

## For Immediate Release

TCHCC / The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center presents *A Texas Bavarian Showcase* on Saturday, April 6 at the Sanford Schmid Amphitheater. Three of Texas' premier Alpine bands will perform from 4pm – 9pm. Donations are \$10 at the door. Concessions will be available.

The three bands are Das Ist Lustig, Enzian Buam, and Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express. Das Ist Lustig plays biergarten variety music with an interactive flavor. Enzian Buam specializes in yodeling Alpine style. Their sound is traditional southern Bavarian and Austrian. Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express play a cross section of traditional Bavarian music and some of the newer songs coming out of Oktoberfest beer gardens today. Guests will see traditional music played on many German folk instruments. In addition to accordions and guitars, there will be Alphorns, tuned Austrian cowbells, Bavarian Xylophone (Holzern G'lachter / wooden laughter) Autoharp, Singing Saw, Teufelsgeiger, and spoons. German folk dance exhibitions by Ross and Valina Polka are also on the schedule.

Each band plans on performing their favorite Czech songs during the showcase. Czechs and Germans all find themselves dancing the same dance steps to polkas and waltzes that have known no borders for hundreds of years. Here in Texas, these songs are preserved and enjoyed throughout all of the local communities. The three bands will play together towards the end of the program, and invite guests to join in singing and dancing.

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