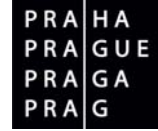




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## PRESS RELEASE

### MOZART PRAGUE 2006

Since January of this year a year-long project has been running in Prague entitled **MOZART PRAGUE 2006**, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

On the occasion of this significant cultural event, 17 institutions and organisations have come together to produce an appropriate programme of more than 190 concerts, operas, exhibitions and music festivals.

The project, which is set to run until the end of 2006, has the support of the City of Prague and the Czech Ministry of Culture, and takes place under the auspices of the President of the Czech Republic, Prof. Václav Klaus, and the Mayor of Prague MUDr. Pavel Bém.

One of the biggest events in the Mozart celebrations was the gala concert held on January 27 at the Estates Theatre, the day of the anniversary of Mozart's birth. The concert was broadcast live by BVA International in co-production with Czech Television, and was included in the "24 hours of Mozart" project, broadcast across the globe on the EBU network.

Every month this year so far, the project has brought us several interesting performances, concerts or other cultural events on the Mozart theme. Of the **MOZART PRAGUE 2006** events coming up in the next few months, we recommend the exhibition called *Music in Prague 1760 – 1810*, which opened March 17 and is set to run until September 4.

In cooperation with the local Czech Centre, a new documentary film **“ADIEU MOZART”** will be premiered April 5 in the House of Music in Vienna in the presence of the director himself, Mr Martin Suchánek. Over the course of 2006, the film "Adieu Mozart" will be screened at every Czech Centre, which represent and promote the Czech Republic abroad. April 19 in Vienna's House of Music will also see a lecture on the Mozart in Prague theme given by Mr Zdeněk Mahler, who wrote the screenplay for the above film.

The christening of a new book published by Edition Bärenreiter Prague entitled "Good morning, my dear wifie!" will be held on May 15 at the Municipal House. The book presents letters that Mozart wrote to his wife Constanze mainly during the last three years of his life. On this occasion two other books will be christened. Bon Art Production agency will introduce its new book for children "The Magic Flute" and the publishing house H&H will present its book "Mozart in Vienna".



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May 12 will see the opening of the most important music festival in the Czech Republic, the Prague Spring, which will also feature a series of concerts of Mozart's works.

At the end of June, in cooperation with the Czech Association of Cooks and Confectioners, the first round of the „Confectioner of the Year“ competition in the Sladkovský Hall at the Municipal House will have Mozart and Prague as its theme.

July and August promise some superb festivals that will attract visitors to the Czech capital from far and wide. An excellent production by Opera Mozart of Don Giovanni at the Estates Theatre promises to be an unforgettable event, as do the summer concerts at the Bertramka Villa, set to run all summer, and the Prague Music Festival which will include some particularly interesting performances, especially in August.

The rest of 2006 promises a feast of superb concerts, operas, exhibitions, and interesting cultural events commemorating Mozart and his special relationship to Prague.

A more detailed and constantly updated programme of all the events being held as part of **MOZART PRAGUE 2006** is available at [www.mozartprague2006.com](http://www.mozartprague2006.com).

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