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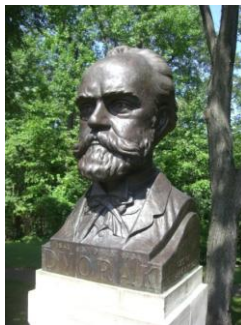
Spring 2013

“The Prague Connection”

Thanks to our collaboration with the Cleveland Orchestra last year, an opportunity to again participate with their program came up for our Chapter. The Orchestra performed Dvorak’s “New World” – Symphony No. 9 on February 21, 2013 in Severance Hall, as well as works by Mozart. Our SVU Chapter collaborated on a program preceding the performance, which highlighted national influences on Dvorak’s work and Mozart’s affection for Prague. Rose Breckenridge, the orchestra lecturer, and SVU’s Paul Burik addressed the crowd of over 100 in the delightful setting of Severance Hall. The program was titled “The Prague Connection”.



The program touched on the history of Czech lands from the Kingdom of Bohemia, the formation of Czechoslovakia and the current Czech Republic. The various area names are often confusing to the general audience. Ms. Breckenridge discussed the music generated by Dvorak while in America, his nationalistic feelings and longing for return to home. Prague was a “safe harbor” for Mozart during his difficult times. It was pointed out that a busts of Dvorak and Smetana are located in the Czech Cultural Garden, as are busts of many other composers in their respective gardens, for example Chopin in the Polish and Liszt in the Hungarian Gardens



Antonin Dvorak in the Czech Cultural Garden

Activities Coming Up

37th Cleveland International Film Festival:

Between April 3-14, the Festival will take place at the Tower City Cinemas in downtown Cleveland. Our Chapter will again be a Community Partner, this year for a film called “Oldies but Goldies” from the Czech Republic. We are presenting this film in conjunction with SOKOL Greater Cleveland. It is a touching film about older couple who fall in love in their late years. It will be shown on:

Friday 4/12 at 9:15am., Saturday 4/13 at 11:50am and Sunday 4/14 at 4:05pm.

The tradition has it that the Chapter gathers for refreshments prior to one of the shows. Sunday 4/14 at 2:30pm is most viable – place TBD, watch for e-mails.

A \$2 discount per ticket can be obtained using code CZECH when purchasing on line; clevelandfilm.org, by phone; 216-623-3456, or at the box office. This code applies to ANY film shown at the Festival, Czech or other! Please do use the code, not only will you save money but you will help us attain the “required tickets sold” which we need as a community partner.

Other Czech films are “Vera 68”, “Flower Buds” and “Yuma”. See the festival web site for times and description, Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities organization is a Community Partner for “Vera 68” – documentary about gymnast Vera Caslavka, you can use the code SISTER when purchasing tickets. With over 200 films shown at the Festival there is plenty to see! Free parking for the Film Festival is available at Tower City garage, bring your parking stub to the theater to be validated.



Annual General Assembly for Cleveland Chapter of SVU:

On Monday, April 22, 2013 the annual **General Assembly** will be held in accordance with our by-laws (i.e. meeting of the membership - if you did not renew your membership yet, please do so on the attached form so that you can attend). We plan on meeting at the Braumeister Restaurant located on 13046 Lorain Rd. in Cleveland. They serve a variety of European foods and beers and have been supportive of the Czech Voice of Cleveland Radio program. The meeting will be at 5:30 pm and the recognition dinner will follow at 6:30pm.

The Chapter will again recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Czech and / or Slovak communities in Cleveland. This year Joe Hornack will be honored for his work in the Slovak community. Specifically, his work with the Genealogical Society, participation in the Slovak Institute in Cleveland,

Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities organization and many more efforts to maintain and promote the Slovak culture, language and spirit.



Joe Hornack and his wife Dolores

Friday July 5th at Blossom, Luba Orgonasova – soprano will sing Strauss: Four Last Songs. This will be her Cleveland debut. Our Chapter is again working with the Cleveland Orchestra on discount tickets and other arrangements. Watch your e-mails.

Lubica (Luba) Orgonášová (January 22, 1961) is a Slovak operatic soprano, who is particularly known for her interpretation of Mozart roles. Born in Bratislava, Slovakia to parents who love music and were supportive of her talents, Orgonasova studied voice and piano at the Music Conservatory and Music Academy. She sang as a soloist at the State Opera in Banská Bystrica before moving to Germany in 1983 to become a member of the Hagen Opera House.

Strings Attached: The Living Tradition of Czech Puppets. The Columbus Museum of Art is displaying this exhibit starting now till August 4th, 2013. If you have an opportunity to visit Columbus you may stop to see this exhibit. Thank you goes to Elsa Pavlik for passing on this information.

SVU National Conference in Seattle: The National SVU is soliciting presentation proposals for the upcoming SVU conference in Seattle in June. Please see separate attachment. The Northwest is a beautiful part of the country and our members may consider turning the conference into an extended vacation.

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

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