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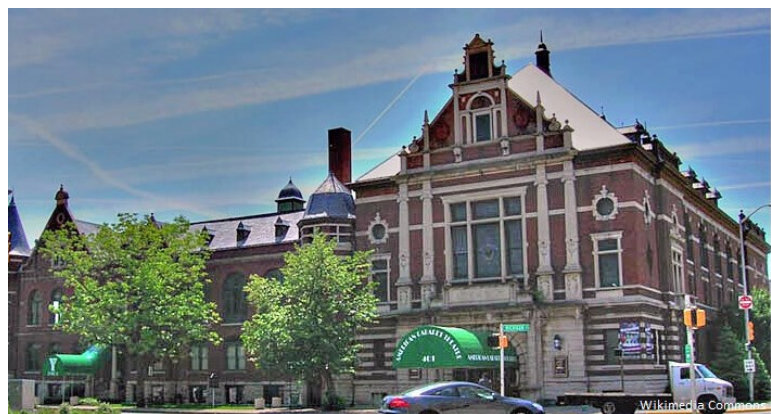
Consulate General to Host Campaign Kick-off in Indianapolis

Chicago, IL – August 23, 2018 – *The Year of German-American Friendship* is a year-long public diplomacy campaign funded by the German Federal Foreign Ministry and supported by the Goethe-Institut and the BDI, or the Federation of German Industries. Beginning October 3, 2018, and lasting through the end of 2019, the *Year of German-American Friendship* will feature events and exhibitions across the United States in the fields of politics, culture, education, science, business, and industry. The campaign seeks to highlight the strong ties between the U.S. and Germany and the unique importance of continued transatlantic cooperation.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, 2018, the German Consulate General Chicago will host *The Kick-off of the Year of German American Friendship in the Midwest* in Indianapolis. The event coincides with five similar kick-off events in other major cities. The schedule for the Midwest kick-off includes public programming such as lectures and panels, musical performances, and a cultural fair in the Athenaeum Foundation Indianapolis on October 6 followed by a car show and parade beginning in Monument Circle in Indianapolis on October 7. A detailed program as well as registration links for the parade and car show can be found on the [event website](#).



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