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Emperor of Four Thrones

Charles IV. (1316-1378) is appreciated primarily for his wisdom, education and diplomatic dexterity. **Under his rule, Czech reached an unprecedented economic and cultural prosperity.** Long neglected Prague became the foundation of the New Town, a real metropolis of the Holy Roman Empire.

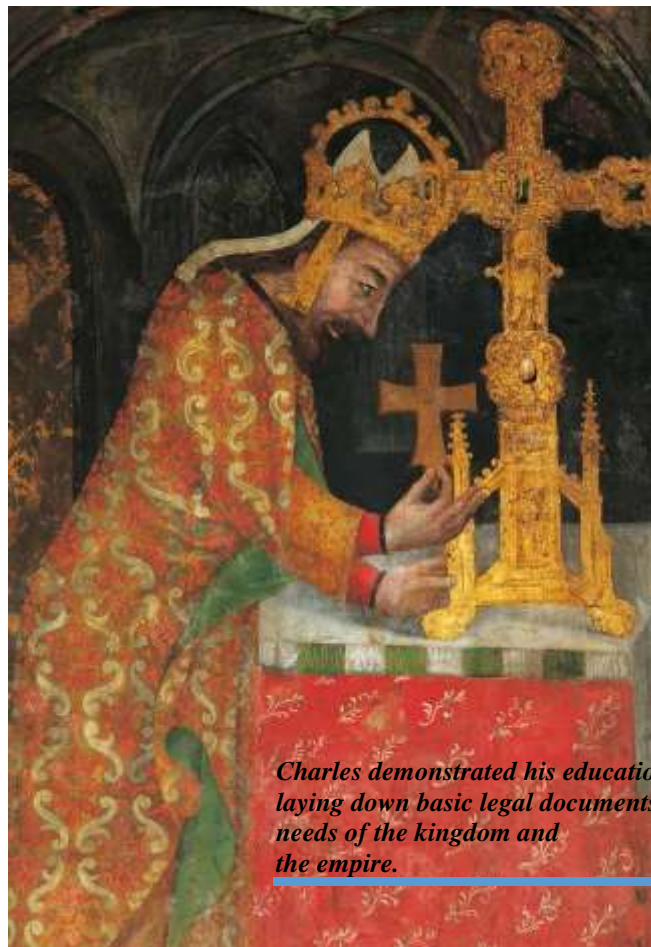
In his youth, Charles IV most likely attended lectures at the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris. He always surrounded himself with highly educated companions. According to the testimony of Vojtech Rankuv of Jezov, Charles spoke and wrote in five languages: German, French, Italian, Latin and Czech. He delineated his ideas in several literary works which he wrote in Latin. These are primarily Autobiography of Emperor Charles IV (Vita Caroli), Code of King Charles (Codex Carolinus, later Maiestas Carolina), Legend of Saint Wenceslas and Spiritual Interpretations and Learning.

At Charles' request in early **1347**, Pope Clement VI agreed to establish a university in Prague – the **world-known and prestigious Charles University.** The university was not established for the needs of the Kingdom of Bohemia only, it was to serve the whole empire. Charles also issued foundation charters for other universities: in Cividale (studium generale – General studies, 1351), Arezzo (1355), Perugia (1355), Siena (1357), Pavia (1361), Florence (1364).

Charles demonstrated his education when laying down basic legal documents for the needs of the kingdom and the empire. He also founded the New Town of Prague, Karlstejn castle, a series of monasteries and other buildings, not only in the Czech Kingdom but also in other countries.

He built extraordinary building which were far ahead of his time in terms of architecture and functionality. His vision of a strong centralized Europe without wars is a vision as modern then as it is actual now.

As throughout his government **he gave priority to diplomatic negotiations than to war.**



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The Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles is hereby honored to present to the public the special exhibition **presenting the life journey of this extraordinary Emperor in fourteen panels.**

The exhibition shall be open at the Consulate foyer **early September. For further details, please follow our website www.mzv.cz/losangeles/en**



A gold coin of Charles IV. (Prague, around 1360) © Staatliches Museum Schwerin

Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka at this historically first visit to California

Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Bohuslav Sobotka, together with his delegation visited Los Angeles and San Francisco on April 2-4, 2016.

During his visit to Los Angeles several important meetings took place, among which a working lunch with leaders of the local Jewish community at the Museum of Tolerance and a working breakfast with the leadership of the major Hollywood film studios, such as NBCUniversal, Fox, Warner Bros., Walt Disney, ABC etc.

Also part of his schedule were a series of interviews given to the biggest local newspaper the Los Angeles Times, where he shared his views on the current immigration situation in Europe, Brexit/Grexit and also a possible new film incentives system in the Czech Republic (full-text articles at www.latimes.com).

There was also a reception in his honor, hosted by the Consul General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles, Pavol Sepelak, where he had a chance to meet and talk to a closed-circle of local Czech diaspora guests among whom the famous Czech actor Jan Triska, Director Ivan Passer, Gratias Agit Awardee Lida Sandera, Producer Pavlina Moskalyková-Solo, the leadership of Czech School of Los Angeles and Czech School of San Diego and many others.

His Los Angeles visit concluded with a visit to the government space facility, „SpaceX“, before moving farther North to the Bay Area..

In San Francisco he was welcomed by the Governor of California, the Honorable Edmund Brown, for what has been a historical first meeting with a Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. Right after, there were several working meetings with the US business community and a group of successful Czech businessmen from Silicon Valley.

Successful and intensive stay of the Prime Minister was concluded by his introduction of the 5th Czech That Film Festival at Roxie Theater.



Prime Minister Sobotka giving interviews at LA Times downtown headquarters (© LA Times)



(from top down) Prime Minister Sobotka at friendly gathering with local Czech diaspora – Actor Jan Triska, Director Ivan Passer

Prime Minister Sobotka with Rabbi Marvin Hier from the Wiesenthal Center discussing the necessity to face the rise of extremism and the polarization of society in Europe and the US.





New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio, is to declare **September 28, the Vaclav Havel Day in New York**. The tradition of days dedicated to specific world famous personalities or themes represents a consecrated tradition for New York.

Several activities are planned as a part of Havel's Day, inter alia, performances of Havel's theatre plays and the unveiling of a bust of Vaclav Havel created by Mary Šeborová at the Columbia University campus. Overall, the celebration of Vaclav Havel in New York, if everything will go as planned, should cover two to three days around September 28th, 2016.

For more information and schedule of events (closer to date) follow www.vhlf.org

Presentation of the Czech glass company at the Czech Consulate residence

With support of the Consulate General of the Czech Republic, the Czech glass company **Lasvit** presented its extraordinary products during a summer reception at the residence of Czech Consul General, on June 2, 2016.

The reception was an opportunity to present to selected professionals the newest products and recent installations created by this unique glass company, now well established also in the United States. **Lasvit** also launched its limited edition book presentation of the long history of the Bohemian glass manufacturing tradition, dating back to the 12th century and the extraordinary heritage that inspires its current products.

For more information about company visit www.lasvit.com



The team of the Consulate is ready to help, in the same way, other Czech companies interested in promoting their unique products. Please do not hesitate to [contact us!](#)

New official short geographic name for the Czech Republic

Following the Resolution No. 403 of the Government of the Czech Republic from May 2, 2016, **the Czech Republic is now officially using the abbreviation “Czechia”**.

Despite many rumors and incorrect information published in several international newspapers, the full country name the “Czech Republic” (“Česká republika”) will remain the country’s official political name. “Czechia” will be used only as the English version of the short country name “Česko”. It is up to each entity to decide which version to use, the short version (“Česko/Czechia”) or its long variant (“Česká republika/Czech Republic”).

In fact, “Česko” has been **officially used as the Czech Republic’s short name since 1993**. It is part of a national standard established that year by the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadaster and approved (from a linguistic perspective) by the Czech Language Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

Moreover, **Czechia has more than 1200 years old** of history behind, with only a very short period when it was associated with the republican political system. Therefore, the history of Czechia is thus much longer than that of the “Czech Republic”. As such, it can be used to refer to the country, in both historical and contemporary contexts. The Czech Republic is simply nothing more than the name of the current state formed on the territory of CZECHIA.

One of the problems raised in this context is the risk of confusing “Czechia” with “Chechnya”. However, poor geographical knowledge cannot be a reason for not using a country’s name. “Czechia” resembles “Chechnya” just like the “Czech Republic” resembles the “Chechen Republic”. Moreover, “Chechnya” is not an independent state. This means that the risk of confusion (at international conferences or sports events) is negligible or close to zero. There are countries with even more similar-sounding names (Austria/Australia, Iran/Iraq, India/Indonesia, Mali/Malawi, Niger/Nigeria, Gambia/Zambia, Slovakia/Slovenia, or even with identical names (Georgia/Georgia); apparently, none of them considering necessary to abandon their short name and strictly use their formal political name.

An interesting point is that “Czech” might also be mispronounced as [tʃe tʃ]. English has about 300 words in which “ch” is pronounced [k] – e.g. architect, anarchy, anchor, chemistry, chaos, mechanism. English pronunciation has no clear-cut rules and must be learned by listening.

To learn more about myths and facts of this abbreviation, do not hesitate to visit www.czechia.com



Czech Republic Government Business Mission strengthening relations in Bay Area

Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic, Jan Hamáček, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister for Science, Research and Innovation Jan Bělobrádek and a business delegation, led by the Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Chamber of Deputies ,Ivan Pilný, visited the Bay Area, for the first time, **on May 18-19, 2016.**

The main goal of this visit was to further strengthen the relationships between the Czech Republic and the state of California (particularly the Bay Area and Silicon Valley) in the fields of trade, commerce, science and research.

The Speaker of the House, J. Hamáček, besides a joint meeting with Silicon Valley Czech entrepreneurs, he also **met with the Mayor of San Francisco, Edwin M. Lee**, where he expressed his appreciation for San Francisco's experience in the use of modern technologies and platforms such as Uber transport or the accommodation portal AirB'n'B which San Francisco is ready to share with Prague. Speaker Hamáček **also visited his California colleague, the Speaker of the House of the State Assembly in Sacramento, Anthony Rendon**, with whom he discussed various aspects regarding migration.

Deputy Prime Minister Jan Bělobrádek had most of his program shared with the delegation of the **Economic Committee of the Chamber of Deputies of Parliament and its Chairman, Ivan Pilný**, focusing on science and research.

The parliamentarian group was also accompanied by a 20-membered business mission led by **Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic, Bořivoj Minář**. **This technology-focused mission met with representatives of Tesla, Apple, Efficient Drivetrains, as well as some Czech companies who have managed to succeed in Silicon Valley.** The delegation also visited Stanford University and UC Berkeley. The entrepreneurs had a chance to talk to the local Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, completing their tour with the the visit of the incubator Plug and Play and some B2B meetings.

This successful and unprecedented visit was organized by the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles together with CzechInvest San Francisco.



Speaker Hamáček (left) together with Speaker Rendon (right)



The Parliamentarian and business delegation at Stanford University (above).



Deputy Prime Minister Bělobrádek at Tesla (left).

SUCCESS STORY: Czech startup company gets into acquisition with Silicon Valley giant

Original Czech startup company has recently gotten acquired by the password management company OneLogin, which is among the giants in its field in Silicon Valley. San Francisco-based *OneLogin* was founded in 2010 and has raised \$42.7 million to date from backers such as CRV, Scale Venture Partners and Social Capital. *OneLogin* serves as single sign-in access point for enterprise cloud applications and provides secure connections across users, all devices and applications. Clients include Condé Nast, Pinterest and Steelcase.

Thus, this acquisition is an immensely successful move for *Portadi*'s founders Dušan Vítek and Tomáš Soukup.

Prior to starting *Portadi*, Dušan was a founder and CEO of Advico Media, a boutique PR agency serving high-tech and healthcare companies.

Later on Dušan held a position of VP of Marketing at Kerio where he helped establish Kerio's worldwide presence, develop its marketing and communications strategy, build its marketing team, and build the foundation for Kerio's award-winning channel partner program. There he also met Tomáš who led the development of the main products and technologies of Kerio from Pilsen.

Then, in 2014, they decided to start their "baby" project *Portadi* in San Jose, California with one simple goal in mind: to help customers manage cloud apps and online accounts at the workplace.

It is building the easiest, most user-friendly cloud identity and access management system: the one which can be used by entire teams or companies without having to be a certified Active Directory administrator, or an IT admin of any kind.

Since its launch in February 2015, many of their customers including Apiary, STRV, Startup Grind or MyTime have benefited from using *Portadi*.



Dušan Vítek (top) and Tomáš Soukup (bottom), founders of Portadi
(© Portadi)



CZECH THAT FILM

heads to Seattle this week!

The 5th edition of the Czech That Film festival is slowly coming to its end with screenings in Seattle this week.

After the Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka kicked-off the festival in San Francisco in early April, this annual touring showcase of best Czech films already took place in 15 major US cities (Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Washington DC, Phoenix, Puerto Rico, Dallas, Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland, Columbus, Little Rock, Austin and Iowa City). The festival will conclude with screenings in Minneapolis in August, and, for the first time, it will also reach the capital of Canada – Ottawa in September 2016.

In Seattle, the Czech That Film is organized by **the Center for Czech Education and Culture (CCES)** in cooperation with the **SIFF FILM CENTER**. **The festival** will open at the Seattle Center (corner of Warren Avenue and Republican Street, Seattle, WA 98109) with the a drama **THE WAY OUT**, directed by Petr Václav, which represented the Czech Republic at the Cannes Film Festival last year, on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 7pm. A reception will precede the screening at 6pm.

The Czech entry in last year's Oscar competition for the Best Foreign Language Film and winner of the World Cinema Award at the Phoenix International Film Festival HOME CARE, directed by Slavek Horak, will be screened also at the Seattle Center on Saturday, July 9, at 4:30pm.

Besides *The Way Out* and *Home Care*, the fans of Czech cinema will be able to appreciate the most successful film of Czech movie history **THE INVENTION OF DESTRUCTION**, by renowned director and animator Karel Zeman, a successful Czech-German coproduction **SCHMITKE**, directed by Štěpán Altrichter, and a political thriller **GANSTERKA** about a Czech mafioso. The little ones as well as the adults will enjoy **THE LITTLE MAN**, the unconventional fairy tale that continues a long tradition of superb Czech live-action puppet features.

The Czech That Film festival in Seattle will conclude with the entertaining Czech comedy **CHASING FIFTY** on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at 4:30pm. For more details regarding tickets and screening times, please, visit also the website: www.siff.net.



(left) Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka opening Czech That Film 2016 at San Francisco (© Jana Assenbrennerova)

(right bottom) "Home care" film presented by CTF (© czechthatfilm.com)



Sokol Los Angeles

Sokol Los Angeles wishes to thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic for the 2016 financial grant received and the Czech Consulate in Los Angeles for helping with and submitting our grant application.

Sokol Los Angeles will hold its Annual Heritage Event on 16 October 2016 at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills, CA. More information will be provided as arrangements are completed.

Thank you,

Lillian Roter
President



Team of Pacific District Sokol (© Sokol Los Angeles)



Orinda/Tábor Sister City Foundation's Plans for a Large-Scale Czech Festival, 4th of July Beer Booth and the Announcement of a New Visiting Czech Student in the Fall!

The Orinda/Tábor Sister City Foundation is thrilled to contribute for the first time to Czech the News!

And the timing couldn't be better! Earlier this year, the Foundation's Board approved plans for the 2017 King Wenceslaus Czech Festival, taking place from September 29th - October 1st, 2017 in Orinda, California. That may seem like a long time away, but preparations are already well underway for the three-day long Festival, and without giving away too much, we hope you will all "Save the Date" for now, and continue to stay tuned as we unveil the Festival's program throughout the year. We can say with confidence that the plans have something in mind for everyone, and that we expect guests from all over California and the Czech Republic for this large-scale Czech celebration. **For more information about the Festival, please visit:** <http://www.orindaczechfestival.com/>.

In the near-term, the Foundation would also like to invite readers to attend the annual 4th of July parade taking place in Orinda, where you'll find members of the Foundation not only partaking in the parade itself, but also hosting a beer booth at the parade's conclusion in beautiful Orinda Park. We hope you join us for the activities in the park while sipping a nice, cold pivo!

And finally, in the future, the Foundation will also share more information about its long-standing annual competition for Tábor high school students, whose winner is chosen to come and spend a semester at Miramonte High School in Orinda, for a once in a lifetime opportunity to integrate into local Bay Area culture. Next year's student was recently selected, and we hope you follow his journey with us when he arrives next fall.

For more information about the Foundation or to get involved with any of the Foundation's activities, please email bobbilanders@yahoo.com.

Linda Janourova-Tang
Co-Chair of the Festival Planning Committee

Czech Republic Visegrad Group Presidency passed on to Poland



On the occasion of the symbolic handover of the Presidency of the Visegrad Group to the Republic of Poland by the Czech Republic **on Saturday, July 2, 2016**, Polish Consul General Mariusz Brymora **organized special jazz concert** at his beautiful residence in Pacific Palisades.

Consul General Brymora delivered welcome remarks with emphasizes on an importance and meaning of the Visegrad Group and together with Consul General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles, Pavol Sepelak, whom he symbolically received the Chair of the Visegrad Group Presidency from, commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of this group.

Present Consul Generals of Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary together with other EU Consul Generals and distinguished guests from the Czech, Slovakian, Hungarian and Polish diaspora community had a chance to listen to extraordinary jazz performance of acclaimed Polish artists - Kuba Stankiewicz (piano), Darek Oleszkiewicz (bass) and Tina Raymond (drums), followed by cocktail reception.

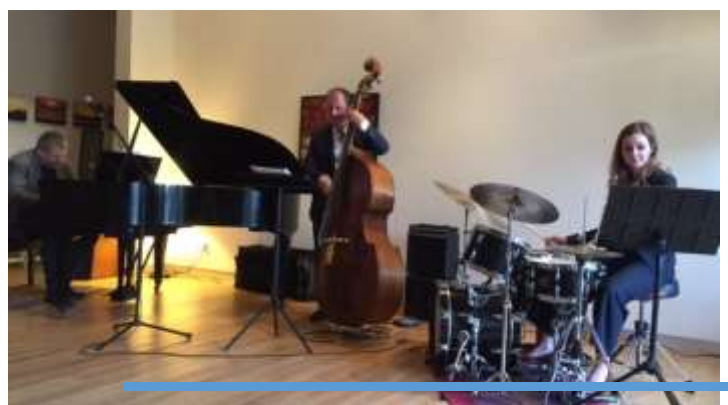
The Visegrad Group, also called the Visegrad Four, or V4 is an alliance of four Central European states – Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia – for the purposes of furthering their European integration, as well as for advancing military, economic and energy cooperation with one another.

The Group traces its origins to the summit meeting of leaders from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland held in the Hungarian castle town of Visegrád on 15 February 1991. After the dissolution of Czechoslovakia in 1993, the Czech Republic and Slovakia became independent members of the group, thus increasing the total number of members to four. All four members of the Visegrád Group joined the European Union on 1 May 2004.



(up) Consul General of Poland Mariusz Brymora

*(down) Czech Consul General Pavol Sepelak with
Croatian Consul General and his wife*



Polish jazz musicians (© Yana Bridle Photography)

Chamber Suites by Elia Cmíral

MovieScore Media teams up with Elia Cmíral (Ronin, Stigmata, Apartment Zero, Atlas Shrugged) to revisit some of the composer's favorite, most beloved scores in intriguing new arrangements that highlight previously unheard details of the cues. The Chamber Suites feature four films from Cmíral's oeuvre, including his first ever film score Apartment Zero, his legendary contributions for John Frankenheimer's Ronin, excerpts from the World War II drama Habermann and selections from his most recent franchise success, Atlas Shrugged. Performed by a chamber trio of piano, violin and cello, these suites are also available to be licensed for live performance through Soundtracks Live.

In his liner notes, Elia Cmíral recalls the inspiration for the project: "Two years ago one of my scheduled scoring project was pushed back and I had a few months unexpectedly open. Seeing me in this restless mindset, a friend of mine suggested to transcribe some of my scores for a chamber ensemble. I have never written a true chamber music so I thought this would be a great idea and a cool challenge. I choose four stylistically very different scores and truly enjoyed the challenge of writing for the piano trio." The Chamber Suites are performed by top Los Angeles studio musicians: violinist Mark Robertson, cellist Vanessa Freebairn-Smith and pianist Robert Thies.

Composer Elia Cmíral was born in Czechoslovakia and after a stop in Sweden, he moved to the United States in 1994 where he'd been cultivating a prolific career in film scoring. Arguably his most famous work was done for John Frankenheimer's *Ronin* (1997) which was notable for introducing the duduk (an Armenian woodwind instrument) to the world of film scoring. Though he had done a great number of horror films such as *Stigmata* (1999), *Wrong Turn* (2003) *Splinter* (2008) and the *Pulse* trilogy (2006/08), Cmíral's more recent credits include a great variety of genres, including the war drama *Habermann* (2010) the adaptation of Ayn Rand's trilogy *Atlas Shrugged* (2011/14).

MovieScore Media's CDs are distributed worldwide by Screen Archives Entertainment, except in the UK (RSK Entertainment) and Spain (Resistencia). Albums are available digitally from all major digital platforms, including iTunes, Amazon, eMusic, Google Play and Spotify.

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For interview requests, review copies and more information, please contact the MovieScore Media press team at press@moviescoremedia.com



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Famous Czech film music composer Elia Cmíral presenting his new CD (© MovieScore Media)

CzechTech: Building bridges between Silicon Valley and the heart of Europe



Congratulations to Turing Prize winner at the latest CzechTech event. Barbara and Richard Pivnicka present a bottle of champagne to Whitfield Diffie, honored with the equivalent of the Nobel Prize of Computing (with a \$1 million cash award). Whit is a regular attendee at CzechTech programs.

Digital technology has created many important bridges between Silicon Valley—the engine of entrepreneurship in the United States—and Czech and Slovak innovators in the heart of Europe. But bridges don't just get built on their own. CzechTech, an unparalleled people network, bridges the gap between an old and new continent in the age of innovation, bringing together entrepreneurs, ideas and investors who take projects to scale.

On March 10, Richard Pivnicka, Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, hosted a signature CzechTech evening at his home in Silicon Valley. One of the special moments of the evening: He and wife Barbara Pivnicka, Honorary Consul General of the Slovak Republic in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, presented a bottle of champagne to longtime friend Whitfield Diffie -who has just been honored with the 2016 Turing Prize for Computing—the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in his field.

Whit Diffie is one of the two men credited with pioneering the privacy protection technology that enabled the development of the World Wide Web—and is now widely used to protect modern communications in myriad devices.

Future ready

CzechTech was founded in January 2000 by Richard Pivnicka, and the network hosts events and speakers in Silicon Valley and San Francisco several times a year. The intent of the network is to provide a common ground for members to initiate a forum for cooperation and the exchange of ideas, innovations, and— most important—to establish business and personal relationships between countries.

In 2006, CzechTech was recognized with a special honor—the Czernin Palace Bronze Memorial Medal—for its significant contributions in preserving and promoting relations between the Czech Republic and the United States. The award was presented by Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States Petr Kolář.

Speakers in the past have included notable figures such as the President of the Electric Vehicle Association of the U.S., the CEO of Czech Invest, the Chairman of Microsoft Europe from Prague, and founders and CEOs of dozens of Czech and Slovak startups. Some of the key presentations and discussions have focused on internet strategies, E-commerce, and virtual technologies.

The March 10 event included presentations by three thought leaders in Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. Jack Porter, an eight-time startup CEO and founder of Forward Accelerator, spoke on “Everything a Startup Needs to Know ... in 30 Minutes.” Dr. Moira Gunn hosts National Public Radio’s BioTech Nation, and she discussed “San Francisco—the World's largest Biocluster ... Who doesn't have DNA?” Buddy Burke, the resident presentation expert for Apple, offered “Quick Presentation Tips.”

The CzechTech formula for success includes attention to format. Important Czech and Slovak tech speakers engage in lively Q&A in person, along with networking with prominent Silicon Valley tech notables and global thinkers, Czech or otherwise. The conversation is all the more enjoyable over some glasses of Bohemia Chardonnay, from the Pivnickas’ vineyard, and world class Czech beer. Venues include Tesla Motors showrooms, Silicon Valley tech accelerators, and the Pivnickas’ splendid Woodside residence.

See more at czech-tech.net

„Jiný svět“ of Aja Bufka

JINÝ SVĚT (“Another World”) is the title of **400-page e-book**. It contains records of photos and interviews that during the twenty years between 1995 and 2015 in Hollywood were taken by Aja Bufka. He worked on them with news agencies and editorial offices in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

The publication provides a complete interviews and images of actors and filmmakers in the "dream factory", which in magazines and newspapers were often shortened due to limited space. It is a “documentary” of a time when the filmmaking business has started with new technologies that radically changed not only acting, the filming itself, but also the media about this dream world marked by the viewer lust after the intimate privacy of celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Quentin Tarantino, Matt Damon, Miloš Forman, Ray Bradbury, Larry Flynt, Cher etc.

The book is available for purchase (in Czech only) at:

<http://www.palmknihy.cz/jiny-svet.html>

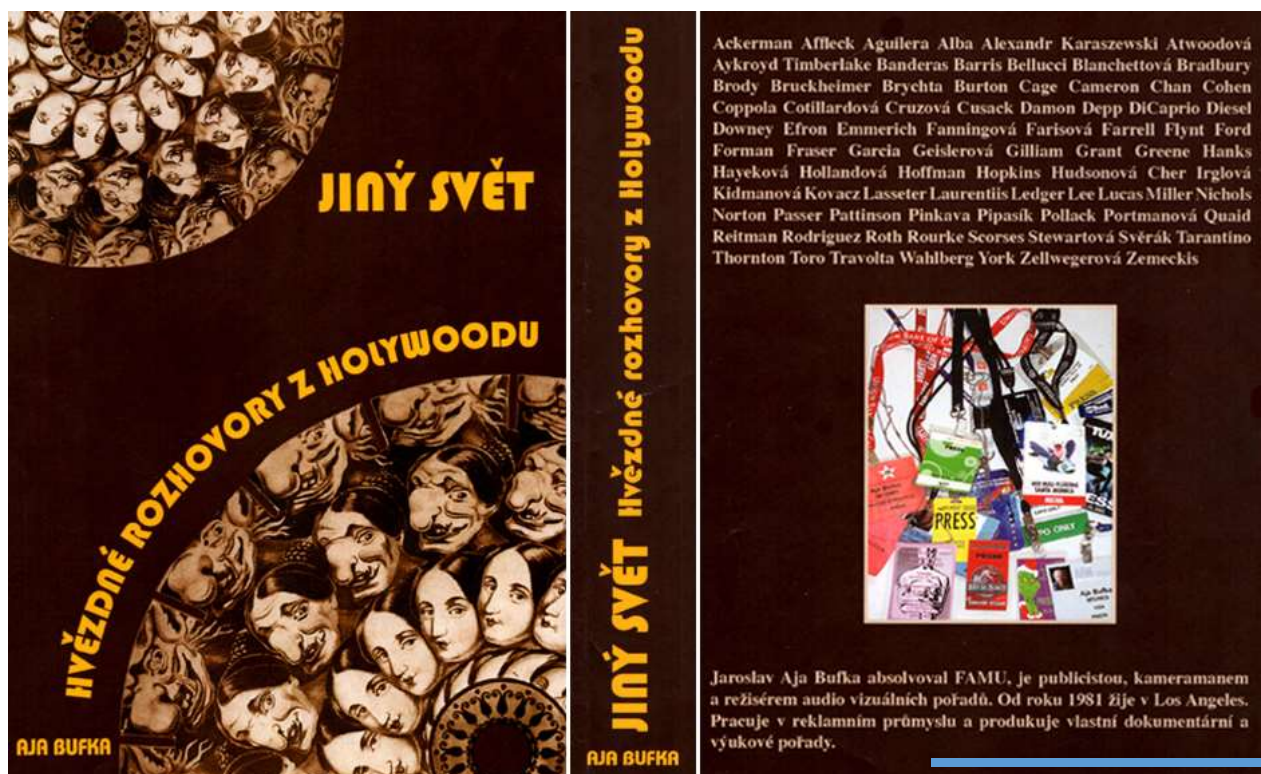
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Cover of newly released book of Aja Bufka (© Aja Bufka)

You Are Cordially Invited To

The 2016 Tribute Premier Event for Hollywood Portrait Artist/Muralist

Jaroslav 'Jerry' Gebr

August 21st • 1:00pm to 4:00pm

A series of tributes and exhibits are to be held this year for the late great Hollywood Portrait Artist and Muralist Jaroslav Gebr - The pride of Pisek, Czech Republic.

Jaroslav Gebr's works have come to you via Motion Pictures and Television for over the last 50 years, such as Jaws, The Sting, Sound Of Music, Camelot, Scarface, Night Gallery, Colombo and countless others.

His works have also become part of many 'A' list actors, directors and producers private collections, such as: Kim Novak, Lucille Ball, Roddy McDowell, Joan Barbra Streisand, Joan Crawford, Rod Serling, Clint Eastwood, and countless others.

Tributes in 2016 are being planned for Jaroslav at the Art Directors Guild, Los Angeles and at The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science, Beverly Hills and will be graced with the kindest attention and sponsorship by the Consulate for the Czech Republic, Los Angeles.

These exhibits will feature the actual works and ephemera from the Film and Television productions Jaroslav worked on, as well as works from his private 'Fine Art' creations during his early years in Europe and South America.

A smaller premiere event is being held on Sunday, August 21st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the AVALON Toluca Lake Gated Community (3600 Barham Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90068).

To attend this very special event, you must provide you name for entry into the gated community via email – gebrart@gmail.com. A representative of Gebr Art will provide you with a pass and further event details.



(left) J. Gebr on The Set with "The Legend Of Lylah Clare"

(right bottom) Gebr's art starring Al Pacino and Michelle Pfeiffer_ Family portrait in the gangsters mansion from film „Scarface“

(© gebrart.com)



Meet Your New Consular Officer in the San Francisco Bay Area

Linda Janourova-Tang has long helped lead and support Czech activities and events in the San Francisco Bay Area. Therefore, we're thrilled to announce Linda's appointment by the Czech government as an official Consular Officer of the Czech Honorary Consulate General in San Francisco/Silicon Valley. It is thanks to the encouragement, support and training by the Consulate General's Office in Los Angeles, that Linda now takes up this new formal role which enables her to act officially on behalf of the Honorary Consulate General and assist with the Consulate's various functions. In her new officially-recognized role, her energy, hard work and organizational acumen—including providing superb guidance to CzechTech (see accompanying article)—will allow her to make an even bigger difference in the community.

In addition to her new position, Linda also serves on the Board of Directors of the Orinda/Tabor Sister City Foundation, where she is helping plan a large-scale Czech festival in Orinda in 2017. How big? It's expected to be the biggest Czech festival ever held on the West Coast.

Linda previously worked both as an attorney and policy analyst, and more recently has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Czech School of California. She is married to David Tang, a corporate attorney at Sidley Austin LLP in San Francisco, where he specializes in private equity and venture capital funds, and together they have two young children.



Linda Janourova-Tang officially appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic as new consular officer for Bay Area

Linda's contact information will be made available on both the Honorary Consul and Consulate General's website.

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Famous Czech DJ Michael Burian is coming back to California!

We are pleased to announce that after a huge success in Anaheim in May, the Czech DJ and producer **Michael Burian**, one of the best artists in the modern Czech electronic music scene, will perform at an all day beach event called Horizon held at the famous **Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort in Newport Beach on July 17.**

The event is held in cooperation with Social Management Group. For tickets, VIP table service and other information, please email ch@socialmgmtgrp.com or call 909.243.9404

For more information, see the following links:

<http://www.intothehorizon.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/michaelburianartist>

Congratulations!

Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles wishes to pay respects to Mrs. Kateřina Van Dyke who reached the wonderful milestone of 103 years of what we are sure has been a rich and accomplished journey.

Mrs. Van Dyke has been well respected and active compatriot in San Diego area especially at her beloved field of music, theatre and opera.

Consulate General of the Czech Republic wishes her all the best and may God continue to bless her with health and many more years to come.

Opening Hours of the Consulate

ATTENTION!

Our dear Friends and Visitors,

The Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles wishes to remind everybody that since January 1, 2016, we have a **new schedule for our work with the public**, as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon)
CLOSED on Friday!

Also, please note, that the Consulate is closed on major American Holidays and all Czech National Holidays. For more, please check our <http://www.mzv.cz/losangeles>.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have got any comments or suggestions, do not hesitate to reach out at
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With best regards,
CZECH CONSULATE LOS ANGELES
