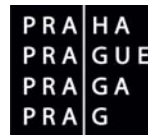




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MOZART PRAGUE 2006

The first of more than 190 concerts, opera performances, exhibitions and music festivals held within the project **Mozart Prague 2006** from January to December 2006, will take place on 12th January 2006. In 2006 the whole world remembers the 250th anniversary of the birth of the brilliant composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

In the beginning of 2005 notable cultural institutions and organization initiated an activity that would reflect this important anniversary and voluntarily committed themselves to prepare a worthy programme commemorating the importance and cultural tradition connected with the work of W.A.Mozart and Prague. Today the association **Mozart Prague 2006** has seventeen member institutions and companies. These organizations had entrusted the coordination and preparation of the project to Mr Jiří Hubáč and the company BVA International Ltd.

Last year the activities of the association were supported considerably by the City of Prague, which will also take part in the project in 2006 as co-organizer and financial supporter. The City of Prague also supports the project through the mediation of subjects, which it partly owns, and by its subsidized organizations.

The project is also supported by the Ministry of Culture via its subsidized organizations, which will be granted a special purpose-bound subvention for the selected events of the **Mozart Prague 2006** project.

The total costs of the project are covered from the budgets and financial sources of the individual organizers, the City of Prague and the Ministry of Culture.

The project has been granted auspices by the president of the Czech Republic Prof. Václav Klaus and the Mayor of the City of Prague Dr. Pavel Bém.

On the day of Mozart's birthday on 27 January a gala concert will be held at the Estates Theatre. Manfred Honeck will conduct the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and Sharon Kam on the clarinet in compositions by W.A.Mozart related to Prague: overture to Don Giovanni, Concerto in A major for clarinet and orchestra and Symphony No.38 in D major "Prague". The television transmission of the concert produced by BVA International in co-production with Czech TV is a part of the international project "24 hours Mozart" aired via EBU network on the day of Mozart's birthday.



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After the transmission from Prague "24 hours Mozart" continues with a gala concert from Salzburg featuring the Vienna Philharmonic, conductor Riccardo Muti, Renée Felming, Thomas Hampson, Mitsuko Uchida, Gidon Kremer and others. The concert begins at 6 pm, too, so its broadcast will be deferred and aired after the Prague concert.

The main media partners of Mozart Prague 2006 project are Czech Television and Czech Radio. Media partners are Lidové noviny, lidovky.cz, TIME IN and Harmonie. Česká centrála cestovního ruchu - Czech Tourism is the partner of the project.

The programme of events will be updated and enriched in due course with programmes and projects from the dramaturgical concept, which have not yet been financially covered.

The Association of Cooks and Confectioners has announced a competitions "The Confectioner of the Year" with the topic of Mozart and Prague.

Tickets for the events of the project are available from Bohemia Ticket International and from the individual organizers in standard distribution.

Tickets for the press are available from the individual organizers.

Another project commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of W.A.Mozart is the film "Adieu Mozart" made in co-production of BVA International and The Municipal House, which is devoted to Mozart's three visits to Prague.

Details of the project Mozart Prague 2006 including updates are to be found at:

www.mozartpraha2006.cz a www.mozartprague2006.com,

in Czech, German, English and partly in Japanese and Spanish.

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