



Smetana *Open Air* Opera Festival

52nd INTERNATIONAL SMETANA'S LITOMYSL OPERA FESTIVAL 11th June - 5th July 2010

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday 11 June 2010 • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

CEREMONIAL OPENING CONCERT

Bedrich Smetana: Shakespeare Festival March

Frederic Chopin: Concerto for piano and orchestra No.2 in F minor op.21

Petr Eben: In honorem Caroli, Cantata for male chorus and orchestra

Antonín Dvořák: Te Deum, op. 103 for soloists, chorus and orchestra

Performed by: Jan Simon - piano, The Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra, Prague Philharmonic Choir
Conductor: Peter Feranec

Saturday 12 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

GIPSY WAY - PAVEL ŠPORCL & ROMANO STILO

Violin virtuoso and a Gypsy dulcimer music form Bratislava are bringing Slovak, Hungarian, Romanian, but also Gypsy folk songs that blend with the original arrangements of famous melodies of classical music.

Performed by: Pavel Sporcl - violin, Romano Stilo: Marek Rajt, Nikola Slez - violin, Laszlo Onodi - viola, guitar, Martin Rajt - contrabass, Frantisek Rigo Sr. - cimbalom, Frantisek Rigo Jr. - keyboard

Sunday 13 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

ABOUT LOVE...

The dance composition of Choreographer Petr Zuska on Hradištan Band songs.

Performed by: The National Theatre Ballet Prague, Hradistan Band, artistic leader Jiri Pavlica

Tuesday 15 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Litomyšl Castle Audience Hall

VITA CAROLI

Musical show with a literary reading of the biography of the king Charles IV.

Performed by: Bohemia Luxembourg Trio (Carlo Jans - flute, Katerina Englichova - harp, Jitka Hosprova - viola), Borivoj Navratil - recitation (in Czech)

Wednesday 16 June 2010 • 18:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana's House

Jaroslav Kricka: BLOKES

Children singspiel of two acts from the life of Wallachian boys and girls. The libretto was written by Ozeť Kalda. Performance for children and young people of school age.

Performed by: *Children's Opera Prague*

Director: *Jirina Markova-Krystlikova*

Conductor: *Jan Chalupecky*

Thursday 17 June 2010 • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana's House

SOUS LES TOITS DE PARIS - JOEL BROS (FRANCE)

A significant French chansonnier and pianist and his instrumental ensemble.



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Friday 18 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: THE MAGIC FLUTE

A fairy-tale about magical journey to a kidnapped princess. Opera in two acts to a libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder, the implementation in German with Czech subtitles.

Performed by: Chorus and orchestra of the Janacek Opera National Theatre in Brno

Director: Jan Kacer

Conductor Jan Stych

Saturday 19 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Antonin Dvorak: THE SPECTRE'S BRIDE, op. 69

Cantata for soloists, mixed choir and orchestra to the Words by Karel Jaromír Erben.

Performed by: Eva Urbanova - soprano, Michal Lehotsky - tenor, Roman Janal - barytone

Chorus and orchestra of the Janacek Opera National Theatre in Brno

Choirmaster: Josef Pancik

Conductor Jaroslav Kyzlink

Sunday 20 June 2010 • 10:15 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Jiri Pavlica: MISSA BREVIS

A music mass by Jiří Pavlica to accompany the traditional service, celebrated by Mons. Tomáš Halík

Performed by: mixed choir KOS

Conductor: Milan Motl

Sunday 20 June 2010 • 19:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

THE CZECH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA - VIVAT OFFENBACH!

Composed project dedicated to works of Jacques Offenbach, which plays selections of opera Les Contes d'Hoffman and best-known parts of operettas La belle Hélène and Orpheus in the Underworld.

Performed by: Adriana Kohutkova, Marie Fajtova - soprano, Veronika Hajnova - mezzosoprano

Miroslav Dvorsky, Otakar Klein - tenor, Peter Mikulas - bass, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor:

Ondrej Lenard

Wednesday 23 June 2010 • 19:30 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana's House

CONCERT IN HONOR 700th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCEDE OF LUXEMBOURGS TO A CZECH THRONE

Sylvie Bodorová: Carmina lucemburgiana

Alexander Mullenbach: King John the Blind

The world premiere of three-act composition related to the 700th anniversary of King John's of Luxembourg and Princess Eliska's Premyslovna wedding.

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 4 in B major, op. 60

Performed by: „Les Musiciens” chamber orchestra (Luxembourg)

Thursday 24 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Giacomo Puccini: TOSCA

Musical drama in 3 acts; libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa. Performed in Italian with Czech and English subtitles.

Performed by: Tosca - Anda Louisa Bogza/Maida Hundeling, Cavaradossi - Gianluca Zampieri/Sergej

Ljadov, Scarpia - Miguelangelo Cavalcanti/Jiri Sulzenko, soloists, chorus and orchestra of State Opera Prague

Director: Martin Otava

Conductor: Frantisek Drs



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Friday 25 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Giacomo Puccini: TOSCA

Musical drama in 3 acts; libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa. Performed in Italian with Czech and English subtitles.

Performed by: Tosca - Anda Louisa Bogza/Maida Hundeling, Cavaradossi - Gianluca Zampieri/Sergej Ljadov, Scarpia - Miguelangelo Cavalcanti/Jiri Sulzenko, soloists, chorus and orchestra of State Opera Prague

Director: Martin Otava

Conductor: Frantisek Drs

Saturday 26 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: SWAN LAKE

Ballet in two acts and four pictures.

Choreography: Lev Ivanov, Marius Petipa, Pavel Dumbala, Hana Vlacilova

Performed by: ballet ensemble and orchestra of the Prague State Opera

Directors: Pavel Dumbala, Hana Vlacilova

Sunday 27 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: SWAN LAKE

Ballet in two acts and four pictures.

Choreography: Lev Ivanov, Marius Petipa, Pavel Dumbala, Hana Vlacilova

Performed by: ballet ensemble and orchestra of the Prague State Opera

Directors: Pavel Dumbala, Hana Vlacilova

Monday 28 June 2010 • 22:15 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Vangelis: MYTHODEA

Choral Symphony for two sopranos, Choir, Percussion and Orchestra.

Welcome message from space attached to NASA's space mission to Mars is a breathtaking concert show in the spirit of pompous and mystical Vangelis music. Legendary premiere was held at Zeus temple in Athens Acropolis. Complemented with projection.

Performed by: Gabriela Benackova, Simona Saturova - soprano, Prague Philharmonic Choir, Hradec Kralove Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Sebastian Weiser

Tuesday 29 June 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Litomyšl Castle Audience Hall

ROSEFIELD LONDON TRIO - CASTLE NOCTURN

Joseph Haydn: Piano Trio in G major, Hob. XV/25 „Gypsy”

Bohuslav Martinů: Piano Trio No. 2 in D minor, H. 327

Johannes Brahms: Piano Trio in H major, op. 8

Performed by: Rosefield London Trio (Leos Cepicky - violin, Gemma Rosefield - violoncello, Michael Dussek - piano)

Wednesday 30 June 2010 • 19:30 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

CONCERT BY POPULAR REQUEST - CZECH FAVORITE MUSICALS

Performed by: Soloists, Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice

Conductor: Marko Ivanović



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Friday 2 July 2010 • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Bedřich Smetana: THE BARTERED BRIDE

Comic singspiel of three acts to a libretto by Karel Sabina. Successful production which had premiered on the 50th Smetana's Litomyšl in 2008. Implementation in Czech with English and German subtitles.

Performed by: Opera of the National Theatre in Prague, Continuo Theatre

Director: Magdalena Svecova

Conductor: David Svec

Saturday 3 July 2010 • 11:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Chapter Church of the Raising of the Holy Cross

ORGAN MATINEE

Performed by: Yfynke Hoogveen - clarinet, Erwin Wiersinga - organ

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Performed by: Opera of the National Theatre in Prague, Continuo Theatre

Director: Magdalena Svecova

Conductor: David Svec

Sunday 4 July 2010 • 19:30 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

WHAT LOVE TELL US ABOUT...

Gustav Mahler: Blumine („Flora“), discarded movement from Symphony No. 1

Des Knaben Wunderhorn (The Youth's Magic Horn), a collection of poems with orchestra (selection)

Antonín Dvořák: Symphony No. 6 in D major, op. 60

The culmination of the festival's program in Litomyšl is a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Gustav Mahler as well as a tribute to the greatest Czech Symphonist Antonin Dvorak.

Performed: Dagmar Peckova - mezzosoprano, Ivan Kusnjer - barytone, Prague Philharmonia

Conductor: Tomas Netopil

Monday 5 July 2010 • 16:00 hrs • Ceska Trebova - Saint Jacob's Church

OFF-SITE CONCERT IN ČESKA TREBOVA

Concert in honor of the Slavic Apostles and patrons of Europe, Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Regina coeli in B, KV 127 for soprano, choir and orchestra

Michael Haydn (Arr. František Preisler): Ceremonial Holy Mass for soloists, mixed choir and orchestra

Performed by: soloists, Czech Philharmonic Choir of Brno, Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice

Conductor: Petr Fiala



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DATES AND VENUES OF FESTIVAL PROGRAMS
AND ITS FINAL COMPOSITION AS WELL AS PERFORMERS CAN BE CHANGED.

THE RIGHT TO CHANGE A PROGRAM AND PERFORMERS IS RESERVED.

Important Notes:

The final program for Smetana's Litomyšl to be announced by 20 February 2010.

Tickets pre-sale will be launched on 3 March 2010.

Tickets will be distributed by end-March 2010.



See you in Litomyšl 2010!

Bed. Smetana