6 MINUTES II
Czech and Slovak Academic Show & Tell

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At Bohemian National Hall
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6 MINUTES is a series, conceived and produced by Suzanna Halsey for SVU NY, to present Czech and Slovak students, scholars, recipients of grants and scholarships from Czech, Slovak or US foundations and institutions to study, conduct research or work at universities and institutions in the New York City area. Their challenge is to present to the audience the subject of their studies, in any field, in a short presentation limited to six minutes each.

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Save the date!
Sunday, November 22 at 5pm

European Ukraine or Eurasian Little Russia?

A talk by Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi, chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto, a well-respected expert on Rusyn history and a major force behind the modern Carpatho-Rusyn revival, will discuss present-day instability in Eastern Europe made worse by the interest of Putin’s Russia and Orban’s Hungary in Ukraine’s Transcarpathian region (historic Subcarpathian Oblast), territory of former Czechoslovakia until 1939. He will also introduce his latest book With Their Backs to the Mountains: A History of the Carpathian Rus’ and Carpatho-Rusyns.

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Moderated by Christopher Harwood, PhD, Columbia U.
Please hold your questions until after the last presentation.
Join us later for a glass of wine and further conversation.

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We recommend:

The New World Symphony: Dvořák in America created and directed by SVU NY board member Vit Hořejš and performed by the Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theater

Bohemian National Hall
Jan 30 and 31, 2016

La MaMa Theatre
March 10-27, 2016

Ten Ta To, a free language application for smart phones to help learn Czech nouns and their gender. Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in New York provided logistic and financial support. Available at Google Play or App Store.

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ANNA PRAVDOVÁ, PhD, is an art historian and curator of the Collection of Modern Art at the National Gallery in Prague. She obtained her PhD degree at Charles university in Prague and at the Sorbonne in Paris, where her thesis received an award. She is the author of several monographs, catalogs and studies concerning Czech artists living abroad and she curated a series of exhibitions on this topic. She curated the exhibition Caught by the Night: Czechs Artists in France 1938-1945 on display at the Moravian Gallery in Brno until January 2016. Currently, she is a Fulbright Research Scholar at the Art Institute of Chicago doing research for a book on Czech artists in the USA during WWII.

**Hobbies, interests:** Czech-French translating, literature, contemporary art.

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Michael Vintr earned his Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from New York University Abu Dhabi where he studied on a full scholarship. Michael wrote his senior thesis on the influence of salaries of Members of the European Parliament on their voting behavior. He is currently a MA Candidate at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, where he studies International Security with focus on Conflict Resolution.

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Anna Přudková, PhD, is a doctoral candidate at the School of Social Sciences at Charles University in Prague. Her PhD thesis studies historical images displayed in children’s history textbooks and museums. She teaches visual communication at the Department of Media Studies there and at Prague College. She translated two books into Czech, Picture Theory. Essays on Verbal and Visual Representations by American visual theorist W. J. T. Mitchell (co-translation) and Ways of Seeing by John Berger. Andrea is the founder of Fresh Eye, a research and collaborative platform for the study of visual culture. She is developing a new digital educational software emphasizing the visual communication in history education. Currently, Andrea is a Fulbright Masaryk Scholar at NYU Steinhardt and Pratt Institute.

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