

Deutsch Theaterprojekt 2023 Video Links

Submitted for Best Comedy:

Ich liebe Deutsch: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_uigzunq1

Das Klassentreffen: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_2qtupfce

Der Gute, Der Schlechte und Die Schweiz: <https://youtu.be/fHaMT3JXT9g>

Käsezwerge vs. Rattenkönig: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_oqo1pp6s

Das Wesen Zwei: Die Jungs sind Vorbei: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_jsy8scwm

Submitted for Best Drama:

Berlin Schmidt: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_txkw482j

Bösebratwurst: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_2eyr5tvty

Unter Uns: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_q92p8kxo

Das Spiel: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_vgir378c

Krampus auf dem Campus: https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_928oxgc8

IU German Theater Project for High Schools - 2023 Report

This year marked the 10th Annual **IU German Theater Project for High Schools** (henceforth ‘GTP’), which was held in person at Indiana University Bloomington’s Global and International Studies Building on Saturday, April 15th. Students and teachers from five high school German programs (Columbus North, Columbus East, Fishers, Northridge and William Henry Harrison) participated this year and, overall, we can boast more attendees at this year’s in-person event compared to last year, thanks in largest part to the hard work and dedication of Indiana high school German teachers, who - along with so many educational institutions throughout the U.S., Indiana University included - have faced many challenges in reviving student participation since the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, dozens of high school students and teachers, along with IU Germanic Studies faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and staff, all came together for a day of workshops, sketches, food, fun, film festival, and prizes!

These Indiana high school German programs got to flex their linguistic and creative muscle with a total of eleven wonderfully creative video submissions, all vying for the title of Best Comedy, Best Drama, and/or Audience Choice Award. IU Germanic Studies faculty, graduate students and staff then voted as a department to award Best Comedy to Columbus North High School for *Das Wesen Zwei: Die Jungs sind Vorbei*, a fanciful and laugh-out-loud hilarious sequel to last year’s *Das Wesen*, produced by and starring many of the same Columbus North German talent whom we’ve seen grace the silver screen before! Best Drama went to William Henry Harrison High School for *Krampus auf dem Campus*, a moving and at times darkly comedic story of one Alpine monster’s attempt to adapt and find community in the modern world. And finally, Audience Choice Award was presented to Northridge High School for *Bösebratwurst*, a whacky and colorful whodunnit that won the most anonymous votes from film festival attendees. These three main category winners received framed certificates, as well as German and Austrian-themed treats and literature. And in keeping with a tradition introduced for the 2020 GTP, we also awarded a special certificate to each video submitted to honor students’ effort.

We at the Indiana University Bloomington Department of Germanic Studies are incredibly grateful for the generous support of the Max Kade Foundation, whose funding provided breakfast and lunch for GTP attendees and volunteers, along with brand new GTP t-shirts for 2023. Thanks are in order, as well, to the German Embassy, the IU Department of Germanic Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the German Theater Project committee, and most of all, to the high school students and teachers! Events like the GTP are more important than ever before in the fight to keep German alive and well in the state of Indiana. And we are proud to report that all five of the above mentioned schools have made the GTP a permanent part of their German curriculum!

Here are some of the comments shared by teachers and students who participated this year:

“Thanks for a great day on Saturday! The kids were so pumped to find out they had won and the others brought back good stories to tell!”

“Thank you all, we had a blast!”

“Thanks so much for organizing the annual GTP. Once again, it was so well put together!”

The College of Arts and Sciences at IUB is impressed with our project’s ability to integrate language learning and teaching from high school to the undergraduate and graduate level. Integral to our continued success has been the willingness and passion that our Germanic Studies undergraduate and graduate students have brought to the designing and leading of the festival workshops.

We hope to hit our maximum of 100 participants at the festival in coming years. The tradition has been established, and schools are including projects and creating submissions for this festival as part of their curriculum. Outreach programs like these serve a crucial role for the advocacy of German language and cultural instruction at all levels. For more information about next year’s project submissions and festival, please contact German Theater Project director, Lane Sorensen at lasorens@iu.edu.

Sincerely,



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