

News release

**CONRAD MIZER/KARL WOLFRAM MEMORIAL**  
**GARDEN CONCERT**  
**GERMAN CULTURAL GARDEN**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**You are cordially invited to attend this event.**

**On Sunday, July 11, 2010, the German Musikverein will co-sponsor a “Free Conrad Mizer/Karl Wolfram Memorial Garden Concert”, together with the Federation of German Americans of Greater Cleveland and other German musicians.**

**Conrad Mizer emigrated from Germany with his brother’s family and lived on the near west side of Cleveland, close to Edgewater Park. He pursued his favorite pastime after arriving in Cleveland, “Frühschoppenmusik,” the closest translation being “Garden or Park Concert.”**

**During the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, his dream came true when he founded the free “Public Park Concerts” at Edgewater Park. He also sponsored the Sunday afternoon Pop Concerts at Grays Armory with the Cleveland Grand Orchestra, which was the forerunner of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra.**

**After the demise of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra in 1902, Conrad Mizer sought the support of several financial backers and formed a new Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. The first concert of the new Orchestra was held at Grays Armory on January 4, 1903. A year later, Conrad Mizer suddenly passed away. However, his work he started was carried on successfully by many other concert lovers and resulted eventually in today’s Cleveland Orchestra.**

**In 1910 the City of Cleveland dedicated a Memorial Fountain in his memory. The Memorial can be found at Edgewater Park south of the pavilion.**

<http://www.clevelandmemory.org/ebooks/tpap/pg07.html>

**Karl J. Wolfram, one of the two founders of the Cleveland's Cultural Garden System at Rockefeller Park was the first president of the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation. The span of Karl J. Wolfram's twenty-five years as president of the Cultural Garden Federation was not merely a period of duties faithfully and loyally performed. It was far more, during his resign he saw 18 gardens established. The German Cultural Garden was dedicated on June 2, 1929 as the third garden in the system.**

**The family background of Karl J. Wolfram is identified with a long line of musicians, teachers and educators. His father and uncle were musicians and stamped upon his lineage as well as upon his own personality there seemed more than a trace of the early Wolfram, the famed poet and Minnesinger of Medieval days, Wolfram von Eschenbach, whose name was made famous by the Wagner's opera Tannhauser.**

**The concert will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the German Cultural Garden "Goethe-Schiller Square at 1036 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. The German Cultural Garden is situated centrally in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, in Rockefeller Park. This Garden can be recognized by the huge twin monument of Goethe-Schiller, the largest monument within the Gardens.**

**Please Note: There will no chair set up for seating, you may however, bring your lawn chairs. There will no concessions available. Restrooms are available at the nearby Cleveland Greenhouse north of the German Garden at the end of East Boulevard (Approx 3/4mile). You may park on the east side of East Blvd., however we recommend to park on Martin Luther Blvd. as you can park on both sides of the Boulevard behind the white line near the lower sign and the Latvian Garden (flag red white red) and walk up the walkway. In case of rain the concert must be canceled.**