

PÁS at Detva – A Rousing Performance The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble

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After much anticipation for several years, and the big event finally happened! PÁS, the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble, enjoyed the extraordinary opportunity to perform at the Detva Folk Festival. The Detva Festival ranks as one of the biggest gatherings of folk talent in all of Slovakia and it takes place each year during July at the amphitheater near the scenic Poľana mountain in central Slovakia.

PÁS presented a dazzling display of songs and dances that thrilled the huge audience of over 10,000 people.

PÁS was not the only folk troupe that performed. The Office for Slovaks Living Abroad (*Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí*) sponsored other folklore groups from France, the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and two from Serbia. All the groups gave several individual performances, and they combined to do a few dances together.

I can go on and on about how well PÁS performed, but the best way to appreciate the group is to see them in person. The next best way is to view some of the videos that I posted on YouTube, which can be easily viewed on the Video page of the PÁS website.

PÁS invites those interested in learning more or joining their group to visit its new website, which contains photos, information about future events, and much more. The URL of the website is:

www.pasfolkensemble.com/ - Click on the Videos tab to see PÁS perform.

For its outstanding quality, the PÁS video received a Shockwave NME Award for 2009. The award was listed for being among the best online folk videos by the NME Online Magazine.

www.nme.com/awards/video/search/detva

PÁS wishes to thank all those who generously contributed to making their trip to Slovakia possible. Anyone interested in continuing to support this well-deserved Slovak American folk group may send a check to help with their many expenses. If you wish to help in any way, please write or send your donations to:

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Joseph Rimarcik Honored



Joseph Rimarcik, the oldest living supreme officer of the First Catholic Slovak Union, received this proclamation in his honor from the Slovak Institute.

Proclamation

Dear Joseph Rimarcik, Fraternalist and Slovak Patriot

Whereas: The Slovak Institute in Cleveland, Ohio, proclaims the day of March 24, 2009, as Joseph Rimarcik Day and urge all your Slovak friends and parishioners of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Detroit, Michigan, and the Slovak community in the United States to wish you health and happiness.

Whereas: For your lifelong dedication to freedom in Slovakia and your accomplishments as leaders of the Slovak community in Detroit we especially acknowledge your involvement and accomplishments in the Slovak League of America, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society. We congratulate you on your day and we ask Slovak communities to join us.

Andrew F. Hudak
Director of the Slovak Institute
Cleveland, Ohio



The CSGI Conference Coming to Cleveland in October

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The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International will be hosting its 12th Genealogical/Cultural Conference at the Holiday Inn, Cleveland South, in the suburb of Independence. The events last from Wednesday, October 14 through Saturday October 17, with a Mass on Sunday morning celebrated with a priest from the Slovak Benedictine Abbey. Tours of prominent ethnic areas will also be available on Wednesday and Thursday.

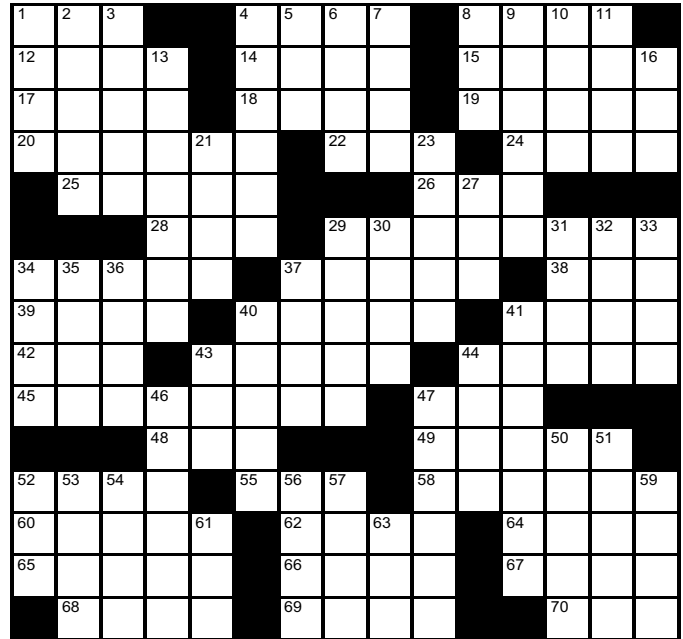
The First Catholic Slovak Union is one of the sponsors of this great cultural event.

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International is a Minnesota-based organization which promotes genealogical and cultural research for lands of the former Czechoslovakia; the topics center around the Czech, Slovak, Moravian, Bohemian, Carpatho-Rusyn, German-Bohemian, and German-Carpathian peoples. The conference is a unique event and an opportunity to listen to and meet specialists in the field of history, genealogy and culture of the region.

If interested, please contact the CSGI for more information at the website:

<http://www.csgi.org/news.asp?intNewsID=168>

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Overhead railway
- 4 Bend
- 8 Haze
- 12 College military
- 14 Roofing material
- 15 John Jacob ____
- 17 *Thin Man* charac
- 18 Ushered journey
- 19 Identical copy
- 20 Essential food ite
- 22 Quagmire
- 24 Primates
- 25 Secret agents
- 26 Jog
- 28 Explosive (Abbr.)
- 29 Never used
- 34 Perspiration
- 37 Chassis
- 38 Poem
- 39 Testament
- 40 Pulls behind
- 41 Bench
- 42 Common contrac
- 43 Delete
- 44 Ship parts
- 45 Pickles
- 47 Wicked
- 48 Soft-finned fish
- 49 Use to advantage
- 52 Espouses
- 55 Cover
- 58 Correspondence
- 60 Author Jong
- 62 Unfeeling
- 64 Roof part
- 65 Dividend
- 66 Egypt, queen, familiarly
- 67 Toboggan
- 68 Hunt for
- 69 *M*A*S*H* actor

- 70 Time periods (Abbr.)

Down

- 1 Sea eagles
- 2 Pillages
- 3 Dress holder
- 4 Bear witness
- 5 Brazilian port
- 6 After country or book
- 7 Champion
- 8 Raincoat, for sho
- 9 Aruba, for exam
- 10 Discontinue
- 11 Chord
- 13 Cash
- 16 Thing, in law
- 21 Holy season
- 23 Metric weights
- 27 One (Fr.)
- 29 Band section
- 30 Intense anger
- 31 Yuletide
- 32 Dutch cheese
- 33 Dampens
- 34 Gulp
- 35 Accompanying
- 36 Other
- 37 *Nanny* actress Drescher
- 40 Dentist's tool
- 41 Tranquilizes

- 43 Piece out
- 44 Acquire
- 46 Save
- 47 Sly Stallone's *Rocky* ____
- 50 Mount Vesuvius location
- 51 Jimmy
- 52 Spider's work
- 53 God of love
- 54 Sup
- 56 Peruvian indian
- 57 Boring
- 59 Ohio team
- 61 Request
- 63 School type, for short

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