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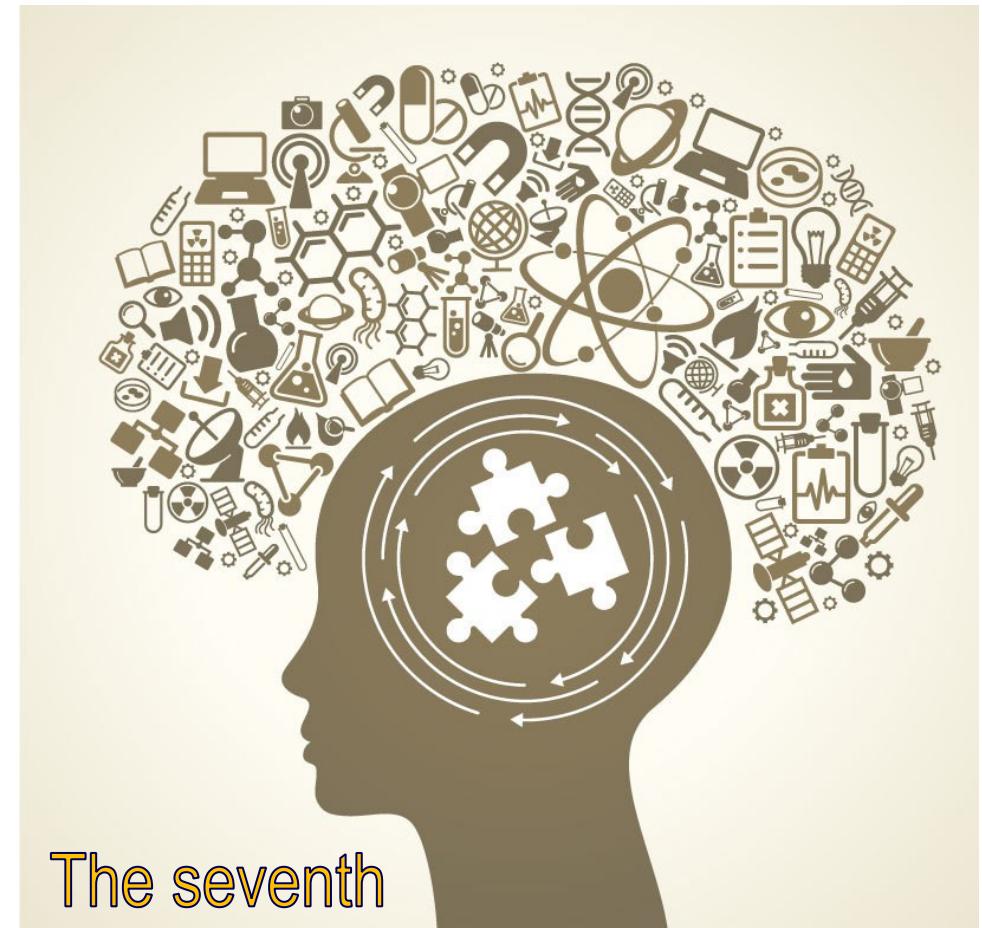
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The seventh **6-Minute Challenge**

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:00pm

Bohemian National Hall

321 E 73 St, New York City

Design by [czechmatters](#)

Moderated by Christopher Harwood, PhD

Please hold your questions until the Q&A after the last presentation.
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PRESENTERS (in order of appearances)



Barbora Bartunkova is pursuing her Ph.D. degree in the History of Art Department at Yale University, focusing on modern and contemporary European art, photography, and film. Her research interests include French modernity, inter-war avant-gardes, and the relationship between art and politics during the Cold War. Barbora was born in Prague but grew up in Vienna and Berlin until she turned 12, when her family returned to Prague. Barbora holds an M.A. with Distinction in

the History of Art from University College London, where she also completed her undergraduate degree in French and Film Studies. As part of this program she spent a year at the Sorbonne. During her studies in London, she worked as a curatorial volunteer at the Royal Academy of Arts and at Annely Juda Fine Art, a leading contemporary art gallery. She further served as a curatorial assistant at the Lobkowicz Collections and as a rights and reproductions coordinator at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague. At Yale, Barbora has been a graduate organizer of the Modernist Forum, a platform hosting events in the History of Art Department introducing the Yale community to the work of curators, artists and scholars of modern and contemporary art.

Interests and hobbies: photography and travel

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Vladka Jakubiková, born in Topoľčany, Slovakia, she earned her MBA in Marketing Management from Pace University. An avid art supporter, she co-founded the project Regular Line in the U.S. with Nástupiště 1-12 (Platform 1-12) based in Topoľčany, Slovakia, and ran several residencies for Slovak artists in California and New York. She is now the founder and proprietor of EmmEmm Publishing, LLC, which produces children's books that are true collaborations between parents and children and presents innovative multidimensional art.

Interests and hobbies: biking, travel, urban farming

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Winter Holidays at Bohemian National Hall



Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 10 at 2:30pm –6pm

Tree lighting, Christmas market. Carols and sing-along with DAHA's Michael Beckerman. Mezzo-soprano Pavlína Horáková, a *6-Minute Challenge* alumna, will perform with her friends and young singers from the Czech School in Queens. Organized by Consulate General of the Czech Republic in New York, Czech Center and DAHA with support of BBLA. Free admission.

Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 16 at 7PM

Menorah lighting, Hanukkah songs and music by Alon Nechushtan and Talat ensemble inspired by Klezmer, Middle Eastern grooves, with both Ashkenazy and Sephardic influences. Organized by The Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews with support of BBLA, Consulate General of the Czech Republic in New York, Consulate General of Slovakia in New York and Library Hotel Collection. Advance tickets for \$20 available online at Eventbrite.com or for \$25 at the door. Children free.

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Gabriela Miková Johnson is a singer, actress and dancer with 15 years of experience in musical theater and opera. She holds a combined degree in vocal music and music education from the Janáček Conservatory in Ostrava, Czech Republic. She continued her studies in New York City with the noted singing coach Gerald Martin Moore, and in Warsaw with the renowned tenor/counter-tenor (male soprano) Jacek Laszczkowski. Her New York career includes two consecutive years as soprano soloist in Gordon Stewart's period-instrument production of Handel's *Messiah* with the Philipstown Philharmonia in Cold Spring; the lead role of Polly Peachum in the World's End Theatre production of *The Beggar's Opera* in Garrison; featured soloist with the Orange County Youth Symphony in Monroe; and concerts at Boscobel Restoration in Garrison and The Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring. Gabriela also performs with Anna Butkiewicz as the vocal duo *Bellissime*, promoting Czech classical music and art in cooperation with the Czech costume designer Veronica Hindle and photographer/designer Monika Košanová Záluská of MOART. Gabriela coaches voice to students at The Storm King School.

Interests and hobbies: competing in ballroom dancing

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The SVU 6-MINUTE CHALLENGE is a series conceived in 2014 by Suzanna Halsey for SVU-New York. Czech and Slovak students, scholars, scientists, artists and professionals are challenged to present the subject of their studies or project in six minutes or less and in language appropriate for a non-expert audience.



Jan Fried a Prague native, is the managing director of U+, a global product development company helping entrepreneurs and corporations to innovate through design-thinking and a lean startup approach. Previously, he served for eight years as the representative of the Czech governmental organization CzechInvest in New York. Jan earned his MA in Corporate Economics, Marketing and Management from the University of Economics in Prague (VŠE). He also studied management at the College of Humanities and Social Studies at the University of Edinburgh and International Business and Finances at New York University.

Interests and hobbies: travelling to exotic countries, culinary explorations, reading educational books, visiting cultural events from hip hop to opera, and sports - swimming and boxing

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Martin Mucha is a Co-founder & CEO of Igluu LLC. Born in Olomouc, Czech Republic, Martin left his homeland right after graduating from high school to eventually earn his BBA with a specialization in Finance from the Lauder Business School in Vienna, Austria. He completed additional courses in Beijing and Shanghai, China. Igluu's objective is the disruption of the residential real estate industry through big data, artificial intelligence and other advanced technologies. Martin has been working in the real estate industry and participated in over \$1B in completed transactions. Martin is a member of the Brookings Council and has been a guest speaker at several universities.

Interests and hobbies: long walks, running, chess, audiobooks, traveling and contemporary art.

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Martina Hornakova is founder and CEO of Delicious Origins LLC. She is a native of Poprad, grew up in Košice in Slovakia, and left for France at 18. She studied Economics & Management at Université-Lille 1, followed by an MA in European Studies at the Institute of European Studies. She has an MA degree in European Construction. Two years ago, she moved with her family to New York City. Raising a multicultural child and realizing her duty as a parent to impart her Slovak roots (language, traditions,

food), she came up with the idea of creating *KITnDO* (Keep in Touch with your Delicious Origins). Launched in March 2017, *KITnDO* is a socially-driven platform built by and for people to enable them to keep in touch with their country of origin, to discover and perpetuate their cultural heritage.

Interests and hobbies: *bachata*, testing new restaurants and making art craft projects with her daughter.

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Ivica Labuda, PhD, native of Košice in Slovakia, is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, School of Medicine. She teaches Food Biotechnology, Fermentations and International Biotechnology. In 2014 and 2016, she received awards for Excellence in Teaching. Her graduate, post-graduate studies and research were done at the Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, SK; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; the University of Graz, Austria and at New York University. Ivica's research has been published in 25 peer-review publications and described in 13 patents. Her most recent patents relate to the bioactivity of certain terpenes that upregulate skin keratins responsible for UV protection and moisture barrier. Ivica's experience in industry started at Kraft Foods, continued at HLR Givaudan, Danisco/Cultor, Pepsi-Cola and Virginia Dare. She has founded two companies; Biokeys for Flavors, LLC and NovaKera, LLC. Ivica is active in the Slovak-American Cultural Center as a science committee chair.

Interests and hobbies: tennis, hiking, zumba, gardening, spending time with my husband and kids.

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Petra Valentová a native of Pardubice, Czech Republic, is a multimedia artist, sculptor and textile designer. In addition, she has been working for the last five years with traditional block printing techniques in the Czech Republic (Strážnice, traditional blue print) and in India (Jaipur and Bagru, Rajasthan). She is developing new designs with *chhipa* communities and promoting traditional craft techniques. She is pursuing a PhD degree at the Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design (VŠUP, Prague) in the Textile Department and a Certificate of Sustainable Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC. Petra has exhibited internationally, and her work is in private and public collections around the world. In 2007, Petra published a book *Searching for Sámi/Cookbook*. She is currently developing her brand for block printed fabrics and collaborates with various fashion designers. Petra holds an MFA from the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague (AVU) (2001). She received a Fulbright Scholarship for post graduate studies and completed an MFA in Fine Arts from Hunter College, CUNY (2005). Petra lives with her husband and two children in New York and Jaipur, India.

Interests and hobbies: skiing, jogging, travels, gardening, cooking

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Petra Příborská is a film director and screenwriter. She was born in Valtice and grew up in Velké Pavlovice in the wine region of Southern Moravia, Czech Republic. After finishing high school, she completed an English language program and, immediately after, moved to New York City. Petra graduated magna cum laude from the Film School at Hunter College of the City University of New York, where she also received double honors for her senior thesis and a film production seminar. In addition, she received an Archer Craig Mathias Screenwriting Award in 2016 for Outstanding Screenplay for the film *Hurdles*. Having founded her production company "Petra Films NYC" in early 2017, Petra completed her short film *ANNA*, a story about an immigrant in New York City struggling to pursue her dream of higher education. The film aims to provide the audience with an appreciation for the diversity of the immigrant population in the U.S. as well as a better understanding of the work ethic and drive that so many immigrants bring to the country.

Interests and hobbies: drawing, painting, reading, watching films, traveling, skiing, snowboarding and running (ran the NYC marathon in 2010).

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