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6 - Minute Challenge IV

Czech and Slovak Academic Show & Tell

Wednesday, Nov 9, 2016 at 7:00pm
at Bohemian National Hall

321 E 73rd St, New York, NY 10021

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.

PRESENTERS (in alphabetical order)



Andrea Cumpelik born in Queens, spent much of her life in the Czech Republic, with her Czech parents. She is finishing her Bachelor's in neuroscience at NYU, where she also works as a research assistant studying contextual memory in addiction. She has presented her work at the annual Society for Neuroscience conference in 2015, and will present again this coming November. After graduation she plans on pursuing a PhD and continuing a career in neuroscience research. She currently serves as the president of NYU's Society for Under-

graduate Neural Science, and contributes to the Medical Dialogue Review, a student-run journal at NYU. She strongly believes that more scientists should know how to communicate their work to the general public, who, after all, are funding them.

Sponsors: National Institute of Health's BP-ENDURE Fellowship, New York University, Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund at NYU

Hobbies, interests: yoga, violin, writing about science

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Petr Dubecky-Fawcett is an art director, brand architect and illustrator. He studied architecture at Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design (UMPRUM) in Prague and at School of Visual Arts in New York. Petr has been working on major campaigns for Mattoni Waters for the past two years and is currently developing a graphic novel "Transplant".

Hobbies, interests: Small houses and big cities, comics, lifestyle, typography, brands

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Save the date!

Monday, December 19 at 7pm

Jazzy Christmas

Peter Moc, a Czech Dublin-based jazz guitarist, will be joined by two renowned musicians, **David Schroeder** (NYU) on saxophone and **Sheryl Bailey** (Berklee) on guitar in a special Christmas concert.

Program will include original compositions by David Schroeder, songs from Great American song book and jazz renditions of American, Irish and Czech traditional Christmas music. We hope that musicians and singers in the audience will join in a Christmas free jamming after the main program.

Sponsored by the Kolowratek Foundation.



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is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization promoting Czech and Slovak intellectual history and heritage through lectures, presentations, film screenings and readings at the Bohemian National Hall in New York City. We welcome your membership, suggestions, support and collaboration on any future programs.

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Henrieta Scholtzová is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology and the Center for Cognitive Neurology at NYU. She earned her MD and PhD degrees from the University of P.J. Šafárik, Košice. Henrieta's PhD and post-doctoral studies were performed in the Conformational Disorders Laboratory at NYU, where she worked extensively on designing novel immunotherapeutic approaches for Alzheimer's disease (AD) and prion diseases. Her current research is focused on reducing age-related defects in immune cell function and lowering AD pathology via stimulation of the innate immunity using AD mouse models and squirrel monkeys. She recently received an Alzheimer's Association Research Grant Award to further validate this treatment strategy, laying the foundation for future clinical testing. In addition, she has been engaged in outreach activities through the Neuroscience Outreach Group at NYU during Brain Awareness Weeks and in establishing a PhD student exchange program between Slovak Universities and NYU.

Sponsors: National Institute of Health (NIH/NINDS), Alzheimer's Association (recipient of the New Investigator Research Grant, Investigator-Initiated Research Grant, and AA Research Grant)

Hobbies, interests: classic music (violin) and the arts, watching soccer (Man City fan) and adventure travel

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Special thanks to Kristýna Milde and Petr Dubecký Fawcett.



The SVU 6-MINUTE CHALLENGE is a popular series, conceived and produced by Suzanna Halsey for SVU-New York, challenging Czech and Slovak artists, students and scholars to present the subject of their project or studies in six minutes or less and in language appropriate for a non-expert audience.



Hanka Gregusová (a.k.a. Hanka G) was born in Bratislava but grew up in Mongolian desert. She is a New York based lyricist and jazz singer, with MBA degree from City University of Seattle, WA. She has performed on the international jazz scene throughout Europe, USA and South Africa for over a decade now. Her signature musical style combines jazz, soul and world-music fusion. In 2007, she released her debut jazz album *Reflections of My Soul* and in 2014 her album *Essence* dedicated to Slovak folklore music re-arranged to jazz. Hanka's new duo album *Twin Flame* with Slovak pianist Ondrej Krajňák including her original lyrics will be released in November 2016. Hanka is also a lead singer of the choir at the *Memorial Baptist Church* in Harlem, New York.

Sponsors: Cassandra Wilson and Ojah Media Group LLC

Hobbies, interests: history and make-up art

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Monika Hanková is a historical biographer and curator specializing in modern Jewish history, Holocaust and Gender Studies. She graduated with Honors from Charles University, Prague. In this position, she conducted an original research on the thematics of gendered postwar emigration from Czechoslovakia to Germany and to the USA. Currently, she is conducting interviews with Shoah survivors from former Czechoslovakia living in the USA. These interviews are part of The Oral History Collection of Interviews with Survivors and Witnesses preserved by the Jewish Museum in Prague (JMP). She's also a co-editor of *Židé v Čechách* (Jews in the Czech Lands), a biennial anthology focusing on modern history of the Jews especially in the former Sudetenland, published by JMP.

Sponsors: Prins Foundation Fellowship for Emigrating Artists and Writers-In-Residence at the Center for Jewish History, New York

Hobbies, interests: contemporary jewelry and design, urban walking

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Michal Horny is a Ph.D. candidate at Boston University School of Public Health. His research interests are in the areas of health services research, applied health economics, and health policy analysis. He teaches courses in statistics and cost-effectiveness analysis. Michal earned his master's degree in Stochastics and Financial Mathematics from VU University Amsterdam, and his undergraduate degrees from Charles University in Prague.

Sponsors: Boston University School of Public Health, Boston University CAS, Harvey L. Neiman Health Policy Institute.

Hobby, interests: hiking, skiing, cooking, and complaining about politics.

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Pavel Kocourek native of Prague, Pavel is a mathematician teaching at New York University while pursuing his PhD studies in Economics here. His field of research is the role of private information in patent race – should a successful firm let its rival know that it is doing well? In 2011, Pavel has received a MA in Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets from Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Spain and a MA in Finance Optimization from National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan. He has received a bronze medal from International Mathematical Olympics in Tokyo (2003) and a silver medal from International Mathematical Olympics in Merida (2005). He lives on one of his three boats docked in New Jersey.

Sponsors: NYU MacCracken Graduate Fellowship, La Caixa Full Scholarship, Taiwan Governmental Scholarship

Hobbies, interests: meeting strange strangers, adventure travel, alternative ways of life, sailboats

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Kristýna and Marek Milde are Brooklyn-based interdisciplinary artists working as a collaborative tandem. Originally from Prague, they have lived in New York since 2003. They both received MFA degrees in sculpture and painting from the Queens College, CUNY in 2007. Their work explores cultural mechanism, conventions and codes of the modern lifestyle, while investigating its connection to the context of environment and nature. From 2008 to

2015, while working at the Czech Center NY they curated and organized a wide range of international programs, exhibitions and residencies, supporting artists and cultural exchange between the Czech Republic and United States. The Milde's have exhibited their work in the USA and internationally including at MoMA Studio, Queens Museum, EFA Project Space; Smack Mellon Gallery, Wave Hill, NURTURE art, Anna Wallace Gallery, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA), Abrons Art Center, DOX Center for Contemporary Art; Futura and Meet Factory, and have been featured in The New York Times, Czech Television, Flash Art, Hyperalergic and Atribune.

Sponsors: Shift EFA Residency; Studio in the Park at the Queens Museum and the LMCC Process Space Residency at Governors Island

Hobbies, interests: nature, hiking

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Paul Linden-Retek was born in Prague and moved to the United States with his mother in 1991. He is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Political Science at Yale University and a Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellow at Yale Law School, where his research focuses on the political philosophy of European integration, cosmopolitan constitutionalism, and law and the humanities. At Yale College, he has taught on the politics and theory of human rights, law and globalization, public international law, and the moral foundations of politics. Paul has worked previously as a legal adviser in the Human Rights Section, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic; and the Legal Unit, International Civilian Office/EU Special Representative, Kosovo.

Sponsors: Department of Political Science, Yale University; Schell Center for International Human Rights, Yale Law School

Hobbies, interests: tennis and squash. Hoping to again pick up the cello after many years of inattention.

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