



NEWS RELEASE

## Celebrate Spring in Traditional German Style with 'Maifest Chicago'

*Located in the heart of Chicago's German community, the annual four-day festival takes place in Lincoln Square*

**CHICAGO, IL- April 11, 2023--**Maifest, the 24th-annual festival brought to you by the Maifest Committee of Chicago, returns once more this year keeping special German traditions alive with authentic food, drinks, dancing, and music.

As the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring, Maifest in Lincoln Square welcomes all to join in on the celebration of the culture and heritage in the heart of Chicago's German community.

"Maifest is still widely celebrated throughout Germany and has now extended to celebrations held throughout the world. We are honored to have such a large German population and community right here in Chicago where we can bring our own version of Maifest to life," said Joe Bradtke, Vice President of Maifest Chicago. "Our goal of this festival is to keep these special traditions alive and to share our culture with our local community. Lincoln Square's Maifest is truly a welcome sign to the spring and summer months that brings people together in a fun way."

The free four-day fest begins **Thursday, June 1 through Sunday, June 4**. Near Lincoln and Leland avenues, German and American food and drinks will be served along with live entertainment to celebrate the traditional German celebration of spring's arrival. **Festival hours are 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday, 5-10 p.m. Friday, 12-10 p.m. Saturday and 12-10 p.m. Sunday**. Full food and drink vendors along with the entertainment schedule can be found [here](#).

"I'm thrilled that our Lincoln Square community will again be hosting Maifest Chicago, said Alderman Matt Martin, 47<sup>th</sup> ward. "For decades, German culture and traditions have played a vital role in shaping Lincoln Square into a thriving community. I'm grateful for the ongoing support of the Maifest Committee and so many other leaders within Chicago's dynamic German community, without whom Maifest Chicago would not be possible."

Maifest benefits various German-American organizations including The Rheinischer Verein, St. Hubertus Jagd Club, the American Aid Society, the Donauschwaben Youth Group, Edelweiss Trachten Verein, D'Lustigen Holzacker Buam, Egerlander Dance Group, Dank Haus and others.

To learn more about Maifest Chicago, visit [here](#).

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**About Maifest:**

Maifest is an annual festival brought to you by the Mayfest Committee, President Joe Matuschka and Vice President Joe Bradtke. Mayfest Chicago is a 501(c)(3) organization founded to promote Chicago's German heritage. The four-day fest benefits German-American organizations including The Rheinischer Verein, St. Hubertus Jagd Club, the American Aid Society, the Donauschwaben Youth Group, Edelweiss Trachten Verein, D'Lustigen Holzhacker Buam, Egerlander Dance Group, Dank Haus and others. Mayfest (Maifest in German) is the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring. Maifest is still celebrated throughout Germany with the maypole (maibaum) decorated to show off the history and crafts of the local village or town. Mayfest, like Oktoberfest, has now become a popular celebration throughout the world. Chicago's German community welcomes all to their Mayfest in Lincoln Square; the heart of Chicago's German Community.

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