



Czech and Slovak Society for Arts and Sciences Cleveland Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014

Mnoho stesti v novem roce! – Much happiness in the New Year! Hope you all survived the “arctic vortex” cold! Spring will be here soon.

Upcoming Events

In March the **38th International Cleveland Film Festival** will take place and our Chapter will again be a Community Partner for a film from Czech and Slovak Republics. This year we are partnering with a film called “**Clownwise**” - a story of troop of clowns from the communist era who reunite to reminisce and heal old wounds. The film will be shown on Sat. 3/29 at 8:30pm and Sunday, 3/30 at 12:10pm, at the Tower City Cinemas downtown. Parking is available at their parking lot immediately behind Tower City - bring your parking pass in to be validated for free parking! **A \$2 discount per ticket can be obtained using code SVU when purchasing on line; clevelandfilm.org, by phone; 216-623-3456, or at the box office. This discount is good for ANY film shown at the festival!**



In April the annual **General Assembly** will be held in accordance with our by-laws. Elections will be held for all officers this year. The chapter needs to elect new president (I have “termed out” per our by-laws), vice president, secretary and board members. Please consider serving to continue the SVU activity in Cleveland! Let me know soon if you are willing to serve! 2015 will be the anniversary of “Cleveland Pact”, an opportunity for informative historic programs.

The Chapter will again recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Czech and / or Slovak communities in Cleveland. If you would like to nominate someone, please let me know.

We plan on meeting at the Braumeister Restaurant located at 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 in April - specific date yet to be determined.

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 the Severance Hall. It will be performed in Czech!

Please watch your e-mail for updates on these events, especially the performance venues.

Looking Back at 2013

The Cleveland Chapter of SVU undertook a number of initiatives in 2013.

At the Cleveland International Film Festival, the Chapter was a Community Partner for the Czech film "**Oldies but Goldies**". We honored **Joe Hornack** for his life time of work in the Slovak community at our General Assembly in April. The SVU participated in "**Prague Connection**" pre-concert lecture at the Severance Hall and we held a picnic at Blossom Music Center in conjunction with performance of **Lubica Orgonášová**.



Paul Burik, Joe Hornack and Paula Tilisky

Our Chapter and the Sokol Greater Cleveland hosted a traveling exhibit entitled "**Leaving Czechoslovakia**" at the Bohemian National Hall (BNH). The exhibit based on oral histories of immigrants that was conducted by the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, IO. The Chapter also collaborated with BNH in presenting an exhibit of paintings by **Kelli Perk**, well recognized name in the Czech community in Cleveland. The exhibit raised several hundred dollars for BNH from sales of paintings and exposed the BNH to many visitors.



Kelli Perk exhibit at BNH

Once again, our Chapter hosted a reception for Czech conductor Jakub Hrusa who came to Severance Hall to perform with the Cleveland Orchestra. He enjoyed a trip to adjacent Art Museum with our members.



Our organization placed a wreath at the Statue of T.G. Masaryk in observance of October 28th and this year also at the newly installed large statue of Stefanik in the Slovak Garden. The Chapter assisted with the maintenance of Czech and Slovak Cultural Gardens throughout the year.



Planting bulbs in the Czech Cultural Garden.



New statue of General Stefanik in the Slovak Garden.

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

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