



Czech and Slovak Society for Arts and Sciences Cleveland Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014

General Assembly and Elections Held

On April 28 the annual **General Assembly** was held in accordance with our by-laws, this included the election of officers this year. The Officers for 2014 -2015 period are:

President – Dr. Stephen Sebesta, Vice President – Paul Burik, Secretary – Frances Burik, Treasurer – Blanche Vanis, Trustees (2) – Ted Krejsa and Thomas Pavlik



Dr. Bohonek installs new officers

The dinner meeting at the Braumeister Restaurant was pleasant with good nationality food and variety of spirits. Outgoing President Paul Burik summarized the activities of the previous year and the new President Dr. Stephen Sebesta pointed out the upcoming anniversary of the “Cleveland Pact” and how SVU Cleveland can celebrate this historic moment. Dr. Bohonek toasted to the past leadership of Paul Burik and wished the new administration best of luck. Treasurer Blanche Vanis submitted year-end report for 2013 with over 20 paid members – the most we have had in recent years!

PS: Our honored member and the “Czech Voice of Cleveland” Joseph Kocab suffered a minor stroke. We all wish him a speedy recuperation! As of this time, Joe has already been back to the studio broadcasting his Sunday radio program.

Film Festival

In March the **38th International Cleveland Film Festival** took place and our Chapter was again a Community Partner for a film from Czech and Slovak Republics. This year we partnered with a film called “**Clownwise**” - a story of a troop of clowns from the communist era who reunite to reminisce and heal old wounds. We also saw Czech film “Honeymoon” and enjoyed a supper at the local eatery in between the screenings.



Upcoming Events

Janacek at Severance Hall

On Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30pm and Saturday, May 24 at 2:00pm a performance of Czech composer Leos Janacek’s “**The Cunning Little Vixen**” will be held at Severance Hall by the Cleveland Orchestra. It will be performed in Czech! Cleveland Chapter of SVU has arranged for 50% discount for the two performances noted above using **discount code17818**. This performance is termed *the opera event of the year* here in Cleveland, because of the elaborate electronic imagery. Martina Jankova, soprano, will sing the lead role. Janacek’s score mixes lyrical symbolic writing with Moravian folk music. May 17 and 22 performances are also available at regular price. (Box office 216-231-1111, clevelandorchestra.com)

Museum Exhibit

On July 26-27 another exhibit from Czech and Slovak National Museum & Library (CSNML) in Cedar Rapids, IO will be shown at the Bohemian National Hall on Broadway Ave. Also, paintings by Renata Schmidt Zahuranec will be exhibited. Our Chapter organized this event to coincide with the “Sunday Sokol Dinner” that month – so save the date. More information in the future.

Our chapter is dedicated to advancing the understanding of Czech and Slovak cultures by people of all background.

For SVU Cleveland Chapter - Paul Burik

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