



Missouri Germans News for November

Utopia – Revisiting a German State in America

Opening soon at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, Missouri

In 1834, over 500 German emigrants, all members of the Giessen Emigration Society from all parts of Germany and all walks of life, left in search of the freedoms and democracy found in America...some would consider this **UTOPIA**...

VISIT the [MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM](#) in St. Louis, to see [UTOPIA – Revisiting a German State in America](#), an exhibit funded and created in Germany, that has been years in the making, and traveled all the way across Germany and the United States.

The exhibition will be open from November 22, 2014 until April 19, 2015, as the Missouri History Museum hosts many lectures, films, programs and events with this exhibit. The free exhibition was created by an international group of historians, writers, film makers, photographers and artists called the Traveling Summer Republic, and is in both German and in English.

The exhibit explains events in Germany in the early 1800s which led up to the founding of one of the largest emigration societies organized in Germany to come to Missouri, by Friedrich Muench and Paul Follenius. The Society originally planned to create a German State in North America. Although the group fell apart, and was unsuccessful in its' original goal, over 30,000 Germans emigrated to Missouri between 1834 and 1837. By the mid-1800s these had been joined by over 100,000 more German immigrants, making Missouri a state that is very German even today.

[SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for NOVEMBER 23, 2014](#)

11:00am – 3:00pm (starting hourly – 11, 12, 1 and 2) In the Gallery: Guided tours in the Gallery by artistic directors Oliver Behnecke and exhibition designer Hendrik Weiner.

1:00 – 3:00pm – Schnucks Classroom: Children's Craft Activity

12:00 - 12:30pm – Grand Hall Männerchor (Men's Choir)

10:00am – 4:00pm – In the Gallery "*Muss I denn*" (Must I leave?) Esther Steinbrecher

11:00am – 12:00pm – ATT Room Lecture

Presentation and Book Signing by Dorris Keeven-Franke "*Utopia-Revisiting a German State in America*"

12:00 – 2:00pm – Lee Auditorium

"*Looking back to Utopia*". Artistic director Peter Roloff talks about the development of the Utopia project.

3:00 – 5:00pm – Lee Auditorium

Documentary: *Utopia: Revisiting a German State in America* FREE Screening - St. Louis International Film Festival

[CLICK HERE](#) to Watch the Trailer for the Documentary

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