

A World of Accordions Museum is proud to present **Germany's Harmonica and Accordion Museum**, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the travelling exhibits in Superior, WI, September 28-October 11.

Entitled "On the Tip of Every Tongue," the exhibit features interactive displays, music, films, fun and information. Mr. Holger Daub, a freelance professional Blues-Harper, will preside at the showing.

The installations include around 700 harmonicas and accordions from as early as 1850 to present construction. This includes, of course, the Chinese Sheng, the great grandfather of the harmonica. The exhibition also incorporates many historic sound archives, film documentaries and photographs, which charmingly illustrate the instruments' evolutions. Individual exhibits are presented in modules that include pictures and explanatory texts. General information, including the most important dates in harmonica history, along with even more images, is presented on over-sized boards. Special stations offer film and sound documentaries from the 1930's to the present, and include momentous special-interest displays: e.g. the first musical instrument in outer space (with authentic sound: Walter Schirra, Captain of Gemini VI, playing "Jingle Bells" in outer space).

Not long ago, the harmonica was really on the tip of every tongue. In the mid-20's, German manufacturers exported 50 million mouth organs per year—to locales all over the world. The harmonica/accordion team has remained an evocative sound of our time, an integral part of Tango, Blues, Jazz, Musette, Cajun, Pop, Background Entertainment, and most ethnic-music styles. Harmonicas and accordions are justifiably considered the most popular instruments in the history of the musical instrument industry.

The German Museum (located in Trossingen, Germany, the ancestral home of Hohner instruments) maintains a unique collection centred on musical themes and associated cultural history. The travelling exhibition "on the tip of every tongue" offers a cross-section of this unrivalled collection.

Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Admission: \$10.00 per adult \$5.00 for children 5-12 years

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