



*German Society  
of Maryland*



Founded 1783

*Two Hundred Forty-First  
Anniversary Dinner*

November 2, 2024

Matthew's 1600 Restaurant  
Catonsville, Maryland

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## About the German Society of Maryland

The purpose of the German Society of Maryland is to preserve and promote the German heritage, language and traditions of Maryland through educational, social, and benevolent programs; and to develop the unity and continuity of the German American community in the State of Maryland.

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# Program

## *Reception*

### *Welcome*

Steven R. Harper, President

## *Singing of the National Anthems*

Led by Barbara Harper

## *Introduction of Honored Guests*

Ms. Katja Sipple, Executive Director  
*German American Heritage Foundation of the USA*

Mr. R. Steve Grant, President  
*St. Andrew's Society*

Mr. Craig Martin, President  
*Hibernian Society of Baltimore*

Mr. Charles Schmidt  
*2024 Summer Study Scholarship Winner*

## *Dinner & Dessert Buffet*

Pot Roast *in natural au jus with redskin mashed potatoes*  
Chicken Marsala *with mushroom marsala sauce*  
Rice Meghan—*sautéed portabella mushrooms, artichokes, sun-dried tomatoes, onions & peppers in oil & garlic with rice pilaf*

## *Presentation by Ms. Katja Sipple*

*German-American Life: Reflections on 450 Years of Immigration and Contributions*

## *Musical Performance by Frances Borowsky and Emmanuel Borowsky*

J.S. Bach: *Two-Part Inventions*, Nos. 1, 4, 8, 13 & 10  
G.F. Handel: *Variation on a Theme from Judas Maccabeus*  
E. McGuire: *Dance Suite for Two*

## Patrons

Christian Brothers at Calvert Hall

Dr. David Denisch

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## About Tonight's Musicians

American violinist Emmanuel Borowsky has toured 37 countries in North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East and has performed as soloist with orchestras around the globe. Emmanuel's love of music is manifested in his educational work with aspiring musicians. He is a professor at Dickinson College and each summer teaches violin and chamber music at the esteemed Intermuse International Music Institute and Festival USA. Emmanuel teaches privately in Baltimore and is a frequent adjudicator of competitions and festivals.

Cellist Frances Borowsky hails from Baltimore, MD. She has performed in over thirty countries throughout Europe, Asia, North America, and the Middle East, including as soloist with orchestras in China, Lithuania, Poland, and the USA. Frances made her New York debut at Carnegie Hall at the age of twelve. Since 2020, she has served as Co-Executive Director of the Intermuse Music Institute and Festival in Maryland, a summer chamber music program for high school and college students. She has served on the faculty of Lebanon Valley College, Elizabethtown College, and the Community College of Baltimore County, and teaches privately in Baltimore.