

## GERMAN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF GREATER NEW YORK

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## Dear Friends,

I am pleased to invite you to be part of some great German-American festivities coming your way this year: Mark your calendars for September 2010 when, once again, all New Yorkers celebrate German-American Friendship Month. Many enjoyable events – music, film, food, and more – will let you celebrate our heritage.

On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the **German-American Steuben Parade**, the most colorful parade in New York City, will march up Fifth Avenue, presenting music, carnival, dance and Trachten groups from all over the US and overseas. Many floats celebrating historical events and famous German-Americans will be cheered on by thousands of spectators along the Avenue.

Words can not describe the **Oktoberfest in Central Park** at the conclusion of the Steuben Parade. German beer, German pretzels and live music from more than twenty bands, plus dance performances and the Gemütlichkeit of meeting old and new friends – this largest Oktoberfest in New York City is not to be missed.

All these events, and many more throughout the year ranging from Classical concerts to Jazz, from Movies to Dining Experiences, are organized by the German-American Committee of Greater New York. This group of dedicated volunteers is working hard to let you celebrate our heritage, culture and tradition every year.

**But we need your help!** Staging the Steuben Parade and other events is a costly undertaking, and once again we depend on the generous support from the community. Please help us with your personal, corporate or foundation gift. All donations, large or small, are fully tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

But that's not all: Your donation will enter you in a raffle with a **Chance to win one of our Grand Prizes**:

- A Flight for 2 to Munich, Germany on Continental Airlines
- 4 tickets for the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall (Bruckner - Symphony No. 8; Performance date: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

For your chance to win, and to show your support for the German-American Committee and its important work in keeping our heritage, culture and traditions alive, **please make your check payable to "Steuben Parade,"** and send to: <u>Trude Klein, Director of Finance, 2 Autumntide Drive, Lakewood, NJ 08701</u>

The raffle will be drawn on May 31st, 2010. Winners will be notified and published on <a href="www.SteubenParade.com">www.SteubenParade.com</a>, where you can also stay updated on all German-American activity in the Greater New York area.

Thank you very much for your generosity and your support.

Sincerely,

Trude Klein

Director of Finance

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