



## Smetana Open Air Opera Festival

### *Smetana's Litomyšl Opera Festival 15 June – 1 July 2007*

#### PROGRAM AND PRICE LIST

Friday 15 June 2007, 20:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

##### **EVA URBANOVA GALACONCERT**

*A festive opening concert celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech opera diva's career.*

The program consists of arias, duets and chorals from the following operas:

B. Smetana: *The Bartered Bride*, *Dalibor*; A. Dvorak: *Rusalka*; A. Boito: *Mefistofele*; P. Mascagni: *Cavalleria Rusticana*; G. Puccini: *Tosca*, *Turandot*; and others.

Performed by: Eva Urbanova - soprano, and her guests, Prague Philharmonic Choir, Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Ondrej Lenard

Arcades: on request only      Sector: A 890 CZK      B 690 CZK      C 490 CZK

Saturday 16 June 2007, 16:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Smetana Hall

##### **THE FIGHT WITH THE ANGEL**

Bedrich Smetana: *String Quartet no. 2 d moll*

Sylvie Bodorova: *The Fight with the Angel*

Lubos Fiser: *Adieu, My Love*

Antonin Dvorak: *Piano Quintet in A major, op. 81*

Performed by: Otakar Brousek sen. (recitation), Iveta Jirikova - soprano, Jan Simon - piano, Wihan Quartet

Sector: A 150 CZK      B 120 CZK      C 100 CZK

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##### **Leos Janacek: RAKOS RAKOCZY**

*A scenic collage to motifs inspired by the ballet of the same title.*

##### **Bohuslav Martinu: BOUQUET OF FLOWERS**

**Premiere.** Produced for Smetana's Litomyšl festival. A cycle of compositions for solo, mixed and children's choir and a small orchestra to folk texts using an original dance approach.

Performed by: Soloists, children and mixed voice choir, Hradistan Dance Group, Bohuslav Martinu Philharmony Zlin

Choreography: Ladislava Kosikova

Director: Alena Vanakova

Conductor: Roman Valek

Arcades: on request only      Sector: A 490 CZK      B 390 CZK      C 290 CZK

Sunday 17 June 2007, 21:30 hrs, Lanskrout - Provost Church of St. Wenceslas

##### **CHURCH NOCTURNE**

*A sacred music composed program. The program includes work by Jacobus Handl-Gallus, J. Campanus-Vodnansky, J.S. Bach, Anton Bruckner*

Performed by: Czech Philharmonic Choir Brno

Conductor: Petr Fiala

All seats: 150 CZK (no seat reservation)

**Monday 18 June 2007, 20:30 hrs, Litomyšl - Respirium, Litomyšl Teaching Institute**

**THE TRAVELLING FIDDLERS I.**

*A concert of a remarkable world-music ensemble.*

Old Czech songs, ethno-chansons from Slovakia and Ukraine.

Performed by: Czaldy-Waldy Quartet

All seats: 100 CZK (no seat reservation)

**Tuesday 19 June 2007, 18:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Lidovy dum**

**Otmar Macha: THE ANIMALS AND THE BANDITS**

**Jiri Treml: THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES**

*Two one-act operas for the youngest audience.*

Performed by: Kuhn children choir, instrumental ensemble

Conductor: Jiri Chvala

Adults: 60 CZK                  Children: 30 CZK

**Wednesday 20 June 2007, 19:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Chapter Cathedral**

**Johann Sebastian Bach: ORGAN MASS**

*Dogmatic chorals from The Third Part of his piano exercises.*

A project forming a part of the long-standing festival cycle dedicated to J. S. Bach.

Performed by: Edita Keglerova - harpsichod, Jaroslav Tuma - organ

All seats: 120 CZK (no seat reservation)

**Thursday 21 June 2007, 19:00 hrs, Chrudim - The Church of Assumption of the Virgin Mary**

**Vitazoslav Kubicka: THE TOUCH OF CHRIST**

*A scenic performance of the contemporary spiritual opera by libretto of Vitazoslav Kubicka and Eva Bachletova.*

**Czech premiere.**

Performed by: Peter Cingel (Jesus), Eva Hornyakova (Maria), Nao Higano (Japanese tourist), Maria Koledova (Rachel), Eva Suskova (Chavva), Martin Mikus (Michael); Mixed voice choir Anima Cantanda, Bratislav Chamber Soloists

Director: Vitazoslav Kubicka (Slovak Republic)

Conductor: Adrian Kokos

All seats: 180 CZK (no seat reservation)

**Friday 22 June 2007, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard**

**Bedrich Smetana: THE KISS**

*A two-act opera. Libretto by Eliska Krasnohorska.*

**Premiere.** Co-production of the National Theatre Prague and Smetana's Litomyšl. Performed in the Czech original. English and German subtitles.

Performed by: Opera ensemble of the National Theatre in Prague

Director: Marian Chudovsky

Conductor: Oliver Dohnanyi

Arcades: on request only                  Sector: A 490 CZK                  B 390 CZK                  C 290 CZK

**Saturday 23 June 2007, 16:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Museum of Antique**

**THE TRAVELLING FIDDLERS II.**

*A cross-section of secular work from various European nations spanning several centuries and Czech folklore tradition.*

Performed by: Zuzana Lapcikova - dulcimer, Male Vocal Quartet Q VOX

All seats: 150 CZK (no seat reservation)

**Saturday 23 June 2007, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> premiere.** Co-production of the National Theatre Prague and Smetana's Litomyšl. Performed in the Czech original. English and German subtitles.

Director: Marian Chudovsky

Conductor: Oliver Dohnanyi

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**Sunday 24 June 2007, 18:00 hrs,** Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**Antonin Dvorak: St. LUDMILA, op. 71**

*Oratorio for solos, choir and orchestra to the text of Jaroslav Vrchlicky.*

Performed by: Adriana Kohutkova (Ludmila), Tomas Cerny (Borivoj) and other soloists; Czech Philharmonic Choir Brno, Brno Philharmonic Orchestra

Choirmaster: Petr Fiala

Conductor: Leos Svarovsky

Arcades: on request only      Sector: A 490 CZK      B 390 CZK      C 290 CZK

**Monday 25 June 2007, 19:00 hrs,** Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**CONCERT BY POPULAR REQUEST - IN THE WORLD OF CHILDREN**

Karel Svoboda: Three Nuts for Cinderella

Camille Siant-Saens: The Carnival of the Animals (a great zoo fantasy)

Jan Hammer jr.: The Terribly Sad Princess ( a fairy-tale film suite)

Martin Bottcher: Vinnetou

John Williams: Harry Potter

*and other many more famous melodies from fairy-tales, bed-time stories, children films and series.*

Performed by: Soloists, reciters, choir, Zofin Palace Grand Orchestra

Conductor: Frantisek Preisler

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**Tuesday 26 June 2007, 18:00 hrs,** Litomyšl - Smetana's Hall

**Benjamin Britten: THE LITTLE SWEEP**

*A children's opera consisting of a prologue and one act.*

Libretto: Eric Crozier. Performed in the Czech language.

Performed by: Children's Opera Prague

Director: Lubor Cukr

Conductor: Robert Jindra

Adults: 60 CZK      Children: 30 CZK

**Wednesday 27 June 2007, 19:30 hrs,** Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**Sergei Rachmaninov: Concert for piano and orchestra no. 3 in D minor, op. 30**

**Carl Orff: CARMINA BURANA**

*A world famous cantata of secular songs for solo voices and a choir with orchestral accompaniment.*

Performed by: Eugene Indjic - piano (USA), Marie Fajtova - soprano, Jan Mikusek - tenor, Ivan Kusnjer - baritone, Bambini di Praga, Prague Philharmonic Choir, Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK

Conductor: Jiri Krout

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**Thursday 28 June 2007, 19:00 hrs,** Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**Richard Wagner: RING WITHOUT WORDS**

*Full-length suite of symphonic music from Wagner's operatic tetralogue The Ring of the Nibelungen.*

Performed by: Orchestra of the National Theatre Prague Opera Ensemble

Conductor: John Fiore (USA)

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Friday 29 June 2007, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**Giacomo Puccini: MANON LESCAUT**

*A four-act opera. Performed in the Italian origin.*

Performed by: Tiziana Caruso (Manon), Luciano Mastro (Des Grieux), Opera of the Moravian-Silesian National Theatre in Ostrava

Director: Michael Tarant

Conductor Alessandro Sangiorgi (Italy)

Arcades: on request only      Sector: A 490 CZK      B 390 CZK      C 290 CZK

Saturday 30 June 2007, 16:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Smetana Hall

**Domenico Cimarosa: MAESTRO DI CAPELLA**

*Intermezzo giocoso performed by Maestro Richard Novak.*

Also in the program: Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B minor, BWV1067, Henry Purcell: Suite in D minor, Edvard H. Grieg: Suite from Holberg's Time, op. 40

Performed by: Richard Novak - bass, Bohuslav Martinu Chamber Orchestra

Artistic director: Lubomir Cermak

Sector: A 150 CZK      B 120 CZK      C 100 CZK

Saturday 30 June 2007, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**Giacomo Puccini: MANON LESCAUT**

*A four-act opera. Performed in the Italian origin.*

Performed by: Eva Drizgova-Jirusova (Manon), in negotiation (Des Grieux), Opera of the Moravian-Silesian National Theatre in Ostrava

Director: Michael Tarant

Conductor Alessandro Sangiorgi (Italy)

Arcades: on request only      Sector: A 490 CZK      B 390 CZK      C 290 CZK

Sunday 1 July 2007, 18:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2<sup>nd</sup> Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

**STARS OF OPERATIC SKY - TORSTEN KERL (Germany)**

*A closing gala concert of the famous German tenor Torsten Kerl.*

A program of arias and operatic duets from C.M. Von Weber: Der Freischutz; P. Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana; R. Leoncavallo: Pagliacci; P. I. Tchaikovski: Queen of Spades; E. Korngold: Die tote Stadt; R. Wagner: Die Walkure; and others.

Performed by: Torsten Kerl - tenor, Elena Batoukova - mezzosoprano, Prague Philharmonia

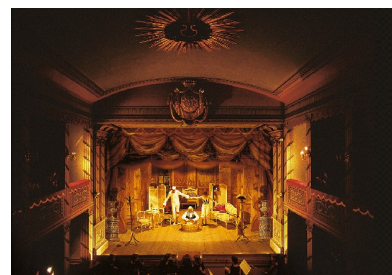
Conductor: Alexander Joel (to be confirmed)

Arcades: on request only      Sector: A 890 CZK      B 690 CZK      C 490 CZK

**THE RIGHT TO CHANGE A PROGRAM AND PERFORMERS IS RESERVED.**

**Important Notes:**

- *Tickets pre-sale will be launched on 7 March 2007.*
- *Tickets to be purchased at [http://www.smetanaoperafestival.com/tickets\\_or.php](http://www.smetanaoperafestival.com/tickets_or.php)*
- *Tickets will be distributed by end-March 2007.*



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