

pecially her mother-in-law Archduchess Sophie. As Maximilian, Franz Joseph's brother, plots to outshine and oust his brother, Elisabeth balances her love for Franz and her role in the complex court politics.

**Eine Million Minuten (2024)**

April 17, 2026 | 6:30pm

German with English Subtitles



This movie is based on the 2020 autobiographical novel by Wolf Küper of the same title. When the stressed-out father tells his four-year-old daughter Nina that he can only spend ten more minutes reading her bedtime stories before getting back to work, she wishes that they could have a million minutes together. So the Küpers decide to obtain a leave of absence from their demanding jobs as biodiversity researcher (father Tom Schilling) and construction engineer (mother Karoline Herfurth) and embark on a trip that lasts 694 days, or a million minutes. Their journey takes them first to Thailand and afterwards to Iceland and leads to numerous conflicts and questions about developmental needs of children, parental roles, and work-life balances.

**FILM SELECTION TBA**

May 15, 2024 | 6:30pm

Our film selection for May 15, 2026 will be announced shortly. Stay tuned for updates!

## THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA



2025-2026 Friday Film Fest Program

6:30 PM

Film, Food, & Discussion

German Society of PA

611 Spring Garden Street,

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### September 5 (2024)

October 10, 2025 | 6:30pm

English/German with English Subtitles



Munich 1972. West Germany is hosting the Olympics for the first time after World War II and is eager to show the world a new and cheerful image of its democratic society. Fear of terrorism doesn't exist, and security is lax. On September 5, 1972, this idyllic setting collapses when a group of Palestinian terrorists take the Israeli athletes hostage in the Olympic Village, killing two members and threatening more assassinations. The unpreparedness and ineptitude of the German police lead to a tragic disaster. This movie is a thriller that focuses on ABC's unprecedented live coverage of these events. The film will be shown in the original English version with English subtitles for the German parts.

### Riefenstahl (2024)

November 21, 2025 | 6:30pm

German with German Subtitles



Leni Riefenstahl is one of the most famous directors in cinema history. In fact, many assert that she changed the course of film history. She is also one of the most controversial, because at the height of her career, she made documentaries at the behest of the Third Reich. At their first meeting, Hitler, enchanted by her dancing and acting, told her, "Once we come to power, you must make my films." She proceeded to do just that, directing films like "*Triumph des Willens*" and "*Olympia*". In the post-war years, she fiercely denied being either complicit in or even conscious of the brutal actions of the Nazi State. She always insisted that she was an artist and that her oeuvre had nothing to do with politics. To check these claims out, Andres Veiel takes us on a deep dive into Riefenstahl's immense *Nachlass* of film, transcripts, television appearances, and even tape cassettes of phone calls, including with the likes of Albert Speer.

### Munich—The Edge of War (2021)

January 16, 2026 | 6:30pm

English/German with English Subtitles

This movie is adapted from the best seller *Munich* by British writer Robert Harris, best known for his historical fiction thrillers, including *Conclave* (2016). The historic event at the center of this movie is the Munich Confer-



ence on September 30, 1938. The two main characters are Hugh Legat and Paul von Hartmann, who met at Oxford University in 1932. Now Legat works as Chamberlain's private secretary, while Paul von Hartmann is a translator in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Hartmann has also been in touch with a group that plans to overthrow Hitler. When he gets a copy of the secret Hossbach Memorandum that outlines Hitler's expansionist war plans, he and Legat try to get access to Chamberlain and convince him not to sign the agreement, leading to a thrilling denouement.

### Zwei zu Eins (2024)

February 20, 2026 | 6:30pm

German with German Subtitles



It's the summer of 1990. When a group of friends finds millions of old East German currency stored in a tunnel near Halberstadt, they brainstorm to come up with ideas to convert the worthless money into the hard West German Mark that was introduced into East Germany at the beginning of July 1990. What seems like utter fiction is actually based on a true story except for the timeline. A cast of prominent East German actors including Sandra Hüller, Ronald Zehrfeld, Max Riemelt, and Peter Kurth create a hilarious comedy about this aspect of the unification process. The movie includes critical commentary about the encroaching capitalistic world and the hasty and careless privatization efforts by the *Treuhandgesellschaft*.

### Die Kaiserin (2025)

March 20, 2026 | 6:30pm

German with English Subtitles



This is a made-for-television historical drama series that is based on the life of Empress Elisabeth of Austria. Season 1 was released on Netflix in September 2022 and became Netflix's second-most watched series worldwide. Season 2 premiered in November 2024 with Season 3 scheduled for late in 2026. Devrim Lingnau stars as Elisabeth "Sisi" von Wittelsbach and Philip Froissant as Emperor Franz Joseph. Sixteen-year-old Sisi falls in love with Franz Joseph, and he marries her instead of her older sister Helene. Arriving in Vienna, Sisi finds it difficult to adjust to the court conventions and her husband's scheming family, es-