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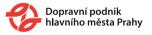












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INTRODUCTORY WORD

Dear supporters of the Association of Chateau Liteň,

In 2017, our activities were devoted to the 110th birth anniversary of Jarmila Novotná and had one main goal – to commemorate and celebrate this special occasion.

The most important event we were working on for the whole year 2017 was the opera gala Tribute to Jarmila Novotná 2017 that was held in Rudolfinum in Prague with the participation of famous Czech and international singers. The event was prepared in the cooperation with Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra – another prestigious institution that decided to support us in our effort to revive the name of Jarmila Novotná.

Jarmila Novotná Festival 2017 presented also a lot of other events. One of them was the 4th edition of Interpretation Courses for young singers lead by Kateřina Kněžíková, Adam Plachetka, and Zdeněk Klauda, prepared in the cooperation with the Music and Dance Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. Also the touring exhibition Jarmila Novotná: Opera Diva continued – in the spring, it moved to the Senate of the Czech Republic and drew the attention of more than twenty-one thousand visitors. In addition, we have broadened the number of memorial trees on the nature trail in the chateau park in Liteň and the list of their patrons by one prominent name: Jiří Suchý – legendary Czech actor and theater director. I feel joy that activities of the Association of Chateau Liteň partially served as an inspiration for other projects that commemorated the birth anniversary of Jarmila Novotná.

Finally, let me thank all of you – our fans and partners – without your help and support we would not be able to implement our projects. I would be very happy to see you all at our future events.

All the best,

Ivana Leidlová, Founder and Director of the Association of Chateau Liteň





JARMILA NOVOTNÁ FESTIVAL **2017**

The commemoration of the 110^{th} birth anniversary of Jarmila Novotná was the leitmotiv of all the projects implemented within the 6^{th} year of the Festival. The opera gala in sold-out Rudolfinum was the highlight of all celebrations.

Opera Gala Tribute to Jarmila Novotná 2017

The goal of the gala concert was to commemorate the life and career of Jarmila Novotná and to present it to the audience through songs and words. The commemorative evening offered arias key for Jarmila Novotná's career interpreted by Czech and international stars. This concert was prepared in the cooperation with the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Interpretation Courses in Liteň 2017

The number of people interested in singing courses is increasing every year and the year 2017 only confirmed this fact. The best ten attendees were this time led by Katerina Kněžíková and Adam Plachetka, and accompanied on piano by Zdeněk Klauda. The five-day study was crowned – similarly to previous years – with a final concert in the sold-out hall of Čechovna.

Touring Exhibition about the Life of Jarmila Novotná

This project is presenting Jarmila Novotná as a famous international celebrity already for the second year. It presents also the wider context of her life through large-scale pictures, biographical dates, and collection items. This year's exposition was the third one and took place at the seat of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.





OPERA GALA TRIBUTE TO JARMILA NOVOTNÁ 2017

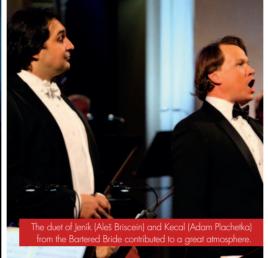
On September 25, 2017 we organized the most important event in the series of activities to celebrate the 110th birth anniversary of the legendary singer Jarmila Novotná – opera gala Tribute to Jarmila Novotná 2017. This concert was done in the cooperation with the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra. Singing arias from classical operas such as Don Giovanni, The Marriage of Figaro, La Traviata, The Bartered Bride, Der Rosenkavalier or Rigoletto, Jarmila Novotná had not only reached the height of her career but these arias belonged to her most favorite. During the evening that was held only two days after the actual date of birth of the singer, these melodies sounded the long in advance sold out Dvořák's Hall at Rudolfinum.

The memories of the fame of the international diva was revived by prominent Czech and international soloists – Adam Plachetka, Aleš Briscein, Adriana Kohútková, Daniela Fally, and Nina Tarandek accompanied by Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra led by its principal conductor Ondrej Lenárd. The great career and the life story of Jarmila Novotná was presented in words by the moderator Marek Eben who did not forget to add his typical glosses. As a lead, he used the large-format screen (the key scenography element of the gala) with the presentation of the opera roles of this diva. The team of Caban brothers was responsible for the art form and in addition to the video-projection took care of the lightening of the scene as well. Thanks to the live broadcast by Czech Radio Vltava also the listeners of this radio could celebrate the important jubilee of Jarmila Novotná. The whole event was recorded so that we can share its unique atmosphere with the television audience.

The Dvořák's Hall was – besides professional and great performance – sounded also by the demonstrations of good mood of the audience. Laughter devoted to the moderator, appreciative Bravo chanted to the singers, and a thunderous applause and standing ovations of more than thousand people in the hall were a great reward not only to all performers but also to organizers of this long-planned event.



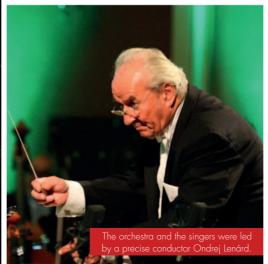




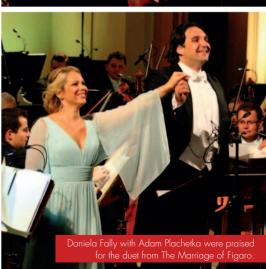




























Robin Červinek has earned a nickname of course jumper.







Talented singers from Slovakia were strongly represented

in this year's course. Veronika Čambalová was one of them.





INTERPRETATION COURSES IN LITEN 2017

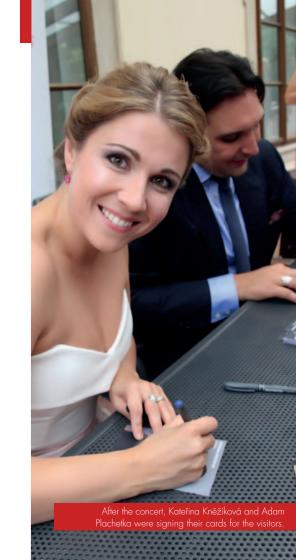
The chateau area in Liteň provided a shelter to starting but also advanced adepts of opera singing. Five August days were devoted to Interpretation Courses specialized in the study of compositions of world and Czech repertoire. The fourth year was led by our regular co-workers, famous singers Kateřina Kněžíková and Adam Plachetka, accompanied by the chief accompanist of the National Theater – Zdeněk Klauda.

We have organized two runs of singing courses in the cooperation with the Music and Dance Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague already for the third time. The two best graduates of the spring course led by Kateřina Kněžíková had a chance to participate also in a more intensive course organized in Liteň.

Nine female attendees were this time accompanied by one man and they all appreciated that they were daily not only working but also spending leisure time with their lecturers. Once the lectures were finished, the participants had also a chance to get to know a lot of interesting facts from the life and career of larmila Novotná.

The Final Concert of the Interpretation Courses that already became a tradition among people interested in singing, was sold out in a very short time. Both lecturers were performing during the last concert as well – the finale belonged to their duet. For the first time in the history of courses, the concert was live-streamed through Facebook and viewed by more than 3,500 fans. After the concert, the visitors appreciated the autograph session by Kateřina Kněžíková and Adam Plachetka and the chance to buy their CDs.

Through Interpretation Courses in Liteň we keep the musical and human legacy of Jarmila Novotná alive but also try to satisfy still more urgent demand for intensive and longer educational project.





TOURING EXHIBITION ABOUT THE LIFE OF JARMILA NOVOTNÁ

The first event that accentuated the important jubilee of Jarmila Novotná was the third stop of the touring exhibition about her life called Jarmila Novotná: Opera Diva. This time it happened in spring, in the very impressive Mythological Corridor of Wallenstein Palace – the seat of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Large-scale pictures depicting still well-preserved opera costumes and original portraits of the famous diva confirmed how irresistible she looked during her performances. The pictures were accompanied by collection items from the museum of Chateau Liteň – some of them were presented in the Mythological Corridor for the first time ever. The exposition was completed by a clearly presented time axis with biographical dates, data, places, and other context relevant for the life of Jarmila Novotná.

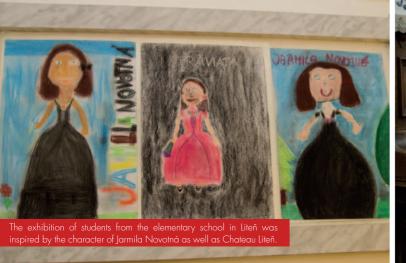
The exhibition was symbolically opened in the Knight Hall of Wallenstein Palace, where starting singers paid a tribute to Jarmila Novotná during one of her after-revolution returns to her home country. The vernissage was opened by a mezzo-soprano Alžběta Vomáčková – the singer of the new generation that is also a Jarmila Novotná Prize winner and the graduate of the Interpretation Courses in Liteň.

The exposition was organized in the cooperation with the Office of the Senate and was held under auspices of Jiří Oberfalzer. It was appreciated by representatives of the Czech government, journalists, and during the weekends and on the national holiday on May 8th, it was open also to wide public. During the two months of the exhibition, it was seen by almost twenty-one thousand visitors. The exhibition will continue in its tour throughout the Czech Republic also in the upcoming years.











OTHER ACTIVITIES 2017

JIŘÍ SUCHÝ – THE PATRON OF A PRECIOUS TREE

On June 26, 2017, one of the most prominent and most talented Czech artist – Jiří Suchý visited Liteň to become the patron of one of precious trees growing in the chateau park. This honor was given to a tulip tree with the origin from the North America.

PARTNERSHIP OF THE PROJECT "HERE WE ARE HOME... 110TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF JARMILA NOVOTNÁ"

We gladly accept the challenge of the elementary school in Liteň to participate in the art project of its students devoted to the 110th birth anniversary of Jarmila Novotná. We have opened chateau and park to the public and have participated in the opening ceremony of the project that was attended by a senator Jiří Oberfalzer. We would like to present the art creations of students to the visitors of chateau area in Liteň within our activities in 2018.

PLAN OF SUPPORT OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – LONG-TERM COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AT CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE

In addition to young singers, for the second year we are also supporting starting architects. Students of the architecture department at the Czech Technical University in Prague visited Liteň again with the aim to prepare urbanistic projects and suggest how the chateau buildings could be used and how the chateau area should be incorporated into the Liteň village. Their works will be part of accompanying programs for the Jarmila Novotná Festival 2018.





PLANNED ACTIVITIES JARMILA NOVOTNÁ FESTIVAL 2018

SONG SPRINGS - SONG RECITAL OF MARTINA JANKOVÁ

We are preparing a song recital of Martina Janková consisting of Janáček's folk songs through which she will pay a tribute to her home country. The presence and support of this famous international soprano for our festival is one of the most important steps in 2018. Gala concert will be prepared in the cooperation with a pianist Ivo Kahánek and Ensemble FLAIR and held in Čechovna located in the Chategu Liteň area.

INTERPRETATION COURSES IN LITEN 2018

Martina Janková will also lead the 5th year of the singing courses in Liteň and she will cooperate with mezzo-soprano Markéta Cukrová. There will be one novelty – the final concert will be directed, open-air, and will be held in different parts of chateau park.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH OF DAUBEK FAMILY

We have started a project focused on genealogical research of Daubek family at Liteň manor in the time of the independent Czechoslovakia. We would like to map and document the area of patriotism, entrepreneurship, social and cultural life but also art context.

THE SEARCH

Oscar-winning movie The Search is one of the essential Hollywood movies made after WWII and at the same time the most important movie in the acting career of Jarmila Novotná. We are negotiating about presenting the movie at the International Film Festival in Karlovy Vary – seventy years from its world and Czechoslovak premiere in 1948.

TOURING EXHIBITION ABOUT THE LIFE OF JARMILA NOVOTNÁ

The touring exhibition will continue in a new place again. The large-scale pictures of this legendary singer will be present at Antikvariát Fryč in Liberec during April 2018.



JARMILA NOVOTNÁ FESTIVAL 2017 MEDIA COVERAGE

Thanks to its activities, the 6th year of Jarmila Novotná Festival widened the group of its fans and gained new audience.

"We would like to thank for yesterday's beautiful afternoon. We would also like to thank the owner of the Chateau for all her activities. These moments belong to those when we are proud to be Bohemians and there are not many of such moments nowadays."

Jaromír Ludvík with his wife – reaction to the vernissage of the exhibition Jarmila Novotná: Opera Diva in Wallenstein Palace in Prague

"The Character of Jarmila Novotná is thanks to her art, patriotic acts, and friendship with the prominent representatives of our political and cultural life in the time of the First Republic but also during the World War II so special and significant, that I did my best to bring the exhibition devoted to her jubilee to the most beautiful and most representative space of the Senate. I am very happy that Chateau Liteň – the homeplace of Daubek family and later also of Jarmila Novotná, as she was married to baron Jiří Daubek – belongs to the region I am responsible for. I also very much appreciate the activities and efforts of current owners of this place – Mrs. and Mr. Leidl who are not only improving this place but also take care of the legacy of this prominent Czech artist who spent her most productive years abroad because of the totalitarian regimes of the past century."

Senator Jiří Oberfalzer about the exhibition Jarmila Novotná: Opera Diva in Wallenstein Palace in Prague

"Thanks to the Association of Chateau Liteň that organizes these courses and cares for artistic and personal legacy of the singer Jarmila Novotná (former owner of Chateau Liteň), young, beautiful, and talented voices filled the chateau hall Čechovna and impressed all the visitors of the concert who were looking forward to these extraordinary performances a way ahead."

Harmonie Online, part of the review of the final concert of Interpretation Courses in Liteň, written by Marta Tužilová, August 18, 2017

"Courses during which participants spend time together and concentrate only on the subject they are studying make – from my point of view – much more sense than one hour in front of an audience in the course of other events. I like to return to Chateau Liteň too as the summer here is beautiful. In the local atmosphere, I do not perceive work as work because I have a feeling I am on vacation."

Adam Plachetka on Interpretation Courses in Liteň

"Also usually routine accompaniments were prepared with a great attention, including the not very usual scene of Violetta and father Germont, in which Jarmila Novotná often reminded to the emphasis on the repetition of the phrase a la giovine by Arturo Toscanini... And exactly in this part, a small miracle happened: everything sounded great during that evening, but in this moment Adriana Kohútková, Adam Plachetka, Ondřej Lenárd, and the Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra were literally starring. Adriana Kohútková used all her opportunities in arias of Donna Elvira and Mařenka and Adam Plachetka played greatly with the resonance of his voice and the long breath but also with pianissimo already in Leporello's aria."

Hudební rozhledy, part of the review of the Tribute to Jarmila Novotná 2017 by Jan Králík, 11/2017

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"Thanks to the encore, the audience could hear Verdi again – specifically his Rigoletto – the duet of Gilda and her father from the end of the third act, so-called vendetta. It was interpreted by Daniela Fally and Adam Plachetka with a great energy. This time we truly admired Plachetka's truly dramatic expression. Ovations of the audience were very strong. After the final speech of the organizers, all soloists sang Brindisi from Verdi's Traviata with a great joy. And the audience was, of course, delighted. Again one beautiful evening in rather problematic times."

Operaplus.cz, part of the review of the Tribute to Jarmila Novotná 2017 by Pavel Horník, September 26, 2017

"We really enjoyed the concert, despite the absence of Kateřina Kněžíková it was a real gala – it had a great energy and a happy atmosphere. I would like to thank you once again – everything was perfect and the evening absolutely fulfilled our expectations."

A music publicist Marta Tužilová about Tribute to Jarmila Novotná 2017







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