



# Utopia

Revisiting a German State in America  
A Traveling Exhibition

Ausstellungsreise auf den Spuren  
einer deutschen Republik in den USA

On display at the German-American Heritage Museum of the USA™  
September 6 – October 25, 2014

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The German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA® (GAHF) is proud to announce that the exhibit “Utopia: Revisiting a German State in America”, on loan from the Traveling Summer Republic—a group of artists, filmmakers, and scholars based in Germany and the U.S. —will officially open at the GAHM on September 6, 2014 and will be on display through October 25, 2014. Funding for the exhibit was provided by the Transatlantic Program of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Magistrate of the University Town Giessen, and the Prime Minister of the State of Hesse.

“Utopia” tells the story of the Giessen Emigration Society, a group of 500 individuals, who decided to emigrate from Germany en masse in 1834 and re-settle on the American frontier. Comprised of dreamers and visionaries, the emigrants strove to establish a democratic German-speaking state on US soil.

As evident by the exhibit name, their goal was never realized, though these immigrants quickly integrated and shaped American society by supporting the Abolitionist movement and becoming involved in local and national politics.

Utopia’s interactive showcase, comprised of documentaries, text, and an array of photographs, thoroughly depicts the Giessen Emigration Society’s journey to the U.S., their settlement in present-day Missouri, and their long-lasting contributions to American society.

Visitors are also invited to relive the experience of saying good-bye to cherished places and objects with *Muss i denn Tours & Cargo Trips*, which will set up shop at the GAHM as it journeys along with Utopia.

**September 7, 2 PM:** Don’t miss the opportunity to meet Richard Vieth, the great-great grandson of Friedrich Muench, one of the members of the Giessen Emigration Society at our museum.

**Tours:** Artistic director Peter Roloff will be on location from 9/2 to 9/13, 2014. For interviews or for guided tours from 9/7 - 9/13, please call to set up an appointment: 202.467 5000.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit [www.utopia-exhibit.net](http://www.utopia-exhibit.net).

### Location:

German-American Heritage Museum of the USA™  
719 Sixth Street NW • Washington DC 20001  
[www.gahmusa.org](http://www.gahmusa.org)

### Extended opening hours:

Sept. 7 - Sept. 13: 11 AM - 7 PM (daily)

### Regular exhibit hours:

Tues - Fri: 11 AM - 6 PM, Sat 12 PM - 5 PM



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