



## Smetana *Open Air* Opera Festival

### 53<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL SMETANA 'S LITOMYSL OPERA FESTIVAL 10<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011

#### PROGRAM „Mundus Vocalis“

Friday 10 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Sunday 12 June • 21:30 hrs • Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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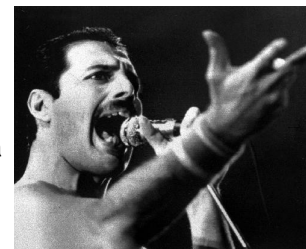
Monday 13 June • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

### 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



Tickets:           A 790 CZK                           B 490 CZK                           C 390 CZK

Friday 17 June • 19:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

### NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY YOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

*Mariuske 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



Tickets:           A 790 CZK                           B 490 CZK                           C 390 CZK  
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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

### THE RITE OF SPRING

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

I. Gustav Mahler - 1st Symphony D major

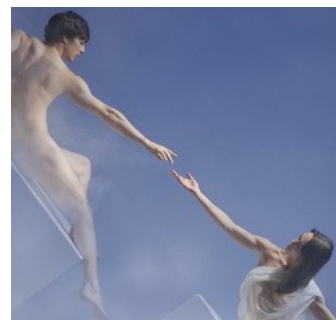
II. Duetts Déja vu (Fryderyk Chopin, Niccolò Paganini, Nino Rotta), Ruthenian and Slovakian folk ballads,



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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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Directed by: Jiri Nekvasil

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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



Tickets:            A 250 CZK                            B 200 CZK                            C 150 CZK  
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Wednesday 29 June • 20:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Conductor: Jiri Kout

Tickets:           A 790 CZK                           B 490 CZK                           C 390 CZK

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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



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Saturday 2 July • 21:00 hrs • Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Glier: 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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