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MANN 2025 – 150 Years of Thomas Mann: A Global Celebration of Democracy, Memory, and International Dialogue

In 2025, the Thomas Mann International Network and a host of partner institutions will mark the 150th anniversary of Nobel Prize-winning author Thomas Mann with a yearlong series of events spanning continents. The commemorations, set to unfold throughout June and across the calendar year, will spotlight Mann's enduring literary and political legacy, engaging with contemporary debates and diverse perspectives.

Program Highlights Include:

- **“Germany, Listen!” – Thomas Mann’s Radio Speeches Reimagined (May 31):**
In a special “Long Night” broadcast, acclaimed actress Sandra Hüller will present fifteen newly recorded renditions of Mann’s historic BBC radio addresses. Contemporary voices from politics, academia, and the arts will enter into dialogue with Mann’s words, exploring their resonance in today’s world.
(More information: “Germany, Listen!” – Then and Now)
- **Anniversary Conference in Lübeck (June 5–8):**
The German Thomas Mann Society will host an international conference, “150 Years of Thomas Mann – Border Crossings and Transformations,” focusing on Mann’s evolution from conservative loyalist to committed democrat and cosmopolitan.
(More information: International Thomas Mann Conference 2025)
- **Exhibition: “My Time. Thomas Mann and Democracy” at the Buddenbrookhaus (from June 5):**
Lübeck’s Buddenbrookhaus will unveil a comprehensive exhibition tracing Mann’s political journey—from his conservative beginnings to his outspoken advocacy for democracy. Six biographical turning points chart Mann’s emancipation, with original quotations from his articles, diaries, and speeches. The centerpiece: his renowned 1950 address, “My Time.”
(More information: My Time. Thomas Mann and Democracy)
- **Festive Program in Munich (June 6):**
The Monacensia at Hildebrandhaus will celebrate Munich’s unique role in Mann’s life with guided tours, archival showcases, and the participatory format “Brought Along! – Thomas Mann in Personal Objects.”
(More information: The Fascination of Thomas Mann)
- **Birthday Celebration in Zurich (June 6):**
The Thomas Mann Archive at ETH Zurich, the Thomas Mann Society Zurich, and the community of Kilchberg will host a (fully booked) commemorative event at the Conrad Ferdinand Meyer House, featuring music, readings, and conversations honoring Mann’s life and work.



- **Thomas Mann Festival in Nida (July 12–19):**

The 29th International Thomas Mann Festival in Lithuania, themed “Time is Out of Joint. Faith,” will explore questions of trust and conviction in times of crisis through concerts, readings, and discussions.

(More information: 29th International Thomas Mann Festival: “Time is Out of Joint. Faith”)

A Central Platform for the Jubilee Year

Comprehensive information, background, and up-to-date features on all events are available at the bilingual platform Mann2025.de. The website offers a global program overview, event registration, and a blog with essays, interviews, and multimedia contributions. An international poster campaign will bring Mann’s diary quotations to cultural venues worldwide; organizers can download posters and the anniversary logo for their own initiatives.

The platform aims to foster international exchange and make the jubilee year accessible to a broad audience.

About the Thomas Mann International Network

The Thomas Mann International Network unites Thomas Mann institutions from Germany, Switzerland, Lithuania, and the United States. Its mission: to promote global awareness of Thomas Mann’s work and influence, encourage international dialogue, and realize joint projects.
(More information: Who We Are – Thomas Mann International)

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