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Christkindlmarket Des Moines Continues its Iconic Event

Preparations for the beloved annual family tradition are underway

DES MOINES, August 31, 2022 – The dates for Christkindlmarket Des Moines (CDM) 2022 have been announced by the Iowa European Cultural Connection (IECC) for December 1 - 4 at Principal Park. Due to last year’s successful bounce back from 2020’s virtual world, #CDM2022 will continue its 4-day format with more amazing activities and 40+ vendors.

“We’re excited to build upon our success from 2022”, Suzanne Hull the Director of Christkindlmarket Des Moines explains. “For the last 7 years, CDM has brought so much joy to the attendees, the surrounding communities and volunteers and we're pleased to have become a family tradition”.

Since Christkindlmarket Des Moines began in 2016, this cultural experience has grown significantly. With the amazing quality and authenticity of the European traditions at CDM, it’s no surprise that it has grown to become the second largest festival of its kind in the U.S. based on average daily attendance. There is such a wide range of new and returning activities and vendors; from imported sweets and beer to traditional specialty items such as Steinbach nutcrackers and Glühwein mugs, the gift possibilities are endless.

The entertainment for this year’s festival is as impressive as the cuisine and handmade treasures offered. Yuletide Hall will be home to talented musicians and performers. In addition to German-style music, attendees will enjoy Irish and Bavarian dance groups throughout the entire 4-day festival. The opening performer will be the Barry Boyce Band which showcases German-style Polka & Waltz.

As a reminder to new and returning attendees, free surface parking is available west of Principal Park between SW 2nd St and SW 3rd St and south of W Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy. A map of parking options can be found on our website.

The festival is open to the public free of charge: Thursday, December 1, 5pm – 9pm, Friday, December 2: 11am – 9pm, Saturday, December 3: 11am – 9pm, and Sunday, December 4: 11am – 5pm.

IECC is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers, sponsors, and vendors to be involved and help CDM fully encompass the European holiday spirit. Visit our website <https://christkindlmarketdsm.com> for more information on volunteering, vendor applications and sponsor opportunities. All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

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