

**"Freedom without Walls":
USF Celebrates the 20 Year Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall**

In September, October and November 2009 USF celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with several events. On November 9, 1989 the wall separating East and West Berlin came down, signaling the end of the Cold War as well as the beginning of a new era in European history. Thousands of Berliners seized the opportunity to become part of this historic moment and hammered, chiseled and broke down the physical barrier between the two sides.

In order to commemorate this anniversary USF is hosting a series of special events entitled "Freedom without Walls." The events will include a film series, a public speaking competition, a gala celebration, and a graffiti art competition involving a replica of the Berlin Wall. All events are free and open to the public. For general information, contact Dr. Margit Grieb at griber@cas.usf.edu

The "Freedom without Walls" film series will showcase films concerned with past and present effects of the Berlin Wall. The dates and locations for the screenings are as follows:

- *One. Two. Three (1961, dir. Billy Wilder) on Sept. 23, at 3:45pm in the Grace Allen Room (USF Library, 4th Floor)
- *The Wall (1991, dir. Jürgen Böttcher) on Oct. 27, at 3:45pm in the Grace Allen Room (USF Library, 4th Floor)
- *The Lives of Others (2006, dir. Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck) on Nov. 9. at 6pm in the Marshall Center Oval Theater

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USF students, employees, and area residents are also encouraged to participate in the "Freedom without Walls" Public Expression Competition. Participants are invited to submit a short presentation of no longer than 10 minutes (1200 words) that addresses the theme "Memories of the Fall of the Berlin Wall - As Remembered, Recounted, Collected, or Imagined." Entries can be in the form of a written speech, a poem, a song, a dramatic performance, or a visual project (e.g. video). Winners of the competition will receive a cash prize. Contact Alexandra Calvo for more information: alexandrascalvo13@gmail.com

On October 21, USF will host the "Freedom without Walls" gala celebration at the USF Marshall Center at 6pm. German author Holger Teschke will be featured as the guest speaker. Complimentary food and refreshments will be served. Contact Claudine Boniec for more information: cboniec@mail.usf.edu

Finally, from November 2 - 9, a replica of the Berlin Wall will be constructed outside of the Marshall Center and on display daily from 11a.m. - 2p.m. Everyone is invited by spray-painting graffiti on this Wall replica. Prizes will be awarded to the best graffiti artists. Contact Margeaux Chavez for more information: mchavez10@gmail.com

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