

CZECH CASTLES



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and

H.E. Mr. Miloslav Stašek

Ambassador of the Czech Republic

would like to invite you to the inauguration of the exhibition
of the National Museum of Czech Republic

Czech Castles

on April 9, 2014, at 17:00

at the Siddhartha Art Gallery

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Czech Republic – a country of castles and chateaux

The Czech Republic abounds in cultural treasures, among which castles and chateaux as historical residences of the social elite, of rulers, of the aristocracy, and of religious institutions attract special attention. Castles, fortified residences of the Middle Ages, were built from the twelfth to the early sixteenth century. In the modern era (from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century) they were replaced by comfortable and often sumptuously furnished chateaux. The fact that the Czech Republic ranks among the countries with the highest density of these remarkable buildings per square kilometre and that they are preserved in such an unusually authentic form gives us every right to call it a "country of castles and chateaux." Most accessible sites are managed by the National Heritage Institute or by various museums, towns, municipalities, and private persons, including descendants of the historic Czech noble families.

This exhibition presents a selection of 37 of the most interesting castles and chateaux of Bohemia and Moravia, two of the historic areas that make up the Czech state. The criterion for the selection of the localities has been their historical significance as well as their architectural, artistic, and historical value.

The National Museum of Czech Republic

The National Museum is the largest museum institution in the Czech Republic. It was established in 1818. The National Museum manages over 20 million items and archival materials from the fields of political, cultural, social, and economic history, history of art, history of literature and music, archaeology, ethnography, mineralogy, anthropology, palaeontology, zoology, botany, and other sciences. Its more than 15 buildings with exhibition space are located not only in Prague but also in other parts of the Czech lands.

Siddhartha Art Gallery

The Siddhartha Art Gallery was established in 1987. Since its inception, the Gallery has been active in the promotion of contemporary Nepalese art and has introduced international perspectives to the contemporary art scene. The Gallery has organized over 300 exhibitions by local and international artists, some of which have been landmark events. Siddhartha Art Gallery places special emphasis on socio-cultural and political issues, as it believes that art can play a significant role in shaping national and international perceptions. The Gallery conducts community art projects, artist's workshops, film screenings and talk programs by local and visiting artists. In 2006, the Gallery received the Best Gallery of the Year Award which was presented by the Artist's Society of Nepal.

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