

Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic  
to the United Nations Office  
and other International Organizations  
at Geneva



The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the  
United Nations Office and Other International Organisations  
in Geneva



1918  
100  
2018  
CZECH AND SLOVAK  
CENTURY



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**INVITATION  
TO A CONCERT AND A RECEPTION  
ON THE OCCASION OF**

**100 YEARS OF  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

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**Tuesday 30 October 2018**  
WIPO – Conference Hall  
34, chemin des Colombettes, Genève

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# PROGRAM

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**18:00**    **Door open**

**18:30**    **Welcome**

H.E. Jan Kára                      Permanent Representative of the  
Czech Republic to UN in Geneva

H.E. Juraj Podhorský              Permanent Representative of the  
Slovak Republic to UN in Geneva

Mr. Francis Gurry                 Director General, WIPO

**18:45**    **Folk Dance**

performed by the Folk Ensemble Kamzik

**18:50**    **Children Singing**

by the Czech School Without Borders

**18:55**    **Concert**

**by Martinů Strings Prague**

Ján Valach:                         B-A-C-H, Portraite of a Life Time for  
Strings

Bohuslav Martinů:                 Concerto for Flute, Violin, Piano and  
Orchestra, H 252, arr. J. Šonský

Antonín Dvořák:                  Serenade for Strings in E major, Op. 22

**National Anthems**

**20:00**    **Reception**

Czech and Slovak cuisine

Exhibition "Czech and Slovak Century"

**21:30**    **Closing**

# MARTINŮ STRINGS PRAGUE

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**Martinů Strings Prague** is led by the Czech-Swedish violinist Jaroslav Šonky. Since its foundation in 2012, the ensemble has become widely distinguished for its musicality and expressive Slavonic sound. The ensemble consists of the Czech leading musicians, whose extensive experience has been gained through performing as soloists, chamber musicians, and with major Czech symphony orchestras. The Martinů Strings Prague has adopted the name of the world renowned Czech composer, Bohuslav Martinů, who lived and died in Switzerland in 1958.



The founder and artistic director of the ensemble is the violinist **Jaroslav Šonky**, experienced solo and chamber musician. His aim is to continue in the best Czech music traditions of Josef Vlach and Václav Talich. Jaroslav Šonky has arranged concerts throughout Europe for the Norrköping Symphony Orchestra, and has himself performed extensively in about 25 countries. With the chairman of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Jan Diesselhorst he established the piano trio Epos Trio Berlin. For his international music activities he was awarded from the Czech Foreign Minister the Price Gratias Agit.

## FOLK ENSEMBLE KAMZIK

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**FS Kamzik** is a traditional dance ensemble from Geneva, that was first funded as a subgroup from the ensemble Folklore75 in Zurich. Their main goal is to present Czech and Slovak folklore dances in Switzerland. They have danced in the Cantons of Geneva, Valais and Vaud and they are excited to continue sharing the dances. The dancers are mainly young Czech and Slovak (but also from other countries) students from the University of Geneva.



## CZECH SCHOOL WITHOUT BORDERS

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The Czech School without Borders, Geneva is a non-profit organization, a member of the international network of Czech Schools whose mission is to provide education in the Czech language to children aged 3 to 15. For the ninth year, the Geneva's Czech school is teaching over 60 children who are interested in the Czech language, as well as in the history, geography, culture and art of the Czech Republic. In addition to regular lessons, structured in accordance with the Czech Ministry of Education's Framework Education Programme, the school organizes a range of cultural activities and family friendly events to promote the Czech language, culture and traditions



# CZECH AND SLOVAK CENTURY

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**1914-1918**  
Czechoslovak  
Legions in WWI



**1918**  
Independence of  
Czechoslovakia



**1938/1939**  
Munich Agreement  
and Occupation



**1945**  
WWII Liberation



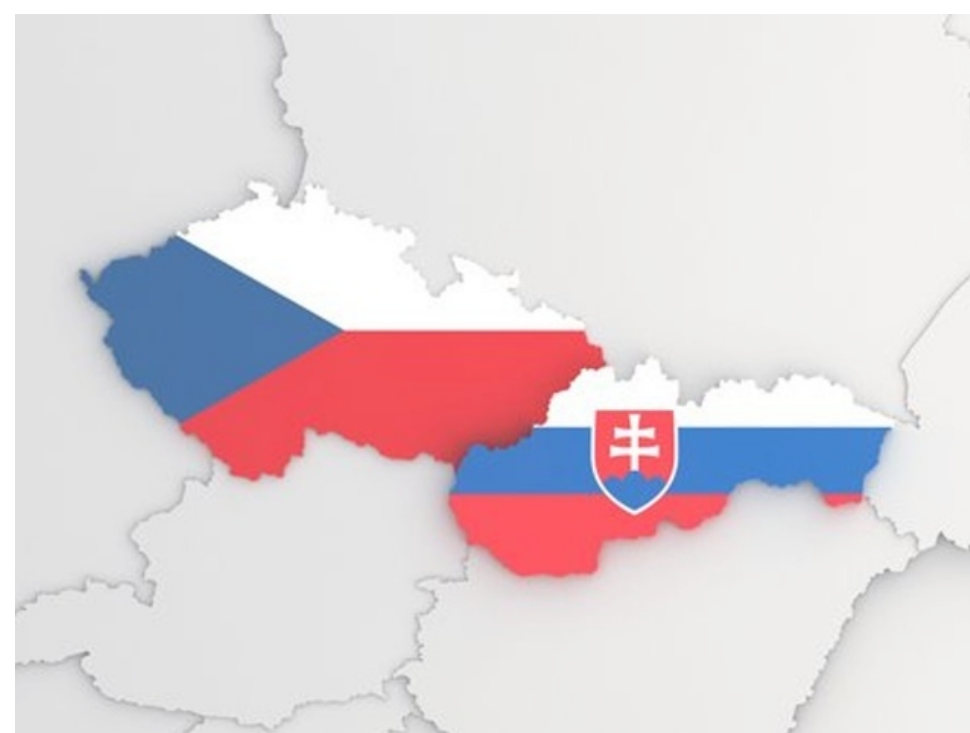
**1948**  
Communist Coup



**1968**  
Prague Spring  
and Occupation



**1989**  
Velvet Revolution



**1993**  
Peaceful Split of  
Czecho-Slovakia



**2004**  
Enlargement of  
the European Union

*For more information about the project "Czech and Slovak Century",  
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