Dear Friends of Austria!

A few March mid -month reminders:

 **March 18 – 27**: !! WA State Premiere of **GREAT FREEDOM (Grosse Freiheit**)!! -

the latest film from Austrian writer-director Sebastian Meise, featuring German shooting star Franz Rogowski and Berlinale Silver Bear Awardee Georg Friedrich in the leading roles.

The film paints a stirring portrait of gay resistance and resilience in post-war Germany. It is Austria’s official submission to the 2022 Academy Awards​. The film was released in the US just a few days ago and will be shown in-person at the **Northwest Film Forum** <https://nwfilmforum.org/> between March 18-27.

The Co-Sponsors of this showing, Goethe Pop Up Seattle, is offering a **special discount** to members of the Austrian Community. They can use the **discount code GoetheFr33dom** to purchase $7 tickets as guests of Goethe Pop Up Seattle.

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**!!! VOLUNTEERS FOR AUSTRIA TABLE ARE NEEDED!!!**

The annual **International Children’s Friendship Festival** is back in person! **April 23, 2022; 11:am - 6pm; Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center.** <http://childrensfest.tacawa.org/about-us/>. Creating opportunities for young people to experience different cultures at an early age through music, folklore, art, and cultural displays.

In the past we participated with a “Cultural Table”, an opportunity to showcase Austria’s culture with a display table and young people of the Austrian community presenting as “ambassadors”. Please contact Eva Kammel ([office@austrianconsulateseattle](mailto:office@austrianconsulateseattle.org)) if you have ideas for this event and/or you and your child(ren)/grandchild would be interested in volunteering. It is a fun way to connect and present our homeland!

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 Finally, after 2 years, the **University of Washington** welcomes the community and visitors to enjoy the iconic **Quad cherry blossoms** this spring.

Don't miss the beautiful sign of spring at the UW Campus for the next 2 weeks!

Mit herzlichen Grüβen

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