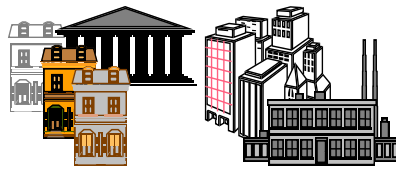


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WORKSHOP HOUSTON-LEIPZIG NEW MEETING DATE!

a globalworkspirit project

The School of Architecture of the Hochschule fuer Technik und Wirtschaft Leipzig (University of Applied Sciences) and the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture proudly present

moon scapes & main street reclamation

and

FAST FORWARD ARCHITECTURE LEIPZIG

an exhibition and a series of workshops and lectures during the third week of September.

Even though quite dissimilar in size, Houston and Leipzig have both struggled with urban dilapidation and suburban blight. As a beautiful European city, Leipzig never lost the vitality of its inner city, vibrant with work, life and joy during most hours of the day and night, while Houston – dynamic during business hours – had to overcome the flight of its people to the suburbs at night. With the beautification of the Theater District, the development of a vibrant yet harmonic mix between light commercial and desirable residential areas in and near downtown, and the ample supply of arts, entertainment and sports for any taste, Houston is well on the road to the revitalization of its core.

One of Leipzig's major planning and developing challenges seems to lie in the reclaiming and

replanning of old mining villages to its south, where scars mar a once beautiful countryside and where villages had to give way to bulldozers and huge dredge lines.

Dignitaries from Leipzig will join the faculties and students of both universities in exchanging experience, thoughts and ideas in an exciting round of lectures and workshops. All are invited to the lectures and lively discussions at 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture, University Main Campus.

We have changed our regular meeting this month to **Sunday, September 20, 1998**, to celebrate this unique project and to welcome our guests from Leipzig:

Opening of the Exhibition – Special Guest, Dr. Engelbert Luetke Daldrup, Director of Planning in Leipzig
7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 20, 1998, at the Gallery of the college

Concluding Celebration – 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 25, 1998, at the Orange Show, 2402 Munger, Houston, TX 77023.

Please contact Dietmar E. Froehlich during business hours at 713-743-2385 (tel) or 713-743-2358 (fax) or dfroehli@pop.uh.edu (e-mail) for further information or to confirm times, dates and places.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: INSTALLATION OF LEIPZIG'S NEW MAYOR



During our trip this summer, Kathy and I were fortunate to be in Leipzig on July 1 when Wolfgang Tiefensee took office as the city's new mayor. In a warm-hearted, yet dignified, ceremony, the mayoral staff changed hands at the

New Town Hall, as the tenure of Hinrich Lehmann-Grube, Leipzig's first mayor after unification, came to an end.

Later that afternoon, the former and the new mayor adjourned to the Old Town Hall, where farewells and laudations honored the former mayor. As the President of our association, I had been asked to bring a greeting from Houston to Dr. Lehmann-

Grube.

Believe me, giving an entire sermon from the pulpit does not prepare you for delivering off-the-cuff remarks just prior to the Minister President of Saxony, Dr. Kurt Biedenkopf, more affectionately known as "Koenig Kurt" to his loyal Saxons. The hall was filled with other dignitaries, such as the former Oberbuergemeister of Hannover and Kurt Masur of the New York Philharmonic and Gewandhaus fame. Quite intimidating!

Nonetheless, I found strength in the knowledge that I represented our great city of Houston. *

On a lighter note, we also visited Frank Rohrwacher, President of the Freundeskreis Leipzig-Houston, and his charming wife Heike. They fondly remember their many friends from Houston and send their greetings from Leipzig.

More on some exciting projects in the next newsletter!

Robert G. Moore, President

*Our President not only found his strength, he also found the right words! The Editor.

WE NEED YOU: ALTER EGO VOLUNTEERS!

The fabulous Sister City of Houston Fundraiser gives you a chance to be someone you've always wanted to be.

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Place: Wortham Theater, Cullen Stage

Theme: "Alter Ego."

Dress: Costume depicting someone or something you've always wanted to be

Entertainment: Various live Performances, DJ, Silent Auction

Purpose: To raise funds and awareness for Sister Cities of Houston and to increase membership either in individual associations (such as ours) or in the general membership

Cost: \$50 per person

Remember how much fun it was last year? Did you regret that you didn't go? Now is your chance!

Once again our association will provide volunteers for the "door"; i.e., we will help people check in and then our duties are done for the evening!

Please call our former President Steve Braun at 713-861-0906 to volunteer.

See you there!

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN LEIPZIG

- Sept 14** German Meteorologists' Convention, University Leipzig. Until September 18.
- Sept 18** 38th Young Concert Artists Int. Auditions New York. 5th European Competition – Final Rounds. Mendelssohn Hall, Gewandhaus, 2:00 p.m.
- Sept 19** Open House – Opera Leipzig, 2:00 p.m.
- Sept 20** Readings from the Works of Theodor Fontane on the 100th Anniversary of his Death. Schauspiel Leipzig, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 23** Tschia, Tschia, Tschia, Tschia... – Songs and Hits from the 50's + 60's, Schauspiel Leipzig, 8:00 p.m.
- Sept 26** Songs for the 100th Birthday of George Gershwin, Gewandhaus, Mendelssohn Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- Sept 27** Leipzig Opera - Dans la marche/Pax questuosa, Ballet with U. Zimmermann/Scholz
- Sept 29** 9th Leipzig Tennis Grand Prix for Ladies – Old Fair Grounds, Hall 7. Until October 4, 1998.
- Oct 2** Bullets over Broadway, Schauspiel Leipzig, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 8** 22nd Leipzig Jazz Days, various locations. Until October 11.
- Oct 15** 185 Years Battle of the Nations – the Gewandhaus Orchestra plays Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Beethoven, Paavo Berglund Conducting. Gewandhaus, Large Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- Oct 16** 185 Years Battle of the Nations: Opening Gala, Old Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 17** 185 Years Battle of the Nations – Re-enactment on the original war site, Russian-Prussian Monument, 2:00 p.m.
- Oct 18** 185 Years... – Historical Appeal to the Nations, Marketplace
- Oct 18** 185 Years ... – Parade of the Historical Societies of the Battle of the Nations; Memorial Service in the Chapel of the Monument, Plays, Re-enactments, Parade to the Center of Leipzig
- Oct 23** Presentation of the *Grassi Price* of the Carl and Anneliese Goerdeler Foundation and of the *Grassi Price* of the Municipal Works of Leipzig, Museum for Arts and Crafts, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 25** The Magic of Music, MDR Symphony Orchestra, C. Prick Conducting. Tzimon Barto at the Piano. Works of Wagner, Liszt, R. Strauss. 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 27** 41st International Leipzig Festival for Documentaries and Animated Film. Various Locations. Until November 1.
- Oct 27** Riverdance – The Show, Fairgrounds, Hall 7, 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

October 15, 1998, 6:30 p.m.

Detail in the Next Newsletter