



Smetana *Open Air* Opera Festival

50th Jubilee Smetana's Litomyšl 18 June - 5 July 2008

The entire Smetana's Litomyšl festival program 2008 will carry in a festive spirit presenting 24 programs, mainly grand concerts (16). A dramaturgy will be focused festively, dedicated to the work of Bedrich Smetana and operatic art entirely..

PROGRAM

Wednesday 18 June 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Bedrich Smetana: LIBUSE

A festive three-act opera. Libretto by Josef Wenzig and Ervin Spindler.

Performed by: Eva Urbanova (Libuse), opera ensemble of the National Theatre in Prague

Director: Petr Novotny

Conductor: Oliver Dohnanyi

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



Thursday 19 June 2008, 19:30 hrs, Svitavy - Culture Centre „Fabrika“

EXTERNAL CONCERT IN SVITAVY

Miloslav Kabelac: Symphony no.4 in A, op.36 „Camerata“

Richard Wagner: Five Poems, words by Mathilde Wesendonck

John Williams: Schindler's List (a suite from S. Spielberg's Oscar movie)

Gustav Mahler: Five songs, words by Friedrich Rückert

Performed by: Dagmar Peckova - mezzosoprano, Leos Cepicky - housle, Chamber Philharmony Pardubice

Conductor: Vojtech Spurny

All seats: 590 CZK



Friday 20 June 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Litomyšl Castle Courtyard

Bedrich Smetana: THE BARTERED BRIDE

A three-act comic opera. Libretto by Karel Sabina.

Premier. Co-production of the National Theatre Prague and Smetana's Litomyšl.

Performed by: opera ensemble of the National Theatre in Prague

Director: Magdalena Svecova

Conductor: Ondrej Lenard

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 690 CZK B 390 CZK C 290 CZK



Saturday 21 June 2008, 11:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Church of the Raising of the Holy Cross

ORGAN MATINEE OF ALES BARTA

Charles-Maria Widor: Toccata from the 5th Symphony f moll, op.42

Léon Boëlmann: Gothic Suite, op.25

Antonin Dvorak: Symphony no. 9 e moll, op.92 „From The New World“ (a Czech premier of the organ transcription)

Performed by: Ales Barta - organ

All seats: 180 CZK (no seat reservation)





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Saturday 21 June 2008, 16:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Smetana Hall

SMETANA'S TRIO

Josef Suk: Elegy for piano, violin and chello, op.23

Bedrich Smetana: Trio g moll for piano, violin and chello, op.15

Pyotr Ilyic Tchaikovsky: Trio a moll for piano, violin and chello, op.50 „In memory of a great artist“

Performed by: Smetan's trio (Jana Novakova - violin, Jitka Cechova - piano, Jan Palenicek - chello)

Sector: A 150 CZK B 120 CZK C 100 CZK



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Sunday 22 June 2008, 10:15 hrs, Litomyšl - Piarist Church

HOLY MASS

A traditional holy mass celebrated by Prof. Tomas Halik.

Accompanied by a selection of the church cantatas by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Performed by: soloists of Chamber Philharmony Pardubice, Kühn mixed choir

Conductor: Jaroslav Brych

Entry free.



Sunday 22 June 2008, 18:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Edvard Hagerup Grieg: PEER GYNT

A concert version of a scene music to Henrik Ibsen drama.

Performed by: Jiri Langmajer, Pavel Soukup, Marika Prochazkova, Vaclav Sibera, Jitka Burgetova, Jana Sykorova, soloists, choir and orchestra of the State Opera Prague

Conductor: Guillaume Tourniaire (Switzerland)

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

Monday 23 June 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Giuseppe Verdi: NABUCCO

A grand four-act opera. Libretto by Temistocle Solera.

Performed by: ensemble of the State Opera Prague

Conductor: Hillary Griffith (United Kingdom)

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Tuesday 24 June 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

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Wednesday 25 June 2008, 19:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

GERSHWIN - BERNSTEIN

George Gershwin: Cuban Overture, I Got Rhythm, Rhapsody in Blue

Leonard Bernstein: Symphony no. 3 Kaddish

Performed by: Fazil Say - piano (Turkey), soloists, Sona Cervena - recitation, Edita Adlerova - mezzosoprano, boy's choir Bonifantes Pardubice, Czech Philharmonic Choir, Brno Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Leos Svarovsky

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 690 CZK B 390 CZK C 290 CZK



Thursday 26 June 2008, 18:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Smetana Hall

Lukas Hurnik: ANGELS

An opera show about musical angels with infernal propensity. Libretto by Petr Censky.

Performed by: Children's Opera Prague

Director: Gabriela Haukovicova

Conductor: Jan Kucera

All seats: 150 CZK (no seat reservation), 50% discount for children under 15 years of age and students



Thursday 26 June 2008, 20:30 hrs, Litomyšl - Church of the Raising of the Holy Cross

Petr Eben: JOB

A cycle of pieces for organ with the Old Testament reading.

Dedicated to a memory of Prof. Petr Eben.

Performed by: Marek Eben - reciter, Tomas Thon - organ

All seats: 180 CZK (no seat reservation)



Friday 27 June 2008, 20:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Antonin Dvorak: REQUIEM

One of the greatest Dvorak's oratorial works for a solo, choir and orchestra with Latin lyrics.

Perforemed: Dagmar Peckova - mezzosoprano, Adriana Kohutkova - soprano, Tomas Cerny - tenor, Peter Mikulas - bass, Prague Philharmonic Choir, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Ondrej Lenard

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 790 CZK B 490 CZK C 390 CZK

Saturday 28 June 2008, 11:00 hrs, Litomyšl - Smetana Hall

PIANO MATINÉE OF JITKA CECHOVA

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Sonata for piano no. 8 a moll, KV 310

Franz Liszt: Mephisto waltz no. 1

Bedrich Smetana: Dreams

Performed by: Jitka Cechova - piano

Sector: A 150 CZK B 120 CZK C 100 CZK

50% discount for children under 15 years of age and for students



Saturday 28 June 2008, 17:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Bedrich Smetana: MY COUNTRY

A cycle of symphonic poems where each depicts some aspect of the countryside, history, or legends of Bohemia.

Performed by: Czech Philharmony

Conductor: Libor Pesek

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Saturday 28 June 2008, 21:30 hrs, Litomyšl - Piarist Church

CLOSE VOICES FROM FAR-AWAY

A meditative project of a sacral dialogue through liturgical music; a non-traditional musical meeting of two spiritual cultures.

Performed by: Gyosan-ry Tendai Shomyo (Buddhistic monks, Japan), artistic chief: Saikawa Buntai; Schola Gregoriana Pragensis, artistic chief: David Eben

All seats: 250 CZK (no seat reservation)

Sunday 29 June 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Gioacchino Rossini: THE BARBER OF SEVILLA

A two-act comic opera. Libretto by Cesare Sterbini.

Performed by: Janacek's opera of the National Theatre in Brno

Director: Sandro Santillo

Conductor: David Svec

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 690 CZK B 390 CZK C 290 CZK



Monday 30 June 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Sergei Prokofiev: ROMEO AND JULIET

A famous ballet about eternal lovers and their unfulfilled love. Libretto based on William Shakespeare's tragedy written by L. Lavrovsky, S. Prokofiev and S. Radlov.

Performed by: ballet ensemble of the National Theatre in Brno

Choreography and Director: Zdenek Prokes

Conductor: Jan Zbavitel

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 690 CZK B 390 CZK C 290 CZK



Tuesday 1 July 2008, 18:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Joseph Haydn - Symphony no. 100 G dur „Military“

Leonard Bernstein (arr. Frank Bennett) - a suite from „West Side Story“

Robert Beaser - a Czech premier of a piece for Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

Antonin Dvorak - Symphony no. 8 G dur, op. 88, „English“

Performed by: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra (USA)

Conductor: Federico Cortese

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 390 CZK B 290 CZK C 190 CZK

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Wednesday 2 July 2008, 17:30 hrs, Litomyšl - Litomyšl Castle Baroque Theatre

„VIVAT CAROLUS QUARTUS“

Homage to Pater patriare (the Father of the Country), the king Charles IV.

Music composed and performed by: Stepan Rak - guitar, Alfred Strejcek - recitation from a book „Moralities of Charles IV.“

Sector: A 290 CZK B 190 CZK C 50 CZK



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Thursday 3 July 2008, 21:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

Sylvie Bodorova: MOSES

An oratory on libretto by the composer based on the Old Testament for soloists, reciters, children and mixed choir, projection and a philharmonic orchestra.

A world premier - the piece was produced specially for the 50th anniversary of Smetana's Litomyšl

Performed by: Gabriela Benackova, Ivan Kusnjer, Otokar Klein, reciters, Kühn children choir, Prague Philharmonic Choir, Symphonic Orchestra of the Main City of Prague FOK

Conductor: Tomas Hanus

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

Friday 4 July 2008, 22:15 hrs, Litomyšl - Municipal Stadium Cerna hora

CONCERT BY POPULAR REQUEST - VIVAT THE 50th SMETANA'S LITOMYŠL

A festive fireworks performance based on music by Bedrich Smetana, Antonin Dvorak, Franz Lehar and Oskar Nedbal produced by Flash Barrandov.

Entry free.



Saturday 5 July 2008, 19:00 hrs, Litomyšl - 2nd Castle Litomyšl Courtyard

GALA OPERA - SOLO FOR LADIES

A festive closing opera gala concert composed of operatic arias and duets for soprano and mezzo-soprano, dedicated to the 150th anniversary of Giacomo Puccini's birth especially. Also arias from operas by W. A. Mozart, J. Offenbach, L. Delibese and others on the program.

Performed by: Elenore Marguerre - soprano (Germany), Arpiné Rahdjian - soprano, Zoryana Kushpler - mezzo-soprano, Orchestra of Janacek's Opera of the National Theatre in Brno

Conductor: Fabrizio Ventura (Italy)

Arcades: on request only Sector: A 990 CZK B 790 CZK C 590 CZK

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See you in Litomyšl 2008,

Bedřich Smetana

Important Notes:

- Tickets pre-sale will be launched on 5 March 2008.
- Tickets will be distributed by end-March 2008.
- The right to change a program and performers is reserved.