

# CZECH THE NEWS - LA



## Czech Films Return to LA – Come Czech Them Out !

The Consulate General of the Czech Republic is excited to officially announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Czech film festival: “Czech That Film 2013 presented by Staropramen” beginning on May 10, 2013. Conceived in 2012, the Czech film series is dedicated to raising the profile of new Czech films by attracting interest and celebrating Czech cinema at an international level.

Here in Los Angeles, the program was organized and curated by the UCLA Film and Television Archive and builds on a very successful tradition of screening popular Czech films all across the United States. A total of 12 films will tour from Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, Portland, Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, and Washington, DC.

Los Angeles	
<b>Flower Buds</b>	May 10, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Gypsy</b>	May 11, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Made in Ash</b>	May 11, 9:00 p.m.
<b>Polski Film</b>	May 16, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Signal</b>	May 16, 9:00 p.m.
<b>The House</b>	May 20, 7:30 p.m.
<b>In the Shadow</b>	June 3, 7:30 p.m.

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All shows will take place at the Billy Wilder Theater within the Hammer Museum (10899 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024), and have English subtitles.

### Dear Friends in Southland

*I am excited to confirm announcement that the annual Czech film festival will return to California and other west coast cities this May and June under its new name – “Czech That Film presented by Staropramen”. This time the Czech Consulate will cooperate with the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Together, we will present seven new Czech films at the Hammer Museum in Westwood, starting on May 10, 2013 with the official Opening Night, featuring the film Flower Buds and Q&A with director Zdeněk Jiráský.*

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# CZECH THAT FILM

## presented by STAROPRAMEN

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Not only is the program a great chance to witness the best new pictures Czech cinema has to offer – including several winners of the Oscars of the Czech Republic, the Czech Lion – but it is also an opportunity to personally meet well-established Czech directors. Numerous question & answer sessions during the festival will give audiences behind the scenes access to filmmakers, as well as insider information about the film creation process.

Czech director Zdeněk Jiráský will present his recipient of the 2011 Czech Lion for Best Film, “Flower Buds,” which will kick-off the program in Los Angeles on May 10, 2013. An opening reception will precede the screening, and a question and answer session with the award-winning director will follow. Filmmaker David Ondříček, who was recently listed by the popular entertainment magazine *Variety* as one of the top “10 Directors to Watch,” will personally introduce “In the Shadow.” His film, winner of nine prestigious Czech Lions and the Czech entry for the Best Foreign Language Oscar in 2013, will be screened on June 3. The closing reception and Q&A with Ondříček will be the last event in Los Angeles, before the festival continues its US tour.

Czech That Film 2013 is a growing effort, and relies heavily on sponsors, contributors, and volunteers. We would like to thank all the organizations involved in the process, especially Staropramen for sponsoring the entire festival. Milk & Honey Films, Prague Studios, ELMA (European Languages and Movies in America), Czech shipping company shipito.com, and Czech Tourism also contributed generously to the program. Special thanks to the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) in Los Angeles for their invaluable help organizing the events in Los Angeles.

For more information on Czech That Film 2013, including the list and details of screenings, how to become a sponsor or volunteer, director biographies, and the previous festival archive, please visit our dedicated website at: [www.czechthatfilm.com](http://www.czechthatfilm.com)

We look forward to seeing everyone at the many special events, and enjoy the show!



*Marika Šoposká & Kateřina Jandáčková in the film „Flower Buds“*



*Vojta Dyk & Kryštof Hádek in the film „Signal“*



*Directors David Ondříček & Zdeněk Jiráský*



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# Dear Friends in Southland

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*It took a lot of work from everybody here at the Consulate to bring you this exciting program. I hope you will find it stimulating, both from a cinematic as well as a storytelling point of view. Director David Ondříček, recently named among the Top Ten Directors to Watch by Variety, will come to Los Angeles for the Closing Night of the festival on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, and personally present his film "In the Shadow," which won an incredible nine Czech Lions this March. Please, find a detailed program on the previous page. I look forward to seeing you all at the screenings at the beautiful Billy Wilder Theater in Westwood near the Consulate.*

*I am also happy that the second edition of our popular Petrof Concert Series had such a fantastic start in February when famous Czech violinist Jaroslav Svěcený, with his talented daughter Julia, performed several works of Bach, Mozart, and Bleriot. Exceptional Czech singer Jana Fabianová returns to the Petrof Series on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. with a fantastic concert of the best from well-known Czech and Slovak musicals and chansons. I also very much look forward to performance of famous Czech pianist Pavel Kohout, who will perform with talented American soprano Jennifer Paulino on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 4 pm at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.*

*Last month, the Czech Tourism office in Orange County, which serves all the Western United States, officially opened and begun to promote travel to the Czech Republic. We at the Consulate look forward to this important cooperation. If you know of anybody interested in visiting our beautiful homeland, please feel free to direct them to the Czech Tourism office and its friendly director Vojtěch Kačerovský.*

*I also would like to congratulate Bishop Peter Esterka on the golden anniversary of his priesthood and on the Gratias Agit Award. The celebration in Yorba Linda was very inspirational and all the visitors were appreciative of the work and service that Bishop Esterka did for the Czech community in California. I wish him good health and I would like to thank him for all those years he served mass in the Czech language for his countrymen here.*



*We already have had a very busy cultural season this spring, starting with the successful Trnka exhibit. The opening of a new exhibition of photographs by Jiří Jiroutek, will take place on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> accompanied by film screenings. This valued collection of Jiroutek's photographs will be on display only through May, so please do not hesitate to visit the Front Gallery here at the Consulate. His art will be also available for purchase.*

*Finally, the Czech Consulate is preparing a big celebration for International Children's Day with the opening of an exhibit devoted to renowned Czech illustrator Zdeněk Miler and his famous "Krteček". Outdoor activities at the nearby Westwood park as well as screenings of several short fairy-tale stories with Krteček will also be part of the celebration. To get more information about our events, please visit our website and Facebook page.*

*Michal Sedláček*

## Czech Student's Film "Main Course" Succeed in the 48 Hours Film Project

The Consulate General of the Czech Republic would like to congratulate to the Czech team "Láska", whose short "Main Course" won on the international finale of the 48 Hours Film Project two awards. One for Best acting in female lead - Kateřina Píndejová and the second for Best Use of Prop. The awards were announced on March 10, 2013 at the Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

The 48 Hours Film Project is an international film competition. Contestants must within 48 hours create short (3-7 minutes long) movie on previously assigned character, a prop, a line of dialogue and a genre that must be included in the movie. 48 hours later, the movie must be submitted.

To see Czech short "Main Course":

[www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=m3XwcKLkbK4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=m3XwcKLkbK4)

For more information about the 48 Hours Film Project:

[48hourfilm.com/en/filmapalooza/](http://48hourfilm.com/en/filmapalooza/)



# Bishop Esterka celebrates 50th anniversary of his ordination



*Bishop Peter Esterka (left) and Bishop Kevin Vann*

Czech Catholic bishop Peter Esterka, long time resident of Orange County, celebrated a special mass on the occasion of the 50th golden anniversary of his ordination. This ceremonial service took place in the Catholic John Paul II Center in Yorba Linda on Sunday, March 10, 2013 and was attended by Bishop Kevin Vann (pictured with Father Esterka) bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Orange.

The Mass was followed by an extensive celebration with more than a hundred fifty guests from all over Southern California, including the Consul General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles Michal Sedláček.

"I remember very well the day of March 9, 1963, when I was ordained" Bishop Esterka explained during the Mass and continued "I was the only Czech with many Irishmen and Italians present during the ordination in Rome, so I felt a little bit alone. None of my relatives were in the audience during that special occasion."

Peter Esterka was born and grew up in Dolní Bojanovice near Hodonín. He escaped to Austria because of Communist prosecution in 1957. He studied in Rome and was ordained in the Basilica of St. John Lateran. He came to the United States the same year, in 1963, on his first mission to Texas. However, after three years he went back to Rome to study for a doctorate degree.

"When I returned to the US, I started teaching at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and stayed there for many years," Bishop explained again.

Bishop Esterka served also as a chaplain in the US Air Force. "When later on, there was an opportunity to come to California, I did not hesitate. I love the community here; they are very active and supportive. I can't complain!" the Bishop underlined.

A favorite of many local Czechs and Slovaks, Bishop Esterka served for many years as bishop for all Czech Catholics in North America, Western Europe, and Australia. He resigned formally at the occasion of his 75th birthday, in accordance with Catholic custom.

The Czech Catholic Bishops Conference designated Bishop Václav Malý as the new Bishop for Czechs in Western Europe, while Bishop Esterka was asked to temporarily continue performing his service to North America and Australia while ministering to the local Czech community in California. "I am very happy that now after 50 years I can celebrate my ordination here in California, where a very nice and large Czech Catholic community has been created," the cheerful Bishop Esterka concluded with a toast.

For his life-long devoted service to Czechs abroad, Bishop Esterka will receive the Gratias Agit Award by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic this year. The award ceremony will take place in Prague in June of 2013.



*Bishop Peter Esterka*

# Petrof Concert Series Continues

The much anticipated second year of annual Czech music series called "Petrof Concert Series 2013" was launch on February 18, 2013 with a fantastic concert of the prominent Czech violin virtuoso Jaroslav Svěcený and his talented daughter Julia. They performed at the residence of Consul General Michal Sedláček pieces for two violins (Bach, Mozart, Leclair and Bériot). They have also introduced Svěcený's original compositions. The performance was very well received and highly successful, with over sixty guests in attendance.

The next event from Petrof Concert Series 2013 will be a performance of popular Czech singer Jana Fabiánová. Jana started as a pop singer, songwriter & lyricist. In 2005 she has decided to focus totally on her beloved jazz and live stage performances. Since then she has been a successful and well-known musical theater actress and jazz vocalist.

Her performance will include the best from the Czech and Slovak musicals and the best chansons. The concert will take place on April 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the residence of Consul General in Los Angeles.

The Petrof Concert Series 2013 will also feature internationally acclaimed Czech concert artist Pavel Kohout. Mr. Kohout will perform on his American concert tour with his colleague exceptional soprano Jennifer Paulino on April 28, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. They will present a great choice of Czech and world music, including famous Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, meditative Debussy's 1st Arabesque and music of Czech composers like Antonín Dvořák or Jaroslav Ježek. Furthermore, he will perform at Stanford University on May, 1, 2013.

Throughout 2013 the Petrof Concert Series will bring you with gracious support of the Petrof Pianos USA and the Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) even more musical events of both classical and modern music.



**Jaroslav Svěcený and his daughter Julie**



**Jana Fabiánová**



**Pavel Kohout**

## **Czech Photographer Jiří Jiroutek at the Czech Consulate**

The Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles will host an exhibition of leading contemporary Czech photographer Jiří Jiroutek. The opening ceremony of Jiroutek's exhibition of photographs will be held on April 24, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. at the Front Gallery of the Czech Consulate in Los Angeles (10990 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1100, Los Angeles, CA 90024).

Mr. Jiroutek will present in person a broad sample of his work, including unique portraits and images in which he captures the aesthetic serenity of European architecture and culture through his Romantic black and white photography. The exhibition will be presented at the Czech Consulate until the end of May, 2013. Photographs will be available for purchase. For more information about the artist please see his website at: <http://www.jiroutek.com/>

In addition to the exhibition, the Czech Consulate will present on April 24 two Czech films. At 6:30 p.m. the documentary "Tomorrow Will Be Better" (Zítřka bude líp, 2012) will showcase Czech freestyle motocross rider Libor Podmol. Director of the film Martin Přívratský will be present at the event for a Q&A session with the audience. And at 7:00 p.m. the consulate will show the comedy "The Men's Novel" (Román pro muže, 2010), directed by popular Czech director Tomáš Bařina and winner of multiple international filmmaking awards.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the grand opening of Jiroutek's works and the screening of these two extraordinary Czech films.



*Jiří Jiroutek's photo*



## **Little Mole (Krtček) comes to celebrate International Children's Day**

The opening of exhibition of illustrations by the famous Czech animator Zdeněk Miler, creator of the most beloved Czech cartoon character, Krtček (Little Mole), will be part of this year's celebration of International Children's Day on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The exhibition of this legendary animated hero will take place at the Front Gallery at the Czech Consulate in Los Angeles (10990 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1100, Los Angeles, CA 90024). The event is not only for children, but also for parents who remember Krtček very well, and will include several screenings of Krtček's short animated stories (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.).

The Czech Consulate would like to invite children of all ages, families, and friends to this special exhibition. The event will be followed by a picnic celebration at the nearby Westwood Park, organized by the Consulate General of the Czech Republic together with American Sokol in Los Angeles at 1:00 p.m.

## **Kid's Day in Orange County**

Česká škola West Coast (Czech school) in Orange County is going to celebrate Kid's Day on Saturday, June 1. There will be games, prizes and food for all! RSVP is requested.

For more info and details, please keep checking the web site [www.cswc.us](http://www.cswc.us).

## Czech Tourism Opens New Office on West Coast

Hello from the new office of the Czech Tourist Authority – CzechTourism in Southern California

I am proud to announce that we have successfully established the second office of the Czech Tourist Authority in the United States, our very own Czech Tourism in Los Angeles. In addition to our New York office on Madison Avenue, there is now a new, local spot based in Orange County.

We are here to promote travel to the beautiful Czech Republic, and show our American hosts all the important historical Czech landmarks that have been preserved over the centuries. On Saturday, March 23, 2013 the Czech Tourism launched opening party at the Aquatic Center in Newport Beach.

Moreover, we will host the official opening ceremony on June 18, 2013 in Los Angeles with the General Director of Czech Tourism, Mr. Rostislav Vondruška, who will come exceptionally for this special occasion. Please, join us, everybody is invited.

One of our main goal is to help our Travel Trade partners create new and exciting products that involve all the activities, culture, stories, and beauties the Czech Republic has to offer. This partnership offers exclusive networking with international businesses.

You can meet with us soon at the upcoming 2013 Czech Film Festival, “Czech That Film presented by Staropramen,” organized by the Czech Consulate in Los Angeles. We are proud to support this program and many other exciting activities in the US, including the Czech School in Orange County, educational Cultural Workshops like The-Newport-Beach-Cross-Cultural-club and others.

And we have only just started! I look forward to meeting any professionals looking for information and support, as well as travel enthusiasts who plan to visit our unique homeland.

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questions.  
www.czechtourism.cz

Vojtěch Kačerovský



Vojtěch Kačerovský, Director CzechTourism LA

## Resplendent Dresses from Southeastern Europe at UCLA

On March 9, 2013 Fowler Museum at UCLA held an Opening Party for the Exhibition of *Resplendent Dress from Southeastern Europe: A History in Layers*. These fascinating ensembles from the Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Croatia, Bulgaria and more are displayed in *Fowler Museum* until July 14, 2013.

Fowler Museum at UCLA  
308 Charles E Young Dr.  
N Los Angeles

Do not miss this great opportunity to see a wonderful piece of Czech history!



Exhibiton at the Fowler Museum

# Upcoming Cultural Events

April 2013	May 2013	June 2013
<p>April 7, 2013, 4:00 p.m. – Concert with Jana Fabiánová at the Residence of Consul General</p>	<p>May 10, 2013, 7:30 p.m. – Opening reception of the “Czech That Film” Festival &amp; Screening of the film “Flower Buds” (Director Z. Jiráský in person)</p> <p>(Billy Wilder Theater)</p>	<p>June 1, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - International Kids Day – (Play Date) - Exhibition &amp; Screening of short stories of “Křteček”</p>
<p>April 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m. – Opening of the Exhibition of Photographer Jiří Jiroutek followed by Screening of Czech film “The Mens Novel” and Documentary “Tomorrow Will Be Better with the Director and Photographer in person</p>	<p>May 11, 2013, 7:30 pm. – Screening of the film “Gypsy” &amp; “Made In Ash” – <i>Double Feature</i> (Billy Wilder Theater)</p>	<p>June 3, 2013, 7:30 p.m. – Closing night of the “Czech That Film” Festival &amp; Screening of the film “In the Shadow” (Director D. Ondříček in person)</p> <p>(Billy Wilder Theater)</p>
<p>April 28, 2013, 4:00 p.m.- Concert with Pavel Kohout &amp; Jennifer Paulino at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 505 N Rodeo Dr., LA)</p>	<p>May 16, 2013, 7:30 pm. – Screening of the film “Polski Film” &amp; “Signal” – <i>Double Feature</i> (Billy Wilder Theater)</p>	<p>June 18, 2013 – Opening Ceremony of the Czech Tourism office in California</p>
	<p>May 20, 2013, 7:30 p.m. – Screening of the film “The House” (Billy Wilder Theater)</p>	<p>June 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – Screening of the Czech film “Vrásky z lásky” (Oldies but Goldies) at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles</p>

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