



# International Zither Gathering 2019

December 8, 2018

Dear Zither Friends,

We are excited to announce the 2019 International Zither Gathering (IZG) to be held in Königswinter, Germany (near Bonn, the former capital of Germany). **This event will be from March 26 – 31, 2019**, and is being organized by Anne Prinz (USA) and Tomy Temerson (Germany).

This is an opportunity for new and seasoned zither players to come together to share their passion, learn new techniques and enjoy the camaraderie of sharing zither music with each other in our international zither community.

Tomy Temerson will provide brand new sheet music, especially arranged for this event by Mr. Gernot Sauter. This includes various periods of music, such as - Folk, Romantic, Classical, etc. Two months prior to the Gathering, Tomy will provide a professional practice recording from his sound studio.

For many years we have been working together to create seminars around the world to encourage the growth of the zither and to bring together zither enthusiasts to learn and create community through sharing our love of the zither. Now we want to invite you to come together with a larger zither community, in the country where zither music has its origin. We have put a lot of love and care in drawing together people from all over the world to share their passion for the zither. We are eagerly anticipating participants from Austria, Japan, Germany, Switzerland, USA, etc.

This letter provides preliminary information so that you can start making your plans for this event. More detailed information will be given at a later date.

### **Workshops - Participation Includes:**

- A welcome concert on Tuesday evening, March 26.
- Orchestra workshops and rehearsals on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 27-29.
- Dress rehearsal with the State Zither Orchestra of Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany on Saturday, March 30.
- Public Zither Concert with the State Zither Orchestra of Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany on Sunday, March 31.

**The cost for the seminar workshops is 125,- Euros.**

### **Private Lessons:**

Private lessons (45-minutes) available during the seminar by Tomy Temerson and Anne Prinz (Beginners in English). Please let us know if you want to have a lesson, so we can schedule the time for you. Depending on the number of you interested in having lessons, we may have a third professional zither teacher available. **The cost per lesson is 30,- Euros**

### **Exhibits:**

There will be on-going exhibits of sheet music vendors, including - Musikverlag Richard Grünwald, Psalteria Verlag, etc.

On Wednesday evening we will do something completely new and riveting! We will explore Meinel Zithers from different manufacturing years (1915 to present), so you can try them and experience the diversity in the sound from one manufacturer. Anne and Tomy will give you tips on how to recognize pluses and minuses when looking at zithers. We are sure this will be a fascinating and exciting journey!

### **Sheet Music:**

The sheet music will be sent to you upon your registration. This is included in the seminar workshop fee and is yours to keep. If you are interested in the complete set of the concert music, it will be available for purchase for 50,- Euros. This includes all pieces, all voices and the conductor's score. We will need to know two weeks ahead of the workshop so we can print them ahead for you.

### **Accommodations:**

Accommodations and meals are included – starting on March 26 with dinner and ending on March 31 with breakfast.

The price for accommodations with meals (3 per day), excluding beverages, is:

**Single room: 400,- Euros**

**Double room: 350,- Euros per person**

To make your reservation:

- English speakers, contact Anne Prinz at: Anne@AnneLPrinz.com or at +1-309-797-4779.
- German speakers, contact Tomy Temerson at: zither@zither.de or at +49-172-830-7226.
- For all other languages – contact either Anne or Tomy.

If you are interested in coming earlier or staying longer at the hotel than the dates of the International Zither Gathering, let Anne or Tomy know. We will make arrangements for you and let you know the additional cost.

**Airport/Train/Car Rentals:**

Airport: The best airport to fly into is the Köln/Bonn Airport (CGN). Here is a link to a map of the airport: <https://goo.gl/maps/Yevo9krop2D2>

From the Airport to the Seminar Haus is approximately 30 Kilometers (20 miles). It takes about 30 minutes by taxi to arrive to the hotel and the cost will be around 60,- Euros.

The hotel and seminar locations is:

Haus Schlesien

Dollendorfer Str. 412

53639 Königswinter, Germany

Here is the link from the hotel, giving directions from the airport.

<https://www.hausschlesien.de/anfahrt?lang=en>

This is a link to a map of Haus Schesien: <https://goo.gl/maps/i3bsSfcGu512>

We hope this has caught your interest. If you need more information, please contact:

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Please contact Anne or Tomy if you are planning to attend so that we can finalize your reservations and send you more detailed information as well as music prior to the event.

Since this event is in Germany there are different logistics than when we organize events in other countries. You have to have a valid Passport for traveling, as well as travel insurance for any incidents that can occur when travelling. Payment will be collected when you arrive at the seminar for the workshop fees, private lessons, and accommodations with meals. Payment is to be made in Euros cash.

Included with this letter is an “Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form” for you to read, sign, and return to us at the International Zither Gathering.

Anne Prinz and Tomy Temerson welcome you to Königswinter, Germany. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for zither players from around the world to join in sharing five days of zither music, friendship, and fun. Come share in the zither excitement – an experience to remember.

Sincerely,

Anne Prinz and Tomy Temerson

Organizers for the 2019 International Zither Gathering

**Tomy Temerson** was born and raised in the city of Hanau, which is located in the center of Germany, close to Frankfurt am Main.

He received his first zither lessons in 1982 by Angel Macker and his father, David, who was a professional guitarist and music teacher.

1983 – 1989 zither lessons with Ingeborg Roß, professional Zither teacher from Offenbach, Germany

In 1989, he started his private zither studies with Gernot Sauter, conducting techniques with Professor Karl-Heinz Bloemeke, and studied trumpet with Hans Kuhner from the Conservatory of Frankfurt.



Tomy has played the zither for thirty-five years, having graduated from the National Music Academy in Trossingen with a degree in teaching private lessons and conducting ensembles. He has performed in numerous competitions, winning prizes for his technique and musicality, including a prize in the Youth Music Competition in 1989 and the Grand Prize for Folk Music in 1993.

He performs in Europe and internationally in concerts as a zither soloist and in collaboration with other musicians and orchestras, as well as performs with the leading opera houses in Germany – like the National Theater of Giessen, Mainz, and currently at the Opera Cologne. Tomy currently also performs two hundred concerts per year for eight different cruise lines.

Tomy is the conductor for the following zither orchestras:

Riehen-Basel Zither Orchestra, Switzerland

Zither Orchestra Zurich, Switzerland

North American Zither Orchestra, USA

Seminar Orchestra of All Nippon Zither Association, Japan

State Orchestra of Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Tomy conducts zither seminars and offers private zither lessons to students across Europe, as well as conducts zither workshops and concerts in the USA and Japan. He is among the two most successful teachers for zither at the national music competitions “Jugend Musiziert” and “Roland-Zimmer-Wettbewerb”. His students have been the most frequent winners. Plus, he has sent more than thirty of his zither students to the National Music Academy in Trossingen, to receive their degree in teaching private lessons and conducting ensembles.

**Anne Prinz** is a fellow zither enthusiast, who started playing the zither in 2013. She has studied with Janet Stessel of the Chicago Zither Club, and master zitherist, Tomy Temerson of Germany, which included learning how to teach beginning zither students. Anne is a member of the Davenport Zither Ensemble, in Davenport, Iowa. She has performed with the Chicago Zither Club, and in 2017 started teaching new zither players in Washington, Missouri, which has become the Schwarzer Zither Ensemble.



English speaking zither players from around the world are familiar with her efforts in creating community for zither players. Initially this started in 2008, when she started being a co-host for the National Zither Gatherings, which later turned into the North American Zither Gatherings (NAZG). Along with Tomy Temerson and others, she has now coordinated six NAZG bringing together zither enthusiasts from across the United States and Canada. Plus, she also co-coordinated the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Chicago Zither Club. Anne has also been the editor for the Zither Newsletter USA as well as a supplier of zither music and zither supplies to the English-speaking countries.

Her interest is to support and grow new zither players as well as create community for zither enthusiasts to come together for workshops, performing concerts, and creating lasting friendships within the community.

As an organizer for this seminar, Anne is here to assist all English-speaking attendees with their questions or needs throughout the International Zither Gathering. She will also be available for lessons for beginners.

Outside of the zither arena, Anne is the Author of the book, *Living Your Exclamation Point Life!* She is an international speaker, consultant, and life and business success coach. To learn more, visit her website at: [www.AnneLPrinz.com](http://www.AnneLPrinz.com).

**ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM**

The undersigned (“PARTICIPANT”) and or legal guardian entitled to make any decisions on behalf of the undersigned party (“GUARDIAN”) **HEREBY ASSUMES ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN OR ATTENDING ANY OR ALL ACTIVITIES** associated with the International Zither Gathering on and around March 26 – March 31, 2019, at or around Haus Schlesien, Dollendorfer Str. 412, 53639 Königswinter, Germany (the “Premises”), including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from actions or the negligence of other participants in the International Zither Gathering, from dangerous or defective equipment or defects of any sort in any property (real or personal) owned, used, maintained, or controlled by Releasee, or any condition or cause at or on the Premises. The undersigned acknowledges that an accident, injury, or occurrence could happen at the International Zither Gathering and knowingly and voluntarily elects to participate in the International Zither Gathering activities notwithstanding such potential accident, injury, or occurrence. To induce TOMY TEMERSON, ANNE PRINZ, AND HAUS SCHLESIEEN and its owners, members, agents, representatives, sponsors, volunteers, and employees (collectively the “Releasee”) to allow the undersigned to participate in the International Zither Gathering and in consideration thereof, the undersigned, for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, and successors does hereby knowingly and intentionally, to the maximum extent allowed by law:

WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE Releasee from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from the International Zither Gathering; and

INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEND AT MY SOLE COST, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE Releasee from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.

The undersigned acknowledges:

(i) That Releasee is NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

(ii) During the International Zither Gathering person’s may reach their personal physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, monitors, and/or producers of the activity. These risks are not only inherent to participants, but are also present for volunteers.

The undersigned hereby consents (i) to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this activity, (ii) to being photographed and to allow my photo, video, recording or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the Releasee, producers, sponsors, and organizers of the International Zither Gathering, and their assigns.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES AND CERTIFIES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ THIS DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENT AND THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT. THE UNDERSIGNED SIGNS IT OF HIS/HER OWN FREE WILL ON HIS/HER OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTICIPANT UNDER HIS/HER CARE OR CONTROL.

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Participant’s Signature      Date  
(Please print legibly.)

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Participant’s Name      Age

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Parent/Guardian Signature      Date  
(If under 18 years old, Parent or Guardian must also sign.)