

CZECHS & CHICAGO

A PRAGUE DAYS PUBLICATION

MANY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, have helped make Chicago a unique world-class city. This June, as part of the Sister Cities program, we celebrate Prague Days and the unique partnership of Czechs and Chicago. Prague Mayor Adriana Krnáčová invites every Chicagoan to share and participate in the many musical and cultural events listed.



WHAT DO KIM NOVAK and her golden hair, Ray Kroc and his Golden Arches, and George Halas and his rough tough Chicago Bears all have in common? They're all Czechs from Chicago!

This June, we're going to salute that heritage, with Prague Days – a celebration of Czechs & Chicago – with hot music, cool culture, and, of course, cold beer!

Beauty, Burgers, & Bears, Oh My! Chicago's Czechs - Local Roots/ National Impact

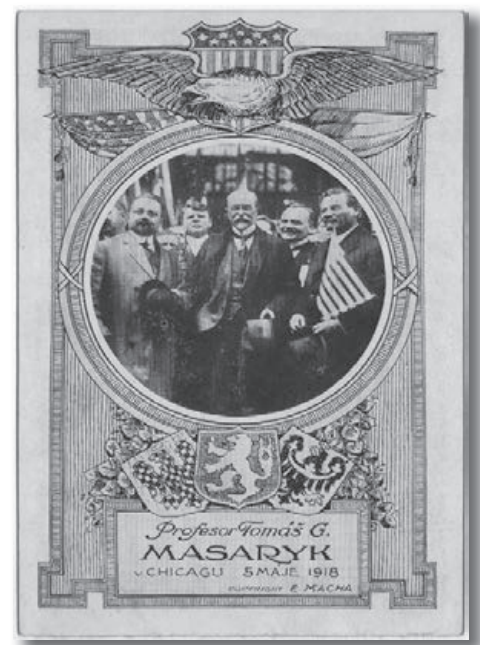
Chicago The City That Helped Create a Country!



A Big Chicago Hello. In 1904 150,000 come to greet future Czechoslovak president, Thomas G. Masaryk.

IN 1904, PROFESSOR THOMAS GARRIGUE MASARYK CAME TO TEACH at the University of Chicago's new Slavic studies program. Fourteen years later, he returned to Chicago as the future President of the brand new country of Czechoslovakia.

He was greeted by a crowd estimated at over 150,000! Chicago was the second-largest Czech city on earth – and would elect a Czech mayor – Anton Cermak – a few years later. This postcard from 1918 celebrates Masaryk's visit. Chicago is a city that makes things happen and we had a lot to do with making Czechoslovakia happen. We are, literally, the city that helped create a country!



Did you know that Josephine is also the great grand aunt of comedian Chevy Chase?



Who's that Lady? Josephine Crane of Chicago

THIS IS A HUNDRED CROWN NOTE from the First Republic of Czechoslovakia. The money was designed by renowned Art Nouveau artist, Alphonse Mucha. The model? Josephine Crane of Chicago. She was the daughter of industrialist Charles Crane – who was a major patron for Mucha – as well as a major force in the creation of Czechoslovakia.

The art of Mucha – and his granddaughter, who will be an honored guest – is one more part of Prague Days.

The Mucha/Chicago Legacy will be featured throughout Prague Days. Glass, jewelry and sculptures by granddaughter Jarmila Mucha Plockova. Music performed by great granddaughters Katerina and Barbara Garcia, and Highlights of Alphonse Mucha's art inspired by Chicago.

A PRAGUE DAYS CZECHLIST

- June 10 • This is Pilsen! Opening Event** • 6:30PM – History & Visual Arts • 8:00PM – Ondrej Havelka & His Melody Makers • Esso Afro Jam Funkbeat & Surprise Guest Thalia Hall • 1807 S. Allport St.
- June 11 • Eggnoise** • 6:30PM – Free Concert • Pritzker Pavilion • Millennium Park
- June 12 • Golden Prague Gala** • 6:30PM • University Club
- June 13 • Prague Rocks!** • 1:00 – 9:30PM – Jim Peterik of the Ides of March • Michael Kocáb • Eggnoise • Katerina & Barbara Garcia • Natalie Kacábová • 4WithOut • Euroband • Great Food & More! • Cicero Community Park • 3400 S Laramie Ave • Free Admission.
- June 14 • Special Screening of Vertigo** • with special guest Kim Novak 5:30PM • Film Row Cinema, Columbia College, 8th floor, 1104 S Wabash Ave • Free Admission
- June 15 • A Heart for Václav Havel** • Sculpture unveiling • 9:00 – 10:00AM • Chicago City Hall, 5th floor
- June 7 - 30 • Czech that Film!** • Important Czech Films will be Featured • Gene Siskel Film Center • 164 N. State St.
- June 12 – July 31 • The Mucha Legacy** • Featuring Art by Alphonse Mucha & his granddaughter Jarmila Mucha Plocková • Maya Polsky Gallery • 215 West Superior Street #1E

Czech it out! Want to know more about Prague Days? Go to praguedayschicago.com

A History of Success & Friendship

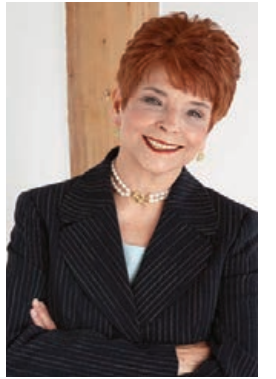


THIS PHOTO IS OF CHICAGO'S FIRST immigrant mayor - Anton Cermak - visiting with Czechoslovakia's first President, Thomas G. Masaryk. For years, the ties between these two places were rich and ongoing. But the twin tragedies of World War 2 and the Iron Curtain ended these connections for decades. Today, they are coming back. Programs such as those by the Bohemian Lawyers Association and Marshall Law School, study abroad programs with Columbia College and Roosevelt University, and Czech Republic sponsored events such as Prague Days, show those connections are all growing again and reviving a partnership more than 100 years old.



A Toast to Judy Topinka

JUDY BAAR TOPINKA was an Illinois politician of Czech and Slovak descent. She was born in 1944 and raised in Riverside, Illinois. After graduating from Northwestern with a degree in Journalism, she pursued a career in reporting and editing. In the early 1980's Topinka began her political career - winning a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives. She went on to serve in the Illinois Senate for ten years, then Treasurer of Illinois for twelve years, and Illinois Comptroller for four years until her death this last December. By the way, "topinka" means "garlic toast" in Czech - a delicious treat. So... a toast to Judy Topinka. We miss you. Thanks for everything.



Charles Crane. The Chicagoan who helped create the First Republic of Czechoslovakia.

INDUSTRIALIST. PHILANTHROPIST. Advisor to Presidents. Charles Crane of Chicago played a key role in international affairs during the early part of the 20th Century.

He helped the U of Chicago establish Slavic Studies, bringing Professor Thomas Masaryk to Chicago in 1904. He helped Woodrow Wilson get elected. He was Mucha's major patron. He provided Masaryk with critical start-up funding for Czechoslovak independence.

During World War One, he had some of Masaryk's family stay with his family. Not only that, but

Crane's son was secretary to Wilson's Secretary of State. So when Masaryk returned to the US... well the rest is history.



An American Business with a Czech Spirit.

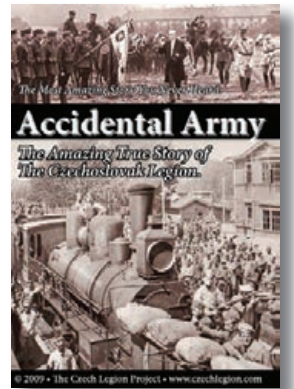
THERE'S AN OLD CZECH SAYING. It translates as "Do it right, or don't do it at all." You can see that spirit in the growth of one of the world's most successful companies - McDonald's - founded by Ray Kroc, a Czech from Chicago. From his initial dedication to getting those French Fries absolutely right, to their every day commitment to the philosophy of "QSCV" (Quality, Service, Cleanliness and Value) he founded a company that has led the way in "doing it right."

The Most Amazing Story You Never Heard.

KEN BURNS CALLED IT, "A NOBLE UNDERTAKING:"

A history lost, returned to its people - and the world.

It's Accidental Army: That Amazing True Story of the Czechoslovak Legion, a documentary produced by the Chicago-based Czech Legion Project. Here's the story. In the middle of WWI, thousands of Czech POWs switched sides to become an Allied Army in Russia. Caught up in the Russian Revolution, they lived in boxcars, captured the Trans-Siberian Railway, and even ended up with the Czar's Gold! Eventually, they made it home - all the way from Vladivostok - to their brand new country - Czechoslovakia! Want to see the whole story? Get the DVD at Amazon.com or www.czechlegion.com (Also available in Czech).



DOBROU CHUŤ*

Enjoy these Chicagoland Restaurants Featuring Delicious Czech Cooking!
* That's Czech for Bon Appetit!

Sokols How Czechs Exercised Their Freedom.

ESTABLISHED IN 1862, THE SOKOLS (that's Czech for "falcon") were an organization that focused on health and exercise, promoting youth sports and gymnastics. Through its activities, both physical and intellectual, Sokol helped grow the spirit for the modern Czech nation. During World War I, Sokol became the heart of the Czech Freedom movement, providing the manpower for the Czechoslovak Legion. In fact, some have called the Legion, "Sokols with guns." This year, American Sokol celebrates its 150th anniversary as part of a vital organization that reaches around the world. There are six Sokol Halls in the Chicagoland region, and 35 across America. To find out more, visit american-sokol.org



Alpine Banquet Haus
11141 Roosevelt Rd.
Westchester 60154



Bistro Grand
2362 N. Neva Ave.
Chicago 60707

Bohemian Crystal
639 Blackhawk Drive.
Westmont 60559

Bohemian Garden
980 75th St.
Downers Grove 60516

Bohemian House (BoHo)
11 W. Illinois St.
Chicago 60654



Café Prague
6710 W. Belmont Ave.
Chicago 60634

Czech Plaza Restaurant
7016 W. Cermak Rd.
Berwyn 60402



Klas Restaurant
5734 W. Cermak Rd.
Cicero 60804



Little Bohemia Restaurant
25 E. Burlington St.
Riverside 60546

Little Europe Deli
10702 W. 31st St.
Westchester 60154

McCook Bohemian-American Restaurant
8300 Joliet Rd.
McCook 60525

Praga
229 W. St. Charles Rd.
Lombard 60148

Riverside Restaurant
3422 S. Harlem
Riverside 60546

Vesceky's Bakery
6634 Cermak Rd.
Berwyn 60402

Westchester Inn
3069 S. Wolf Rd.
Westchester 60154

William Tell Restaurant
6200 Joliet Rd.
Countryside 60525

George Halas. He Put His Stamp on Football.



SON OF BOHEMIAN IMMIGRANTS from Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, he was a top athlete. He played football and basketball at the U of Illinois, helping them win the Big Ten Football title in 1918. Playing for the Navy, he was MVP of the 1919 Rose Bowl.

He was also quite a baseball player, playing a dozen games as a New York Yankee. But his love was football. He joined the Decatur Staleys as a player, became player-coach and participated in the organization that became the NFL.

The Staley company turned the team over to Halas and he moved them to Chicago, becoming the Chicago Bears. Halas was coach, wide end on offense, defensive end, and head of ticket sales. In 1920, he was named to the All-Pro team.

Halas coached the Bears for 40 seasons and six NFL titles. He is given credit for helping develop the innovative T-formation and introducing it to pro football – winning the 1940 championship 73-0.

There were many other innovations, as Halas was a pioneer both on and off the field. One more Czech-American who helped make Chicago... Chicago.

ROCK IT, MAN!

He's the Guy with the Red Guitar

THEY SAY, "SCRATCH A CZECH, FIND A MUSICIAN." Jim Peterik grew up in a musical family – his Dad did the traditional accordion/polka thing. But Jim and his Czech-American friends in Berwyn had different thoughts. Hit records. Rock and roll! He was founder of the band Survivor, and writer of the hit song "Vehicle" by the Ides of March. He co-wrote the double-platinum #1 Hit "Eye of the Tiger," the theme for Rocky III. In addition to touring with the Ides, he currently has two other music projects... Pride of Lions and LifeForce. Jim will be a featured participant in Prague Days, which will include hosting a Prague Rockfest on June 13th at Cicero Community Park. Free Admission.



Chicago to Phoenix

NOT EVERY CHICAGO CZECH stays here. NBA Coach and former NBA All-Star – Jeff Hornacek kept moving West.

After starring at Lyons Township High, he went to Iowa State, leading the Cyclones to their first Sweet Sixteen appearance ever.

Drafted by the Phoenix Suns, he starred as a shooting guard. Traded to the Utah Jazz, he was part of a winning team that played hard before losing to the Bulls in two NBA Finals. Jeff has been the Phoenix Suns' head coach since 2013.



Czechs on Ice

MANY CZECHS HAVE PLAYED FOR the Blackhawks. Michal Rozsival has played with the team since 2012. Michael Frolik (2010 to 2012) is also from the Czech Republic. Dominik Hasek, the Dominator, started his career here. Martin Havlat, Jaroslav Spacek, and Radim Vrbata also played here.

Czechs have also hit the ice for our Chicago Wolves – like Dimitrij Jaskin. Ondrej Pavelec helped them win the Calder Cup in 2007-08.

Closer to home, Evan Lysacek, of Naperville, won an Olympic Gold Medal in 2010. He is also the 2009 World figure skating champion, and a two-time u.s. national champion.

Kim Novak. From Chicago Art Student to Hollywood Star!



SHE WAS BORN Marilyn Pauline Novak in Chicago. A talented artist, she won scholarships to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. During a trip to Los Angeles, she was discovered by an agent and signed with Columbia Pictures. She insisted on keeping her Czech last name.

Throughout the 50's, she was one of Hollywood's top box office draws.

She starred in *Picnic*, *Man with the Golden Arm*, *Vertigo*, *Bell, Book and Candle*, and many more. She now lives in

Sams Valley, Oregon with her husband, veterinarian Robert Malloy. There, they raise horses and enjoy life. She has returned to her first love - painting. Here is a recent work. "Vertigo/ Vortex of Delusion"



Czechs in Space

American astronaut Eugene Cernan began his career in 1964 on the Gemini 9 mission – orbiting the earth for 3 days as America's youngest astronaut. In 1972, he was chosen for Apollo 17 – the last manned space flight to the moon. He spent three days on the moon exploring and collecting samples of the moon's surface. James Lovell, the hero of Apollo 13 is another Czech-American who played an important role in our space program.

Thank you from Bořek Lizec, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago

"Chicago once helped to create my country. Chicago has helped to create Prague Days 2015. This festival would not have been possible without the help of the Czech Republic's many friends here, including the Co-Chairs of Prague Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International: Edward Dellin and Judith Munson; project coordinators: Rolf Achilles, Veronika Balingit, David Benes, Irena Čajková, Marian Hajda, Julie Harris, John Iltis, Erik Kinnhammer, Vojtěch Molda, Klára Moldová, Theodore Polashek, Karel Scherzer and Nikola Štěrbová; producers of this paper: Bruce Bendinger and Columbia College Chicago students Lindsey Kos and Jade Lun; and major supporters: Maya Polsky, Richard & Inese Driehtaus, Jaroslav & Mila Kyněl, George & Beth Drost and Jeff Pesek. Special thanks to my wife Kateřina Lizcová Kulhánková. We cannot name everyone, but here are the Czech-American organizations that were with us during most of the year-long preparation: American Sokol, Bohemian Lawyers Association, Bohemian National Cemetery and its Friends, Chicago Chapter of the Czech North-American Chamber of Commerce, Chicago Czech Center, Chicagoland Czech-American Community Center, CSA Fraternal Life, Czech & Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois, Czech Mission, Czech & Slovak National Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Czechoslovak American Congress, Czechoslovak Musicians Club, Czechoslovak Radio Hour, Moravian Cultural Society, Divadlo Bohemia, Dobrovsky Club, Eastland Centennial Commemorative Committee, T. G. Masaryk School, United Moravian Societies and many others. Please allow me to thank also my colleagues and friends in Prague and at the Consulate General, to our generous sponsors, and to the Prague Mayor Adriana Krnáčová for the opportunity to help bring this unique presentation of our capital to Chicago. I look forward to seeing you during Prague Days!"

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Prague Days

Chicago June 2015

"It is my infinite pleasure to extend to you a most cordial invitation to "Prague Days Chicago," celebrating the 25th anniversary of the partnership between our two cities. This festival aims to bring you a selection of the highly diverse Prague cultural scene, familiarize you with the potential business opportunities our beautiful capital has to offer and celebrate our mutual history."

-Adriana Krnacova, Mayor of Prague

"This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Chicago's Sister Cities relationship with the City of Prague in the Czech Republic. The City of Chicago is proud of the Sister City partnership it has formed with the City of Prague, and its long history of friendship and cooperation with the people of the Czech Republic."

-Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago

PRAGUE ROCK FEST

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1:00 to 9:30 PM

GOLDEN PRAGUE GALA

June 12, 2015, 6:30 pm
Music by Ondřej Havelka and his Melody Makers
University Club of Chicago, 76 East Monroe Street
Admission \$175

June 10 2015 8pm

This is Pilsen

Bohemian Past, Latino Present

MUSIC
Ondřej Havelka & His Melody Makers
JASSO! Afrojam Funkbeat
Vivian García

ART
Viktor Valášek Prague
Diana Solis - JASSO Chicago

HISTORY
The Bohemian City: A Portrait of Czech Chicago
Thomas Gaultkin & Irena Calkova

Thalia Hall
1807 S Allport St

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THURSDAY JUNE 11 6:30PM

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PRITZKER PAVILION • MILLENNIUM PARK •

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Unveiling of "A HEART FOR VÁCLAV HAVEL" Sculpture

Special Guest: Dagmar Havlová wife of President Havel
June 15, 9-10 a.m.
Chicago City Hall, 5th Floor Lobby, 121 N. LaSalle Street
Free Admission

TREASURED LEGACY

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June 12 - July 31, 2015

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Prague Days - Czech That Film

Hosted by Kim Novak
Chicago, June 7 - 30, 2015

VERTIGO (June 14, 5:30 pm) - Star Guest: Kim Novak
Followed by a Glass of Wine
Film Row Cinema, Columbia College, 8th floor, 1104 S Wabash Ave
Free Admission - Reservations: film@praguedayschicago.com

TO SEE THE SEA (June 23, 8 pm) - Star Guest: Jiří Mádř

THE ICING (June 7 & 9)
FAIR PLAY (June 14 & 16)
TO SEE THE SEA (June 21)
KRÁSNO (June 28 & 30)

Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 North State Street, Chicago
Admission: Adults: \$11, Students & Youth: \$7, Members: \$6
More information: www.praguedayschicago.com/film

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