



Dear Goethe Society Wellington members and Friends of the Society,

Please find the minutes of the recent AGM attached. Key things to note that the subscriptions remain the same, and the committee was elected as follows:

President: Dr Kristina McGuiness-King

Secretary: Helen Fawthorpe (interim)

Treasurer: *vacant*

Committee members: Dr Michael McBryde, Dr Margaret Sutherland, Jacqui Bisley and Mary Kane

Student representatives: Talei Campbell and Emily Healey (nominated by the German students)

We do need to find a new treasurer, a webmaster and someone to assist with the administration, so if you have a few spare hours each month and some experience in any of these areas, please contact me.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to remind you that 2016 subscriptions are now due. Subscriptions rates for 2016 are as follows: \$20 waged, \$10 unwaged, \$25 for a family and \$5 for a student. (Subscription form is attached.)

We do not charge for any of our events or activities and your subscriptions enable us to provide these opportunities for the German-speaking communities in Wellington and those interested in all things German. They also enable us to offer secondary school students learning German in the Wellington area the opportunity to participate in the annual German Oral Competition.

Details of our events will be posted on our Facebook group page – which you can find by searching for **Goethe Society Wellington** on Facebook. As members you will receive both the newsletters and invitations to all events.

As some of you may have noticed, currently our website is offline, but we are working to have this redesigned and updated. I will let you know when it is back online.

A member has asked if there is any interest in forming a Lesegruppe/Kaffeeklatsch (with books being discussed and swapped)? Please let me know if you are interested in forming such a group and I will liaise re this.

Mit herzlichen Gruessen
Kristina McGuiness-King

- **Linie Line Linea - Contemporary Drawing**
- **Book Launch & Reading - "Seelenbinder: the Olympian who defied Hitler" by James McNeish**
- **May GSW Event: "Sandal vs. Birkenstock": meet the producers of Lifeswap**
- **June GSW Event: Sonnenwendefeier with Ingrid Kölle – a reading from „Neuseeland - ein Länderporträt“**
- **Fundraising for the Goethe Society's activities**
- **Goethe-Institut New Zealand Events**
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- **Stammtisch**

Linie Line Linea - Contemporary Drawing:

**An exhibition of the Institute for Cultural Relations in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut
The exhibition runs from 26 February 2016 to 24 April 2016 at the Adam Art Gallery Te Pātaka Toi,
Victoria University of Wellington Gate 3, Kelburn Parade, Wellington.
Gallery admission is free.**

The exhibition Linie Line Linea presents a broad range of single works or groups of works by twenty artists living and working in Germany who all place the art of drawing at the centre of their work. This exhibition makes no claims as to any national characteristics of the genre, but intends instead to highlight the continuing relevance and diversity of the drawing in contemporary art.

Like so many forms of art, the drawing has considerably expanded its repertoire. But it does not need to merge with painting, photography, film or installations in order to assert its independence vis à vis these ostensibly more spectacular genres. The drawing is a medium of freedom that can express the most complex ideas specifically by concentrating on its own highly economical means – the pen, the line and a piece of paper.

The artists represented in this exhibition take a confident and diverse approach to the art of drawing and its capacity to transform our perception of ourselves and of reality.

The drawing is the oldest and most basic form of artistic expression and a global visual idiom that facilitates communication across borders and cultures. There is no culture without drawing, and every culture has its own vocabulary of signs. This exhibition conducts this dialogue anew at each location, encouraging visitors to explore points of difference and convergence with the art

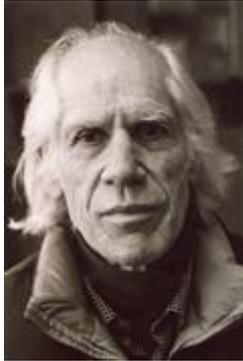
Curated by Volker Adolphs, Head of Exhibitions and Curator of Modern Art at Kunstmuseum Bonn.

Artists in the exhibition are: Irina Baschlakow, Marc Brandenburg, Monika Brandmeier, Fernando Bryce, Marcel van Eeden, Gerhard Faulhaber, Katharina Hinsberg, Pauline Kraneis, Pia Linz, Christiane Löhr, Theresa Lükenwerk, Nanne Meyer, Thomas Müller, Christian Pilz, Alexander Roob, Malte Spohr, German Stegmaier, Markus Vater, Jorinde Voigt and Ralf Ziervogel.

One of the artists, Marc Brandenburg is currently in Wellington on a three-month residency organised by the Goethe Institut. His large-scale collage, which brings together a wealth of imagery drawn from the streets and nightclubs of Berlin, is a centrepiece of the show. He will be working with student volunteers to put his drawings into circulation by inviting participants to wear them as temporary tattoos.

Book Launch & Reading - "Seelenbinder: the Olympian who defied Hitler" by James McNeish

Join the Goethe-Institut on Wednesday, 20 April, 6-7pm, Goethe-Institut (150 Cuba Street, Wellington, Level 6 – entrance off Garrett Street) to hear James McNeish read from his new book "Seelenbinder: the Olympian who defied Hitler" and talk to Professor Paul Morris about its background.



James McNeish was born in Papakura, New Zealand. His first book was published in 1957. He is the author of twenty-five books, including *Fire under the Ashes*, a biography of Danilo Dolci, the anti-Mafia reformer with whom he worked in Sicily; and *Lovelock*, nominated for the 1986 Booker Prize. In 2010 he received the Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement in Non-Fiction. He was knighted for services to literature in 2011.

The book is available at the venue at a special launch price (cash only). See attached for further details.

May GSW event: "Sandal vs. Birkenstock": meet the producers of Lifeswap:

The Goethe Society Wellington is delighted to host Steffen Kreft and William Conner, the producers of the series Lifeswap at our May lecture.

Lifeswap is a series of short animated Skype conversations between two fictional young men: Jörg from Germany and Duncan from Wellington. The producers will share how this great venture came about, how they actually put one of these videos together, and are really interested in the audience's contributions about cultural differences in the business world. Find out more about Lifeswap at: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/kul/sup/lsw.html>

Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: MYLT 101, Murphy Building, Kelburn Parade

Refreshments provided.

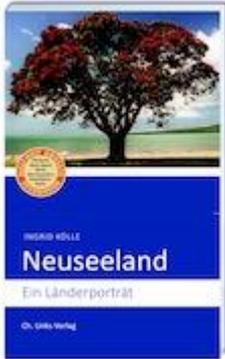
Organised by the Goethe Society in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut New Zealand.



June GSW event: Sonnenwendefeier with Ingrid Kölle – a reading from „Neuseeland - ein Länderporträt“

Join us for the annual Sonnenwendefeier and listen to Ingrid Kölle, present from her book "Neuseeland - ein Länderporträt" (German edition only). This talk will be in both German and English. Copies of her book will be available for purchase on the evening.

http://www.christoph-links-verlag.de/index.cfm?view=3&titel_nr=851



Date: Tuesday, 21 June 2016

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: MYLT 101, Murphy Building, Kelburn Parade (*Venue may change – details to be confirmed.*)

Refreshments provided.

Organised by the Goethe Society in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut New Zealand.

Fundraising for the Goethe Society's activities:

Our Entertainment Book fundraising campaign is taking off for 2016! Check out the information and links below for more information and to order your new membership! The price is still only \$60 and gives you lots of discounts for dining, entertainment, travel and much more. It is a great way to support our Society and to save money at the same time. As always, we need to sell a minimum number in order to raise anything. Last year, we scraped through by one! Every single membership makes a difference. If you're not sure, get one anyway! Entertainment memberships make great gifts too!

We're very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising!

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Thank you for your support. Any questions? Contact:

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Goethe-Institut New Zealand Events:

Keep up to date with the activities, films, music, artist talks, exhibitions, etc. that the Goethe-Institut New Zealand organises and or facilitates at: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/wel/ver.cfm>

One forthcoming event is to held on Thursday, 14 April, 5.30pm, at the City Gallery Wellington.

Wellington City Council, the Goethe-Institut and the French Embassy invite you to attend the second annual artist residency forum, *International Connections*.

Courtney Johnston, Director of the Dowse Art Museum will chair a panel with two visiting and two local artists who will share their experiences from international artist residencies. They are *Marc Brandenburg* (Germany), the 2016 Goethe-Institut artist in residence; *Etienne de France* (France), the 2016 Te Whare Hera artist in residence and New Zealanders, *Sian Torrington* and *Erica Sklenars* who have recently returned from residencies in India and China.

„Mein Ort in Deutschland“:

Das Webprodukt „Mein Ort in Deutschland“ ist ab sofort unter dem Shortcut goethe.de/meinort erreichbar. Es werden kurze Beiträge auf Deutsch oder Englisch gesucht, in denen man seinen Lieblingsort in Deutschland vorstellt. Tolle Preise warten, u.a. eine Reise nach Deutschland für zwei Personen zu einem Ort der Wahl. Vielleicht ist das interessant für Sie und andere aus Ihrem Umfeld. Deutsche können nicht mitmachen.

Stammtisch:

Der Stammtisch soll die Gelegenheit zum ungezwungenen Deutsch sprechen, plaudern, schwatzen, quatschen bieten. Es kann jeder kommen, der Deutsch sprechen möchte. Der Stammtisch findet **am letzten Donnerstag des Monats jeweils um 17:30 Uhr** im Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington statt. Um auf die Stammtischverteilerliste zu kommen, bitte eine E-mail an goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com schicken.

The Stammtisch provides the opportunity to speak German in an informal setting. Anyone who would like to speak German is invited. The Stammtisch takes place **on the last Thursday of each month at 5.30pm** in the Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Stammtisch, please send an email to goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com