



Smetana *Open Air* Opera Festival

53rd INTERNATIONAL SMETANA 'S LITOMYSL OPERA FESTIVAL 10th June - 4th July 2011

PROGRAM „Mundus Vocalis“

Friday 10 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

CEREMONIAL OPENING CONCERT

Bedřich Smetana: Czech Song

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony no. 9 d moll, op. 125

Performed by: Simona Saturova - soprano, Stanislava Jirku - mezzosoprano, Tomas Juhas - tenor, Zdenek Plech - bass, Czech Philharmonic Choir Brno

Choirmaster: Petr Fiala

Conductor: Leos Svarovsky



Tickets: A 790 CZK B 490 CZK C 390 CZK

Saturday 11 June • 16:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Chapter Church

SACRED MUSIC IN BOHEMIA AROUND THE YEAR 1600

Dialogismus octo vocum de musica bohemica.

Masses, motets, ricercari, fantasy, songs. On program work by Krystof

Harant of Polzic, Jiri Rychnovsky, Charles Luython, Franz Sale,

Jakob Hassler, Jakobus Handl Gallus and Czech anonymous authors.

Performed by: Vocal ensemble Octopus Pragensis, Pavel Cerny - organ

Artistic leader: Petr Danek



All tickets 180 CZK

Saturday 11 June • 21:30 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Sunday 12 June • 21:30 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

SONGS AND DANCES OF LOVE

Igor Stravinskij: Weddings

Carl Orff: Catulli Carmina

A unique music and dance project produced for the festival on request. Premiere.

Performed by: Anna Mikolajczyk - soprano, Lucie Hilscherova - mezzosoprano, Jaroslav Brezina - tenor, Jurij Kruglov - bass, Karel Kosarek, Martin Fila, Alexandr Stary,

Martin Levicky - pianos, Central European Percussion Ensemble

Brno DAMA DAMA, The Czech Ensemble Baroque Choir,

Dance Group Hradistan

Artistic leader: Dan Dlouhy

Choir mistress: Tereza Valkova

Choreography, directed by: Ladislava Kosikova

Conductor: Roman Valek



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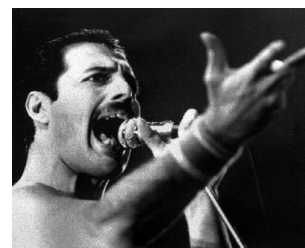
Monday 13 June • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

CONCERT BY POPULAR REQUEST - PHILHARMONIC ROCK NIGHT

The most famous rock music hits arranged for a symphonic orchestra.

On a program Deep Purple, Pink Floyd, Queen, Led Zeppelin and many more.

Performed by: Nikoleta Spalas, Tereza Halova, Marketa Poulickova, Monika Sramlova - vocals, Frantisek Höning - drums and percussions, Hradec Kralove Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor: Friedemann Riehle



Tickets: A 790 CZK B 490 CZK C 390 CZK

Wednesday 15 June • 16:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana House

Wednesday 15 June • 19:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana House

Uhlir/Sverak: MINIOPERAS

4 one-act minioperas for children and youth.

Performed by: Children's Opera Prague

Director: Jirina Markova-Krystlikova

Conductor: Michaela Rozsova



Tickets: A 250 CZK B 200 CZK C 150 CZK

Thursday 16 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

DAGMAR PECKOVA - ON THE ROAD

Jubilee gala concert to the thirty years anniversary of an artistic career of the leading Czech mezzo-soprano singer.

Knowledge and Power of Song - G. Mahler, R. Wagner, R. Strauss, A. Dvorak, J. Canteloube, L. Berio

As Career Progressed - P. I. Tchaikovskij, F. Loewe, W. A. Mozart, K. Weil, G. Bizet

Performed by: Dagmar Peckova - mezzosoprano, Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice

Conductor: Vojtech Spurny



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Friday 17 June • 19:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY YOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Marusice Ravel: La Valse

Ludwig van Beethoven: Concert for piano and orchestra no. 4 G dur, op. 58

Antonin Dvorak: Symphony no. 9 e moll, op. 95 „From The New World“

A concert of the leading American youth orchestra, which will also introduce a phenomenal 15 years old pianist George Li.

Performed by: George Li - piano, NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra Boston (USA)

Conductor: Benjamin Zander



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50% discount children and youth up to 15 years, students



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Saturday 18 June • 16:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Chapter Church

MONDI PARALELLI

Carlo Gesualdo da Venosa: Madrigals

Jan Jirasek: Mondy Paralelli (a concert premiere)

Veljo Tormis: Iron Incantation

Performed by: Jirina Maresova - harpsichord, positive organ, Filip Dvorak - harpsichord, Jan Krejca - lute, theorbo, Czech Soloists Consort

Conductor: Jan Misek

All tickets: 250 CZK



Saturday 18 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

LOHENGRIN & DALIBOR

Stories of Mythical Knights - Concert sampler from substantial operas by Richard Wagner and Bedrich Smetana.

Performed by: Olga Romanko (Ortruda/Milada), Petra Froese (Elsa/Jitka), Michal Lehotsky (Lohengrin/Dalibor), Svatopluk Sem (Vladislav), Choir and orchestra of the Prague State Opera

Conductor: Gerd Albrecht

Tickets: A 790 CZK

B 490 CZK

C 390 CZK



Sunday 19 June • 18:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

CZECH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Bedrich Smetana: The Bartered Bride - ouverture to the opera

Vitezslav Novak: Moravian-Slovak Suite, Op. 32

Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 4 in G major for Soprano and Orchestra

Performed by: Marie Fajtova - soprano, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Petr Altrichter

Tickets: A 890 CZK

B 590 CZK

C 490 CZK



Tuesday 21 June • 19:30 hrs • Litomyšl - Litomyšl Castle Audience Hall

AS IF BY A MAGIC...

Literary-musical program featuring poetry by French poets and music by composers working in Paris.

Performed by: Tatjana Medvecká - artistic recitation, Gran Duetto Concertante: Jan Riedlbauch - flute, Miloslav Klaus - guitar

All tickets: 300 CZK



Wednesday 22 June • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

THE RITE OF SPRING

Ballet performances in three parts; performed to pre-recorded music.

I. Gustav Mahler - 1st Symphony D major

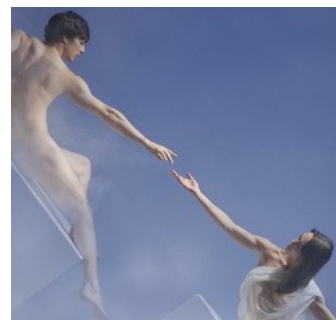
II. Duetts Déja vu (Fryderyk Chopin, Niccolò Paganini, Nino Rotta), Ruthenian and Slovakian folk ballads,



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Empty Title (Elvis Costello/Brodsky Quartet)
III. Igor Stravinskij - Le Sacre du Printemps
Performed by: Ballet of the National Theatre in Prague
Choreography: Petr Zuska

Tickets: A 790 CZK B 490 CZK C 390 CZK



Thursday 23 June • 19:30 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

MÚSICA IBÉRICA Y LATINA

Composed program of Spanish and Latin American rhythms. On program music by Maurice Ravel, Manuel de Falla, Emmanuel Chabrier, Astor Piazzola and others.

Performed by: Jana Sykorova - mezzosoprano, Marcelo Nisinman (Argentina) - bandoneon, Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Roberto Montenegro (Uruguay)

Tickets: A 790 CZK B 490 CZK C 390 CZK



Friday 24 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Antonin Dvorak: STABAT MATER, op. 58

Sacred cantata for soloists, chorus and orchestra, op. 58.

Performed by: Csilla Boross - soprano, Jana Wallingerova - mezzosoprano, Peter Berger - tenor, Martin Gurbal - bass, Choir and orchestra of the Janacek Opera of the National Theatre in Brno
Choirmaster: Josef Pancik
Conductor: Caspar Richter

Tickets: A 790 CZK B 490 CZK C 390 CZK



Saturday 25 June • 16:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Chapter Church

SYMPHONIA GREGORIANA

Jan Dismas Zelenka: Praise God Almighty

Petr Eben: Concert for organ and orchestra no. 1 „Symphonia Gregoriana“

Performed by: Eva Bublova - organ, Roman Janal - baritone, Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice
Conductor: Marek Stilec

All tickets: 250 CZK



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

Giacomo Puccini: TURANDOT

Opera in three acts, libretto by Giuseppe Adami and Renato Simoni.

Implementation of Italian original, with Czech subtitles, new finale by Luciano Berio.





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Performed by: Susanne Schimmack/Eva Urbanova (Turandot), Mario Zhang/Michal Lehotsky (Calaf), Janacek Opera of the National Theatre in Brno
Directed by: Jiri Nekvasil

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Sunday 26 June • 18:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Chapter Church

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Tuesday 28 June • 18:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana House

KÚHN CHILDREN CHOIR

A tribute to the Czech artists.

Bedrich Smetana: Three-voice songs

Zdenek Lukas: Four-voice children's choirs

Antonin Dvorak: Moravian Duets, op.32

Bohuslav Martinu: Three legends for female voices and violins

Bohuslav Martinu: Opening of the wells

Performed by: Josef Pejchal - recitation, Jiri Hajek - baritone, Gabriela Kubatova - violin, Kühn's Children's Choir

Choirmaster: Jiri Chvala



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50% discount for children and youth up to 15 years, students

Wednesday 29 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

BABI YAR

Featured on the occasion of 70th anniversary of the tragedy in Babi Yar ravine near Kiev where Nazis murdered 34.000 Jews in four days.

Igor Stravinskij: The Firebird

Dmitrij Shostakovic: Symphony no. 13 b moll „Babi Yar“

Performed by: Peter Mikulas -bass , Gentlemen of the Czech Philharmonic Choir Brno, Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK





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Thursday 30 June • 19:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana House

Peter Shaffer: AMADEUS

W. A. Mozart and his rival Antonio Salieri in Peter Schaffer's drama that became a model for the famous film by Milos Forman.

Performed by: Josef Vrana - Salieri, Ladislav Spiner - Mozart, Petra Tenorova - Konstance, East Bohemian Theatre Pardubice, Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice

Director: Michael Tarant

Conductor: Marko Ivanović



Tickets: A 350 CZK B 250 CZK C 200 CZK

Friday 1 July • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Leos Janacek: JENUFA

Opera in three acts after a drama by Gabriela Preissova, libretto by the composer. Performed in Czech, with German and English subtitles.

Performed by: Eva Urbanova (Kostelnicka), Dana Buresova (Jenufa), Tomas Cerny (Laca), Ales Briscein (Steva), Opera ensemble of the National Theatre in Prague

Director: Jiri Nekvasil

Conductor: Ondrej Lenard



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Saturday 2 July • 16:00 hrs • Litomyšl - Smetana House

FROM MY LIFE ...

Chamber concert as a tribute to Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak.

Ivana Loudova: String Quartet No. 2 „In the Memory of Bedrich Smetana"

Bedrich Smetana: String Quartet No. 1 in E minor, "From My Life"

Jaroslav Smolka: Haze of Despondency - Fantasy on the last sketch of Bedrich Smetana

Antonin Dvorak: String Quintet in Es flat major, Op. 97

Performed by: Jitka Hosprová - viola, Wihan's Quartet



Tickets: A 250 CZK B 200 CZK C 150 CZK

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

Gaetano Donizetti: THE ELIXIR OF LOVE

Comic opera in two acts, libretto by Felice Romani. Performed in the Italian original, with Czech and English subtitles.

Performed by: Eva Urbanova (Kostelnicka), Dana Buresova (Jenufa), Tomas Cerny (Laca), Ales Briscein (Steva), Opera ensemble of the National Theatre in Prague





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Sunday 3 July • 10:00 hrs • Litomysl - Cloister Gardens

CEREMONIAL HOLY MASS

Public service.

Main celebrant: Mns. Tomas Halik

Admission free.



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Monday 4 July • 19:30 hrs • Litomysl - 2nd Litomysl Castle Courtyard

STATRS OF THE OPERATIC SKY - SUMI JO

Closing gala concert of one of the best coloratura soprano in the world.

On program opera arias: Giuseppe Verdi (Rigoletto, La Traviata), Charles Gounod (Romeo et Juliette)

Reinhold Gliere: Concerto for coloratura soprano and orchestra in F minor, Op. 82

Performed by: Sumi Jo (Korea) - coloratura soprano, Prague Philharmonia

Conductor: Ondrej Lenard



Tickets: A 1290 CZK B 990 CZK C 790 CZK

THE RIGHT TO CHANGE A PROGRAM AND PERFORMERS IS RESERVED.

Important Notes:

Tickets pre-sale will be launched on 2 March 2011.

Tickets will be distributed by end-March 2011.

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