



Czech and Slovak Society for Arts and Sciences Cleveland Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

Closing out 2016

October 20-22, Conductor Jakub Hrusa from the Czech Republic was in performance at Severance Hall. The concert featured music by Martinu, Brahms and Bartok Piano Concerto – splendid performance with several standing ovations. Our chapter has developed a friendly rapport with the maestro and his family by entertaining them while in Cleveland. A “meet and greet” after the Friday’s performance was arranged in the Green Room of Severance Hall. On Saturday several members met the maestro at the Cleveland Art Museum restaurant for a lunch and a spirited discussion about travels, foods and of all things: catching a cold. Thanks to Dr. Pechan for his support for this event.

The Line-Up for Early 2017

Poetry of Prague – because of the immediate nature of this event, a separate email went to our members about this photo exhibit at The Intown Club, located at the Idea Center on Euclid Ave. downtown. Reception on February 23 at 5:30 to 7:30pm with Czech refreshments is free, however reservations are requested by the 20th. Call Susan at 216-621-0422 for reservations or to make an appointment for viewing the exhibit which runs till March 14th.

The Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) will take place at the Tower City Cinemas from March 29 to April 9th this year. Our Chapter will be community partners for a film dealing with Prague Spring called “That Trip We Took With Dad”. The film deals with two Romanian brothers who are taking their father for a medical treatment to Germany when their journey is tripped up by the events of the “Prague Spring” – the invasion of 1968. Also of interest is Czech-Slovak film “The Teacher” supported by Cleveland Bratislava Sister Cities. It deals with a communist teacher abusing her position to spy on her student’s parents.

Schedules will be posted in March on CIFF’s website CLEVELANDFILM.ORG. Tickets can be purchased on the website, by phone 216-623-3456 or at the box office. Discount of \$2 can be obtained on any film using code PRAGUE. This is for any of the nearly two hundred films to be shown. Use code PRAGUE to save \$2 and give our organization partnership credit.



Easter Egg Hunt in the Czech Cultural Garden – Saturday, April 8th, at 1:30 pm this new event is aimed at the youth 10 years and younger, of course we will have coffee and pastry for adults and juice boxes for kids. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny. Free event, free parking on East Blvd.



Czech Garden on East Blvd. just south of St. Clair, featuring statues of Komensky & Masaryk. One of 29 nationality gardens including Slovak & Rusyn

Eastern European Congress of Ohio dinner, Tuesday, April 4 at Czech Cultural Center, aka BNH, 3949 Broadway. Czech, Slovaks and Rusyns certainly belong to this category and are invited to celebrate the Eastern European month – April with the many other nationalities. Contact Laurel Tombazzi at 330-659-0961 or info@eccoh.com

SVU Cleveland annual meeting, Wednesday, April 26th at Braumeister Restaurant (our usual place) 13046 Lorain Ave., Cleveland. Meet at 6:00 for cocktails, dinner at 6:30 – order from the menu. We aim to start the program about 7:30 consisting of several short, 6 minute presentations on topics of interest by our members (this has been introduced by the New York chapter with a great success). Presentations: Barb Golias – Mucha's Slovanic Epic; the first frame, Georgia Maresh – Community Theater; what it takes, Ted Krejsa – book review; Bliss Was It in Bohemia, Carolyn Huber – Brief overview of Czech engravers. If time allows; Paul Burik – Czechia; birthplace of the nuclear age. The purpose is to provide a platform for our members to showcase their talent and interests. Mark down the date now!

Save the date: Monday, June 12th; our Chapter will partner with Cleveland Bratislava Sister Cities for a presentation by Jonathan Kinser, PhD candidate, to hear summary of his thesis work on KKK's impact on the Slovak community in Youngstown in 1920's. Yes it is that KKK and having translated many of the articles for Jonathan, this will be an eye opening presentation.

If you have an idea for a program, hear of a show or exhibit, or want to support an activity pertaining to Czech, Slovak or Rusyn arts, culture or history – let me know. The Chapter is always looking for activities.



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

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