

GermanFest

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German Fest Milwaukee Musical Entertainment

Milwaukee, WI, June 15, 2016 – Get your Deutsch on as German Fest is excited to announce its musical lineup for the 2016 festival. Experience a variety of music while you sing, dance, and raise your glass to “Ein Prosit” at one of five different entertainment stages. Featured bands entertain fest-goers with everything from traditional polkas and waltzes, to today’s current hits, with some encouraging fun audience participation. While there are the local favorites, bands come to perform at German Fest directly from Germany and across the Midwest. “Each band has its own individual style,” says Jerry Fischer, Chairman of the Board. “You can enjoy traditional music from the Old Country as well as unique versions of current hits. German Fest has something for all ages.”

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

- German Fest Favorite and Special Guest, **Alex Meixner**: Alex’s high energy performances include everything from polkas and waltzes to jazz and pop winning over audiences throughout North America and made him a Grammy-nominated musician and producer. Alex performs using about one dozen instruments, including the 12 foot long Swiss Alphorn and trademark Meixner Button Box sound. (*Fri. Sat. & Sun.*)
- German Fest Favorite and Special Guest, **Musikverein Herborn-Seelbach e.V.**: Direct from Germany, the unique style and enthusiasm of the Red Devils returns to German Fest. Music teacher Erwin Gabriel, together with some parents, founded a new, orchestra with particular fondness for big band and swing music. This young band ranges in ages from 11 through 18 years old. Dynamic, successful, young energy brings outstanding solo presentations and stylish vocals to each performance. (*Fri. Sat. & Sun.*)
- **Alte Kameraden**: A Fest Favorite that has performed at German Fest all 36 years! Their song “Gloria” is a fan favorite. (*Fri. Sat. & Sun.*)
- **Alpensterne**: Authentic German singing, yodeling, plus a 15 foot Swiss Alphorn (*Fri. & Sun.*)
- **Austrian Express**: Austrian/German show and dance band (*Fri. Sat. & Sun.*)

- **Dorf Kapelle:** Large show band performing a traditional, ethnic style of a typical European village band with polkas and marches (*Fri. & Sat.*)
- **Edelweiss:** Traditional European folk music with a little rock and roll flare. (*Fri. & Sun.*)
- **Jerry Schneider Band:** Big band entertainment (*Fri.*)
- **Johnny Hoffman und die Herzbuben:** A Wisconsin band which has performed at German Fest all 36 years featuring polkas, waltzes, and big band selections (*Sat. & Sun.*)
- **Johnny Wagner Band:** Bavarian, Austrian, and Slovenian polkas, Swiss Alphorn and fun audience participation (*Fri.*)
- **Paloma:** A top Midwest German-American band with fun and popular songs encouraging audience participation. (*Sat.*)
- **Phenix:** A German American band with a modern flair, fun audience participation songs, polkas, rock oldies, and more (*Sat. & Sun.*)
- **Plymouth High Junge Kameraden:** The only High School German band in the country! (*Sat.*)

German Fest, Southeast Wisconsin's premier German ethnic festival and Milwaukee's kickoff to Wisconsin's Oktoberfest season is held annually, the last full weekend in July at the Summerfest Grounds along the Lake Michigan shoreline. For more information, visit www.germanfest.com.

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