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## Newsletter of the German Consulate General Vancouver



Dear readers,

In 1985, the Heads of State and Government of the then "European Community" (later the EU) opted for the "Ode to Joy" as the European anthem. More precisely, it is the instrumental version of the main theme "Ode to Joy" from the last movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. This year the 250th birthday of the German composer gets celebrated

worldwide: The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra hosts a three-day Beethovenfest in March, Anne-Sophie Mutter will perform in June and we are planning a small European Beethoven birthday serenade in December. This recital marks the end of the German EU Presidency on Canada's West Coast in the second half of 2020.

German Unity Day marks the 30th anniversary of reunification. On this occasion, we want to question the role of Germany in a changing Europe together with our European neighbors. In the early 1990s, Canadian newspapers also talked a lot about the new German "assertiveness". Will one come to the same conclusion thirty years later?

Berlin's "small" Tegel Airport has a lot of friends worldwide. One appreciates the short distances and the quick connection to the city center. The first scheduled flight to Tegel was carried out by Air France on January 2, 1960, exactly 60 years ago. With the opening of the new Berlin Airport "Berlin-Brandenburg Willy Brandt", now scheduled for October 31, 2020, the end for "Tegel" could come. What a pity.

With best wishes for a happy new year 2020,

Dr. Klaus Schmidt

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Join the German Language MeetUp organized by the Vancouver German Language & Culture Group and get to know new people while improving your German language skills in an informal and relaxing...

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Don't miss out on this comedy with Ulrich Matthes and Hans-Martin



Heinz Kunmann and Hans Moser from 1932. The comedy narrates the story of a broken bank that puts its last hope in an unexpected money donor to save it...

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### International Holocaust Remembrance Day →



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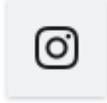
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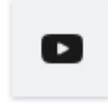
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