philadelphia. The events are scheduled for September 27 through October 6, 2008.

German-American Fest for High School Students of German

**Sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and
the German-American Day Celebration Committee**

Wednesday, October 1

**German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA**

There are two major components to the event: workshops and the premiere performance of an original play, "Ben Franklin and the Germans," directed by Steve Seyfried of Family Stages. Students were involved in producing research for the play which Steve Seyfried wrote. It will be performed by area high school students and promises to be not only entertaining, but to also present Ben in a completely different light.

However, before the theatrical performance, students will participate in **two** hands-on, interactive workshops of their choice. For topics, see the attached form.

The program looks like this:

10:00	Arrival time
10:15	Welcome by Simon Richter, Professor and Interim Chair Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures University of Pennsylvania
10:30 - 11:30	Workshop #1
11:30 - 12:00	Lunch - hotdogs/wurst, beverage, soft pretzel
12:00 - 1:00	Workshop #2
1:00 - 2:00	Theatrical performance: Ben and the Germans
2:15	Departure

The cost per person is \$10.00 and includes lunch.

Teachers should send the completed forms and a check, payable to *Concordia Trust*, to Dr. Simon Richter, 8509 Elliston Drive, Wyndmoor, PA 19038 by September 19. Seating is limited to 200 attendees, so please reserve your tickets early.

I look forward to seeing many of you and your students at the German-American Fest.

Simon Richter

German-American Fest for High School Students of German Registration Form

Student Name:	
High School:	
Years of German:	

Please indicate the workshops that most interest you by ranking in ascending order. If you most want to learn about the History of Germantown, for example, place a 1 beside it. We will do our best to accommodate student interest. Every student will participate in two workshops. All of the workshops will be led by local experts, Penn faculty and Penn grad students.

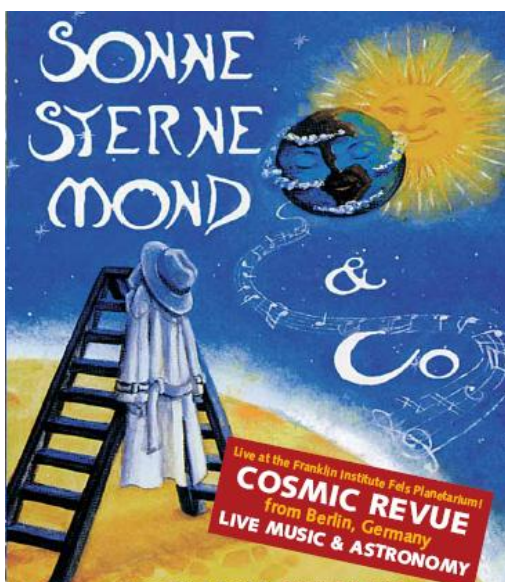
Workshop Topics	Rank
History of Germantown, PA—It all starts in our own backyard!	
German mystics in Pennsylvania (Think Ephrata and communes!)	
America as <i>Schlaraffenland</i> (Luring Germans to emigrate with early modern advertising)	
Discovering Pennsylvania German <i>Fraktur</i> and Furniture: With Winterthur Curator Lisa Minardi	
Kartoffeln! The Cultural/Culinary History of Potatoes in Germany and America	
Karl May and the German-American Wild West	
Swastikas, Fascism and Uncle Sam: German POWs in America	
The German Connection: Berlin in Hollywood	
The German Fairy Tale in Hollywood	
America as a novelty for Europeans to collect (What did the first Europeans to America find funky enough to collect?)	
Bratwurst Bavarians, Mad Scientists, and Eurotrash: German Stereotypes in the US from "Saturday Night Live" to "The Simpsons."	

The Speaker's House, home of Frederick Muhlenberg,
will offer school tours on Wednesday, October 1 from 9 am – 2 pm.
151 West Main Street, Trappe, PA

The Speaker's House, home of Frederick Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the House of Representatives, offers a fascinating look at a historic property in its pre-restoration state. Tours will discuss the role of Muhlenberg in the early formation of the American political system and the on-going research that allows visitors to see layers of construction peeled back to reveal how the house evolved architecturally over time. This tour is most appropriate for grades 5 and up and can accommodate a maximum of 33 students. It is, unfortunately, not wheelchair accessible at this time. For more information and to schedule a visit, please call (610) 489-2105.

Sonne, Sterne, Mond & Co.

Presented by the Leo-Borchard-Musikschule in Berlin.
Friday, October 3 10:15 am and 12:15 pm
Franklin Institute Fels Planetarium
222 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA



This cosmic performance for children, from 6 years of age, combines musical theater with a lesson in astronomy. Varied live music, image projections and a laser show take earthlings on a one-hour journey to the moon.

Once on the moon, Jürgen F. Schmid, a.k.a. the »Man on the Moon«, uses illustrative texts and catchy songs to introduce his »neighbors«, the planets, as well as the rest of the universe.

Entertaining songs acquaint the spectators with the components of our solar system and their characteristics.

The show provides children with their first comprehensive overview of the phenomena and variety occurring in the observable universe and will awaken their interest in the subject.

During this musical space-journey, earthlings not only receive astronomical knowledge, they also become acquainted with various musical instruments.

An exciting adventure – a great experience for children and the whole family.

Ticket price: \$9.25/student and \$3.00/teacher. To reserve tickets, call 215.448.1200

Treasures of German Art

Monday, September 27 – Friday, October 3, 2008
Philadelphia Museum of Art
2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA

Students, grades 9 to 12, studying German as a foreign language can spend a morning at the Philadelphia Museum of Art learning about German art and culture from the middle ages to the present. During this one hour lesson, Museum teachers and students will explore a wide range of objects from medieval altarpieces and Renaissance armors to Meissen porcelain to the works of contemporary German artists. For more information and to make a reservation, call 215.684.7582. Cost: Philadelphia Public School students- Free
Private and Parochial schools in Philadelphia - \$4 per student
All other Schools - \$6 per student