

## SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH FASNACHT PARTY

**Sunday, March 5, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh**

Please join us on Sunday afternoon, March 5, for a social gathering at Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh to celebrate Fasnacht! (The main event in Basel, Switzerland, begins on Monday, March 6.)

**No Tomobola, No Speeches** --- this is an unreserved event, but we are looking for a Swiss takeover of the beer hall for the afternoon!

Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh is located at 2705 South Water Street in the Southside Works

Basler Fasnacht --- A jousting tournament in 1376 is the oldest documented Fasnacht (carnival) event in Basel. Since then, the Basel Fasnacht has been constantly changing. In its current form, the "drey scheenschte Dääg (three finest days)", as Fasnacht is called in Basel, reach far beyond the city borders. The citizens of Basel and the visitors gather at four in the morning on the Monday after Ash Wednesday. An eerie silence reigns over the pitch-black city center before the drum major gives the marching order "Morgestraich vorwärts marsch!", and the costumed drummers and piccolo players strike up the music that opens the Fasnacht celebrations. On Monday and Wednesday afternoon there are enormous processions with around 12,000 participants in costumes representing countless different subjects, while Tuesday is set aside for the children's masked procession and the Guggenmusiken (brass bands). A particularly important role is played by the hundred or so "Schnitzelbank" groups (a "Schnitzelbank" is a collection of humorous songs or verses), who perform their satirical verses in restaurants and vaults.





The Alliance of Germanic Societies is proud to bring musicians from Germany to Pittsburgh to perform two shows on **Saturday, April 8**, in the Sängershalle at the Teutonia Männerchor, at 1:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. There will be three musical acts performing both Traditional songs and modern Schlager hits. (Unfortunately, the Swiss duo, Yasmine & Chanelle, have bowed out, since they have signed a deal for a television show and are no longer able to attend.)

Tickets are available from the Alliance at \$10 for students (elementary school through college) and \$20 for adults. Tickets will be available at the Swiss Fasnacht Party at the Hofbräuhaus, or by contacting Lyndall Huggler at (412) 480-1660 or [lynbeth@msn.com](mailto:lynbeth@msn.com)

Teutonia Männerchor is offering a great buffet dinner for purchase (\$18.95 + tax & tip) between the two shows from 5:00 to 7:00 --- make reservations with the club at (412) 231-9141

(Note: the 1:00 show will be alcohol free to accommodate the high school students that the Alliance is inviting)