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## Goethe-Institut aims to foster German-Filipino dialogue through food

BEYOND THE BEER and the sauerkraut, German cuisine has a whole lot more to offer.

This is practically the motto of a series of events that the Goethe-Institut Philippinen – the German cultural center in the Philippines – has lined up for November. The aim? To foster Filipino-German cultural exchange through the medium of food.

All packed under the umbrella title *Wanderlust Küche* (literally “wanderlust kitchen” or “wanderlust cuisine”), the events include an exhibition, crash courses in German, film screenings, and a special dinner prepared by M Café’s Kalel Chan and guest chef Steffen Burkhardt who’s being flown over from Germany especially for the occasion.

“The German culinary culture is far more diverse than most people think.” said Dr. Ulrich Nowak, Goethe-Institut director. “There are a lot of things about German cuisine that other people, especially Filipinos, can relate to.”

This diversity and relatability is at the center of the exhibition entitled “Sausage Salads & Potato Pancakes”. Especially curated for the Filipino audience, the exhibit aims to break the stereotype of German food as unimaginative and lacking refinement. It features a number of special cookbooks from Germany and contains a myriad of interesting trivia on German cuisine. It is available for viewing from November 6 to 28 at the Goethe-Institut.

For a more in-depth introduction to the German cuisine, the institute is offering a free crash course on November 17. Aptly dubbed “Beyond the Beer: A Crash Course on German Culinary Culture”, the activity is a two-hour session with activities and games conducted by actual German language teachers. Participants will be treated to a hearty German snack at the end of the course.

The month’s activities culminate, however, with the special fusion dinner co-created by chefs Chan and Burkhardt. The menu features classics from both Filipino and German cuisines, but also special dishes created only for the night. Both chefs have been in contact for months and took pains to produce an especially curated menu. The dinner – called “The Magic Hour” – is set for November 29 at M Café in Makati.

Steffen Burkhardt is a founding member of *Werteköche*, a collective of chefs based in Germany dedicated to responsible cooking. The group aims to promote a conscious approach to preparing food, taking into account the origin of the ingredients and the manner by which they were collected or harvested. They also encourage change and experimentation in cooking. Kalel Chan, on the other hand, is the long-time head chef at M Café and several other restaurants around the country under the Raintree group.

For more information on the individual events, you may go to [Goethe.de/WanderlustKueche](http://Goethe.de/WanderlustKueche). For inquiries, please write an e-mail to [info-goethe@goethe.de](mailto:info-goethe@goethe.de).

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[Portrait, Kalel Chan](#)

### RELATED LINKS

[Wanderlust Küche website](#) (to be launched by the beginning of Nov)  
[Wanderlust Küche on Facebook](#)  
[Steffen Burkhardt and the Werteköche](#)  
[M Café | Kabila](#)  
[Kalel Chan](#)  
[Solino \(2002\)](#)  
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## Wanderlust Küche - Manila LINE-UP OF ACTIVITIES



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### I. SAUSAGE-SALAD AND POTATO-PANCAKES: An Exhibit on German Cookbooks and the German Food Culture

*Venue: Goethe-Institut, G/F Adamson Centre, 121 L.P. Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati City  
Nov 6 to 28 | available for viewing everyday except on holidays, 12:00 to 6:00pm*

Featuring special German cookbooks, the exhibition aims to inform Filipinos about German traditional and modern food and about how it can be very similar to the local cuisine. Visitors of the exhibition can learn many interesting trivia about German food, take home free recipes, and try for themselves the notorious “Sprudel” -- the carbonated water popular in Germany. [MORE INFO](#)

### II. CULINARY CINEMA

*Venue: Goethe Library, G/F Adamson Centre, 121 L.P. Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati City  
Nov 14, 21 & 28 | 6:00 PM*

The Culinary Cinema is a series of screenings of cuisine-themed German films at the Goethe-Institut library. Set on 3 consecutive Wednesdays in November, the series features two modern classics *Solino* (2002) and *Soul Kitchen* (2009) by renowned German-Turkish filmmaker Fatih Akin. It also includes the award-winning documentary *Taste the Waste* (2010) that tackles food waste and overconsumption. [MORE INFO](#)

### III. BEYOND THE BEER: A Crash Course on German Culinary Culture

*Venue: Goethe-Institut, 4/F Adamson Centre, 121 L.P. Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati City  
Nov 17 | pre-registration required*

“Beyond the Beer” is a free crash course that aims to tell about German cuisine and culinary language useful for people planning to visit Germany in the future. The course outline is filled with games and other activities that culminate in a free German-food tasting session. Done inside a Goethe-Institut classroom, the activity is also meant to give participants a feel of how German classes at the Goethe-Institut are conducted. [MORE INFO](#)

### IV. THE MAGIC HOUR: A German-Filipino Fusion Dinner

*Venue: M Café | Kabila Filipino Bistro, Greenbelt 4, Makati Ave. corner Dela Rosa St., Makati City  
Nov 29 | 7:00 PM | By invitation only*

German chef Steffen Burkhardt of the chef collective *Werteköche* teams up with renowned chef Kalel Chan of M Café in a one-of-a-kind dinner meant to highlight German-Filipino collaboration. “The Magic Hour” – as it is coined – is an elaborate five-course dinner prepared by the two chefs. It features elements of both Filipino and German cuisines. The chefs will be present to speak to the diners about their collaborative process and their experiences with each other’s cuisines. [MORE INFO](#)

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FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11
<p><b>Sausage-Salad and Potato-Pancakes:</b>  <b>An Exhibit on German Cookbooks and the German Food Culture</b>            Nov 6 to 28   available for viewing from 12:00pm - 6:00pm            Goethe-Institut</p>						
Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18
<p><b>Culinary Cinema: "SOLINO"</b>            Nov 14   6:00pm            Goethe Library</p>						
<p><b>Beyond the Beer Crash Course</b>            Nov 17   4:00pm            Goethe-Institut            (pre-registration required)</p>						
Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25
<p><b>Culinary Cinema: "SOUL KITCHEN"</b>            Nov 21   6:00pm            Goethe Library</p>						
Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
<p><b>Culinary Cinema: "TASTE THE WASTE"</b>            Nov 28   6:00pm            Goethe Library</p>						
<p><b>The Magic Hour: German-Filipino Fusion Dinner</b>            Nov 29   7:00pm            M Café   Kabila            (by invitation only)</p>						