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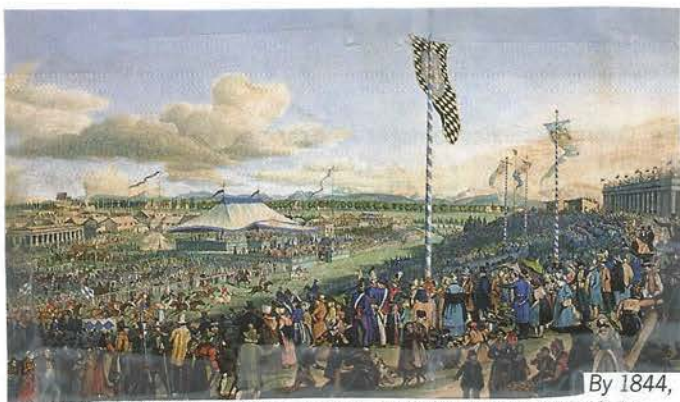
**The "Wiesn" is the Reason—  
Oktoberfest Turns 200!**

What began as a wedding celebration of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig in 1810, Oktoberfest turns two hundred this year and invites the whole world to its party!

*As many as one hundred fifty different amusement stands and rides help fill the Wiesn grounds every year, including roller coasters, rides that spin and swing around, Ferris wheels, slides, and more.*



*One of the Oktoberfest highlights will be the annual band concert at the Bavaria Statue, with as many as four hundred band members participating.*



*By 1844, many more buildings and tents covered the Oktoberfest grounds in Munich. A reviewing stand can even be seen in the middle of the color lithograph by Gustav Krauss. Colorful poles with blue and white Bavarian banners dot the festival area.*

For the 200th anniversary, the statistics are truly overwhelming: more than three hundred vendors will be located on the grounds, fourteen large beer tents installed, twelve thousand Oktoberfest employees will work the fest, the Hofbräu tent alone can seat up to ten thousand at a time, six million liter mugs of beer are expected to be served, nearly five hundred thousand roast chickens and fifty-five thousand pigs' knuckles will be consumed, more than one hundred oxen eaten, seven hundred fifty tons of waste are expected to be collected, nearly one thousand sit-down toilets are available, and as many as four hundred wallets will be lost.

With the two hundred-year anniversary, "We're ex-