



*‘Oktoberfest: Texas Style’*

**Nov. 4 – Nov. 13, 2011  
New Braunfels, Texas**

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### **2011 WURSTFEST PROMISES A WHOLE LOTTA SONG**

“I think we are one of the only festivals in the country with four venues,” said Carroll Coleman, who is serving in his fourth year as entertainment chair. “We will have live music both weekends at the new building, the Stelzenhaus. We’re excited.”

In addition to the new venue, Wurstfest also will host a new band this year.

“The Gordonairs European Musik from British Columbia will be playing the second week – Wednesday through Saturday,” Coleman said. “They come highly recommended from members of the German American Society here who heard them play at the Leavenworth Music Festival in Washington State. They are an eight-member band that includes two brothers (Gordon and Danny Groening). They play European music including waltzes and polkas, and they play cowbells.”

The Gordonairs will be playing in Das Kleine Zelt, or Little Tent.

Returning this year after a two-year absence will be the highly-energetic Hohberg Baum of Austria.

“They are fun, crazy and very talented,” Coleman said. “They will be playing during the first week, Friday through Tuesday, in Das Grosse Zelt, or the Big Tent.”

Devoted fans of Alex Meixner will be thrilled to learn the accordion player is opening Wurstfest and staying an extra night through Thursday, Nov. 10. Meixner and the Comal Community Band will perform at 4 p.m. on opening day, Nov. 4, in the Wursthalle.

“He is alternating with die Schlauberger (taking the stage),” Coleman said. “And of course, we have Jimmy Sturr and his 17-piece orchestra.”

The Jimmy Sturr Orchestra plays at Wurstfest Nov. 10-13 in the Wursthalle.

Stelzenhaus will feature a variety of performers including Squeezebox from Ohio and The Sauerkrauts.

This year's Waltz Contest takes place at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, in the Wursthalle. This year's Polka Contest takes place at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, in the Wursthalle.

Other activities include the Kinderhalle activity place for children, the family carnival and the Circle Arts Theatre melodrama.

The Wurstfest Association of New Braunfels is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to promote the local economy through tourism and promote and preserve the community's rich German heritage. Proceeds from the event benefit a wide variety of projects.

Admission to the Wurstfest grounds will be free from 4 to 7 p.m. on opening night, Nov. 4. After 7 p.m., admission to the festival is \$8 at the gate; and children ages 12 and younger will be admitted free at all times. Wurstfest continues through Nov. 13. Group rates, advance discounts and special weekday promotions are available. For information about Wurstfest, call 830/625-9167 or 1-800-221-4369, or visit the Web site at [www.wurstfest.com](http://www.wurstfest.com).