



Irish Czech and Slovak Society

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NEWSLETTER

Annual Christmas Party



This year society's Christmas Party will take place in the spectacular location of The Order of Knights of Malta, St. John's House, 32 Clyde Rd., Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on **Sunday 1st December 2002** from 3pm to 6pm. We would like to welcome all our members and friends together with their children to this traditional event.

Admission will be Euro 5 for members and Euro 7 for non members, children go for free.

According to our tradition there will be "Mikulas" (Santa), a Devil and an Angel to give away little bags of goodies to the children. Our friends will be singing the best of Czech and Slovak Christmas songs. The society together with the Czech and Slovak Embassies will provide some refreshment and a food.

We would like to ask you to bring some of your Christmas cookies, cakes and sweets to share with the others and to help create the best Christmas atmosphere.

Flood Relief Charity



At the end of this summer, when the Czech Republic was struck by large scale floods, the Society together with the Czech Embassy organized a flood Relief collection. In order to support the collection, we organized two charity concerts. One in Dublin Castle on 10th October 2002, starring Czech violinist Pavel Sporcl playing Pagannini's works and Jazz quartet - Anton Peteltchitz - Saxophone, Bill Bergin - Base, Malcolm O'Brien - Guitar, Philip Hayden - Drums playing classical jazz fusion pieces. The second concert was performed by Crawford Trio in the Crawford Gallery in Cork on 14th October 2002.

All the collected funds have been sent to well established charity People in Need (Euro 5100.00) and the Czech Philharmony (Euro 4000.00) - Rudolfinum. The charity People in Need will use the funds for direct flood relief for

the affected people. The Czech Philharmony - Rudolfinum will use the funds for flood damage repair on the historical landmark Rudolfinum building, just beside the Charles Bridge in Prague.

We would like to thank to all the people who directly contributed to the collection, to the musicians for their music and to the organizers of the collection and the concerts. We have to mention the Office of Public Works at Dublin Castle for generously providing the venue for the concert in Dublin, Czech Ambassador HE. Petr Kolar and Petra Masinova for doing most of the concert organization work.

Annual Barbecue

This year's society's barbecue took place in the Slovak Embassy on Saturday 13 July 2002. The weather was great and event was well attended by people not only from Dublin, but also from other parts of Ireland as well as from the North.

We would like to thank to all the people which came to the barbecue for creating a really great atmosphere. Additionally, we would like to especially thank the organizing team: Slovak Embassy's HE. Vladimir Halgas, Vera and Rostislav Pazurikovi for providing the venue and lots of other help with food, etc. Czech Embassy's HE. Petr Kolar, Frantisek Vintr, Vladislav Studnický and Mr. and Mrs. Jileckovi, Society's Bill Prasifka for the food, Mark Griffin and finally to Vaclav Baloga for the meat supplies.



Nice Treaty Referenda

Even though everybody probably noticed the recently passed Nice Treaty Referenda, I cannot miss the opportunity to remind us all what it means for the Czech and Slovak republics. Thanks to the affirmative vote of the Irish people the EU enlargement can go ahead without delay. The referenda were seen by the Irish voters as a major milestone in the enlargement process.

Miloco Theater in Ireland

Prague's Theater Miloco toured Ireland again with the play 'Encyclopaedia of the Dead' in October as a part of the Festival 'Crossing Borders' hosted by the School of Drama at Trinity College Dublin

Encyclopaedia of the Dead is inspired by the short stories of the late Yugoslav writer, Danilo Kis. A combination of physical theater, story-telling, slapstick, original live music and song, this ensemble production explores the themes of nationalism and identity and the relationships between history and fiction. Visually stunning and fast paced, Encyclopaedia of the Dead incorporates seven

languages and as many nationalities, tailoring the story to each unique locality and reaffirming the universality of the message.

The society would like to thank to Ales Klenka, Hermann Wakolbinger, Juraj Simko, Miriam Delahunt and Veronika Samlova for generously providing accommodation for the group members.

Film "Divoke Včely" (Wild Honey Bees)

Venue - Czech Embassy on Wednesday 18 December 2002 from 7:30 pm

Film by Bohdan Slama is bitterly sweet comedy about the emotional isolation of young people in the closed world of a remote village in Northern Moravia. A young forestry worker, Kaja (Zdenek Rausler), is in love with a shop assistant Bozka (Tatiana Vilhemova). Bozka more and more feels her loneliness not only in her relationship to local girls idol Lada (Pavel Liska), but also to the environment she lives in. With the arrival of Kaja's brother Petr (Marek Daniel) to the village, previously hidden motives begin to surface. Just as in the famous Milos Forman's film 'The Firemen's Ball' is one of the few opportunities to leave everyday stereotypes, the web of relationships, hidden loves and hates uncover a picture of which unsettles the main characters in the film.

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