



On May 9, 2015, the Lancaster Liederkrantz gathered its members and friends to take part in the Club's first Maibaum Aufstellen event.

The Maibaum Aufstellen is a German, traditional spring-time custom of raising by hand, a newly-decorated tall tree in the town square; in celebration of the return of spring and earth's rejuvenation. Along with this tradition is the custom of the Maypole Dance.

On this day, the Liederkrantz assembled 326 dancers around its newly-erected 40-foot cedar to perform the seven-step *Sieben Schritt* circle dance in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record Maypole Dance; held since 2013 by the Teutonia Club in Canada. Documentation of the attempt was forwarded to Guinness, and on July 29, 2015, the Liederkrantz received word from Guinness headquarters in England that the Liederkrantz was the new, official Guinness World Record holder of the most dancers around a Maypole.

This CD documents the events of the day; from the parade of the maypole with brass band, alpenhorns, and traditional whip-crackers to ward off evil spirits; to the Maibaum Aufstellen and the World Record Maypole Dance.

The Lancaster Liederkrantz would like to thank you all who participated in this unique and wonderful, record-setting day which exemplifies the core efforts of the Club in preserving German music, song, dance, language, customs and culture since 1880.

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