



**Embassy of the Czech Republic  
in Washington, DC**

# **Public Diplomacy, Culture 100th birthday of the Czech Republic in 2018**

**Šárka Ponroy Vamberová**

**New York, October 6, 2017**



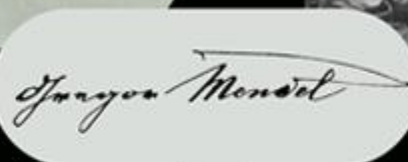
# Culture in Washington DC

## Fall 2017

- 75th anniversary of Lidice – Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Kansas City
- Mutual Inspirations Festival 2017 honoring Gregor Mendel
- concerts, expositions, film screenings, lectures
- Kids Euro Festival – film, music

# LIDICE- exhibitions available





# Mutual Inspirations Festival 2017 - Gregor Mendel



About the Festival



Gregor Mendel



Events



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## Lecture: Slavic Trees

September 29, 2017, 12:00 PM

Radim Zenkl, Slavic tree enthusiast, will give a lecture on Slavic trees on September 29, from 12-1 pm, in the Conservatory Classroom at the U.S. Botanic Garden. In his lecture, Zenkl will discuss Slavic trees, their varieties, and how to recognize them. Of particular note will be the linden tree, which is the national tree of the Czech Republic. The program will feature samples of actual leaves from the featured trees.

September 2017

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October 2017

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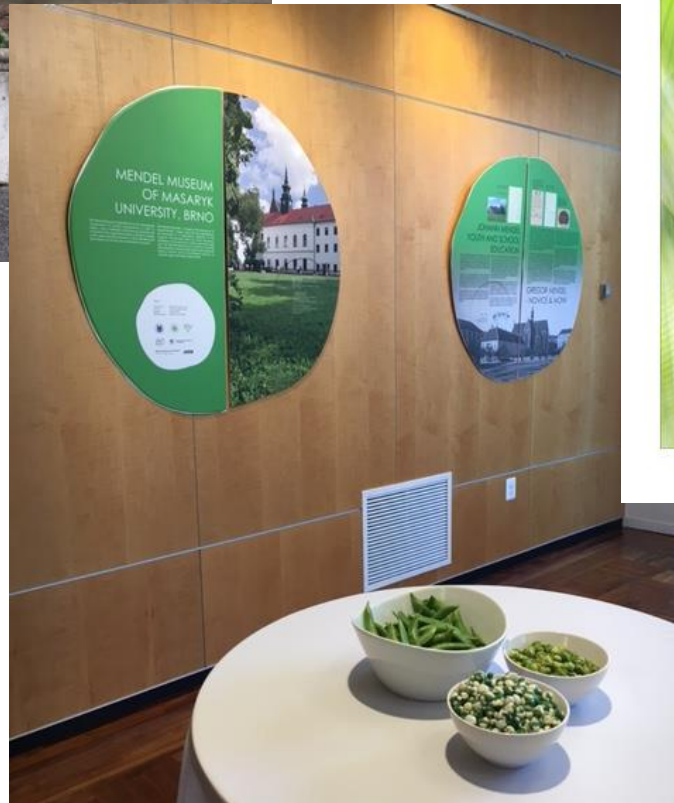


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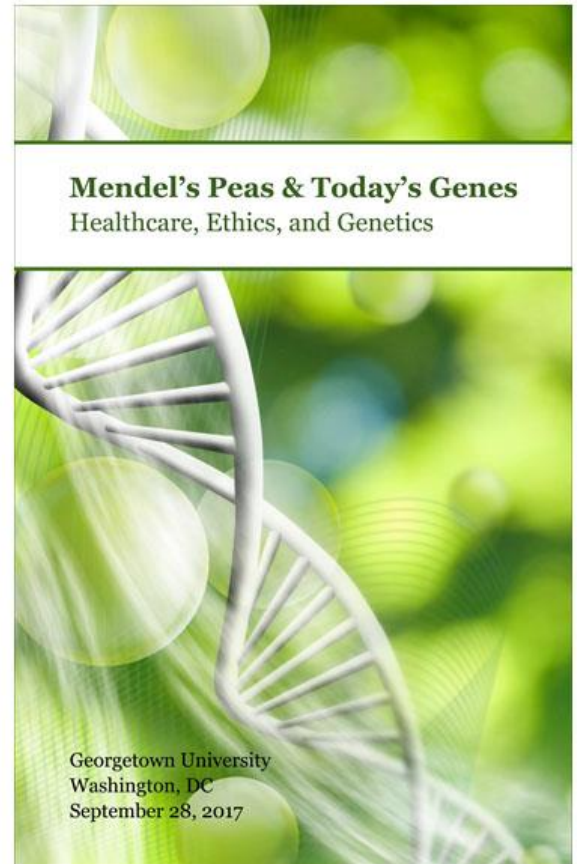


[www.mutualinspirations.org](http://www.mutualinspirations.org)



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# Radim Zenkl – mandolin world champion in the US Botanic Garden





## **2018 Embassy events**

**LOGO – to be provided + used**

**Website: [www.czechindependence.org](http://www.czechindependence.org)**

**JANUARY: Czech artist in Katzen Center**

**FEBRUARY: Conference of the US lecturers of Slavic languages in DC**

- **70th anniversary of the Communist putsch**

**MARCH – Czech That Film**





**2018**

**APRIL – Prague Spring, UNL, Nebraska and DC  
Czechoslovak legions – Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

**MAY – Pittsburgh Agreement celebrations**

**SEPTEMBER: Švandovo divadlo at Georgetown in DC  
and NY**

**OCTOBER: Czech Philharmony in Kennedy Center,  
The Prague Philharmonic Childrens' Choir in  
National Cathedral in DC, reception**



## Czech Philharmony tour

26. 10. Washington 27.+28. 10. New York (Carnegie Hall)

30. 10. +1.11. Ann Arbor (Hill Auditorium) MI

3. 11. Champaign (Krannert Center) IL

4. 11. Chicago (Symphony Center)

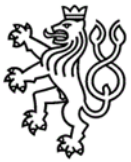
7.+8. 11. Costa Mesa (Seegerstrom Hall) CA

10. 11. Stanford (Bing Concert Hall)

11. 11. San Francisco (Davies Hall)

12. 11. Davis (Mondavi Center)





# What to share in 2018:

## MUSIC:

**Tomáš Kačo – pianist, Berklee College of Music graduate, living in LA now**

**[www.tomaskaco.com](http://www.tomaskaco.com)**



**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=65&v=oMNwps7SMSM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=65&v=oMNwps7SMSM)**



# What to share in 2018:

## MUSIC:

**Karolina Syrovátková – pianist, living in CA,**

**<http://www.karolinasyrovatkova.com>**



**Bachelor's (University of Maryland), Master's and  
Doctorate degrees (University of Texas at Austin)  
summa cum laude.**

**Karolina is currently working on a book and a  
recording project of the entire piano works of  
Leoš Janáček.**



# What to share in 2018:

## MUSIC:

**Katelyn Bouska and Štěpán Filípek**  
**US pianist (Philadelphia) and Czech cellist**  
**member of the Janáček Opera Orchestra on the US**  
**tour in April 2018,**

[www.katelynbouska.com](http://www.katelynbouska.com)

[www.mi4.cz](http://www.mi4.cz)







# What to share in 2018:

**MUSIC:**

**LIBOR ŠMOLDAS – jazz guitarist**

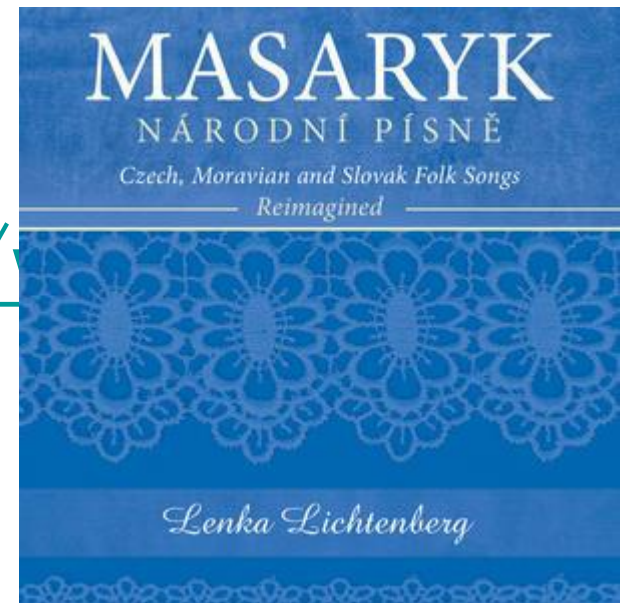
[www.liborsmoldas.com](http://www.liborsmoldas.com)





**Lenka Lichtenberg – Czech-Canadian musician  
living in Toronto, rediscovering folk music  
recorded by Jarmila Novotná and Jan Masaryk in  
New York in 1942.**

[https://www.youtube.com/ntinue=7&v=bsg5nJvj\\_tk](https://www.youtube.com/ntinue=7&v=bsg5nJvj_tk)





# What to share:



## Theater: Havel's Play Protest

<http://newmusictheatre.org>

Susan Galbraith – director



# What to share in 2018:

EXHIBITION of National Museum

## **Masaryk as a Phenomenon**

The exhibition project of the National Museum has been prepared for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of professor and president Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1937 and at the same time for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independent Czechoslovakia on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1918.

The exhibition combines classical display panels with projections and at the same time emphasizes the relationship of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk to the country where it is going to be presented.



# TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

## Parts of the Exhibition

### Panels

- Exhibition panels present the basic frame of the life and work of Tomáš G. Masaryk
- Introduction
- Tomáš – personal view
- Garrigue – wife, America, feminism
- Masaryk – ideas, friends and enemies
- Professor – history since 1918
- President – history during 1918–1937
- Picture of Masaryk – after death, during 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Masaryk and the USA, politics - compatriots

### Video instalation

- Video installation with images of TGM
- Masaryk personality
- Time and events
- Myth of Masaryk
- Special video shots connected with photo presentation, titles and linking text
- Interactive module for visitors
- Language: English
- Space requirements 60 - 100 square meters

# UNIQUENESS OF THE EXHIBITION

## Parts of the Exhibition

- Unique photographs from castle photo archive from the collections of the National Museum
- Examples of unique documents on the establishment of Czechoslovakia
- Accompanying material for visitors
- Unique evidence of Masaryk activities and relationships abroad



# MASARYK AND THE USA

## The Basic Topics

- **1878** – journey and marriage in New York  
– Charlotta Garrigue
- Inspiration by American democracy and public life
- Stay of son John at manufacturer Crane  
**1906/1913**
- Support of president Wilson on Czechoslovak venture **1917/1918**
- Support of the American Jewish community
- Support of expatriates, Czechs and Slovaks
- Stay in the USA **1918**, Pittsburgh, Washington







# FROM THE CZECH SILVER THALER TO THE US DOLLAR

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## 500 YEARS OF THE “FAMILY HISTORY” OF THE DOLLAR CURRENCY

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Everyone experiences his own history. Our lives are affected by the history of our ancestors whose name we carry and also the widespread family that we share

with our ancestors. With money it is the same. Money has its own history and also its predecessors, from whom it has inherited their name and family.







## **CZECH THAT FILM – West Coast coordination CG in Los Angeles, East Coast – Washington DC**

The seventh edition of the festival in 2018 – growing attendance

- in major US cities: Los Angeles (CA), New York City (NY), Chicago (IL), Washington D.C. (D.C.), San Francisco (CA), Salt Lake City (UT), Seattle (WA), Denver (CO), Phoenix (AZ), Portland (OR), Dallas (TX), Little Rock (AK), Minneapolis (MS), Atlanta (GA)
- <http://www.czechthatfilm.com/>



# Czech Compatriots

## **MFA financial grants to support Czech associations, schools and cultural events in the US**

- **via the Embassy some 20 applications a year**
- **in 2017 MFA allocated 177 000 USD to the projects in the US**
- **final reports to be sent by 15 January 2018**
- **deadline for applications 31 July**



# Czech Compatriots

- Czech language summer courses organized by Czech universities
  - [www.mzv.cz/washington](http://www.mzv.cz/washington)
- Semester studies at the Czech public universities, incl. Czech for foreigners
  - [www.mzv.cz/washington](http://www.mzv.cz/washington)
  - [www.dzs.cz](http://www.dzs.cz) (*Center for International Cooperation in Education*)
- Support of the Schools without Borders project for children abroad to maintain the Czech language skills
- regular conferences in Prague



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**Thank you**

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