



## AMBASSADORS' RECEPTION & CELEBRATION DINNER

On October 28, 1993 history will be made. The Czech and Slovak community across the nation will join together to celebrate a very special occasion.

The groundbreaking for the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library will mark the beginning of a new era.

Ushering in this new era of increased Czechoslovak cultural awareness with us will be official representatives from the Czech and Slovak governments.

Chargé d'affaires Petr Burian from the Embassy of the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic's Ambassador Michael Žantovský have graciously offered to speak at the groundbreaking ceremony Thursday afternoon and will be honored at a special reception that evening.

Please join us on October 28th, at the Cedar Rapids Country Club, 550 27th Street Drive SE, at 6:30 p.m. in welcoming our guests to Iowa.

Following the reception, at 7:30 p.m., dinner will be served. Bruce Aune will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening's program. We  
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# MOST THE BRIDGE FALL 1993

*News of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library*

## PLANS FINALIZED

The new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has moved a step closer to reality with completion of the final design and architectural plans developed by Stephen Felix Gula Associates, of New York City, and Leo C. Peiffer & Associates, of Cedar Rapids.

While utilizing the best of contemporary building methods, the new facility will exhibit a strong ethnic character through the use of towers, arches, and recessed areas which can be embellished with specially commissioned art work from the Czech and Slovak Republics.

The new 15,000 square foot museum and library will be five times the size of the current facility. This will allow for the additional feature of a large festival hall for meetings, museum-sponsored programs, and to accommodate special ethnic events.

Construction is expected to begin in October, with completion of the building slated for the fall of 1994. Upon completion of the exhibit work and the transfer of artifacts, the museum planning committee is anticipating a grand opening next year.

A special showroom highlighting details of the new museum and library is located in Czech Village. To arrange a viewing, or to discuss a family memorial, you may contact Development Director, John Rocarek at



*(continued from left column)* will hear Ambassador Michael Žantovský and Charge'd'affaires Petr Burian. Palacký University Rector Josef Jařab, Cedar Rapids Mayor Larry J. Serbousek, and Senator Charles Grassley will also join us.

Our keynote speaker will be Robert W. Doubek, Project Director and Co-founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C. Mr. Doubek served as an Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1967-71, and received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1974.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Student String Quartet from the Preucil School of Music. There will also be a special musical offering by Doris Preucil, violin; Kimberly Meier Sims, violin; and William Preucil, viola. They will perform selections from Antonín Dvořák's Terzetto in C major, Opus 74.

Dancers from the St. Paul Czechoslovak Folk Dance Group will provide a lively finale to the evening's festivities.

Reserve tickets are \$100 per person and available by calling the museum (319) 362-8500. Quantities are limited and sold on a first come, first serve basis.

## ARTS 'N FACTS

### VOLUNTEERS IN THE NEWS

Our special congratulations to Frank Novotny for his being selected as Western Fraternal Life Association's Fraternalist of the Year. Frank is a 45-year member of WFLA Lodge #7 in Cedar Rapids, and a dependable, supportive Museum volunteer.

Sister Mary Lou Podzimek has been elected to the Mt. Mercy College Board of Trustees. Sister Mary Lou is the director of the Pastoral Care Department of Mercy Medical Center, in Cedar Rapids, and volunteers in the Museum Gift Shop.

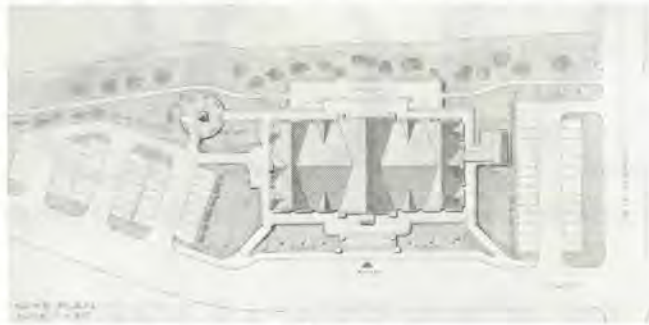
### DVOŘÁK SYMPOSIUM

What a delightful experience we had while extending our Museum hospitality to the 35 classical music scholars participating in the University of Iowa's Dvořák Centennial Symposium. Following an afternoon of lectures and the presentation of academic papers at CSPA (the Alternative Arts Center across the river from us), the group walked across the "Bridge of Lions" to tour the Museum. Here they were welcomed by the Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Larry J. Serbousek and his wife, Sandy. It was in the midst of the looking and talking, and remarking over the collection that I received a rather surprising request. "Can you operate the player piano for us?" (The vintage player piano sits in the corridor area that joins the Museum and the restored Immigrant Home.) What fun to see these scholarly devotees of Dvořák's music enjoying the tinkly tempo of the polka tunes emanating from this antique mechanical instrument. Following this impromptu "concert," our visitors, who had come from all parts of the world, enjoyed a delicious pork, sauerkraut, and dumpling dinner beautifully prepared and served by Dostal Catering Service.

The Museum visit and dinner afforded a good opportunity for museum curator, Nan Wolverton Franklin, to meet and begin a dialogue with Marketa Hallová, Director of the Dvořák Museum, in Prague.

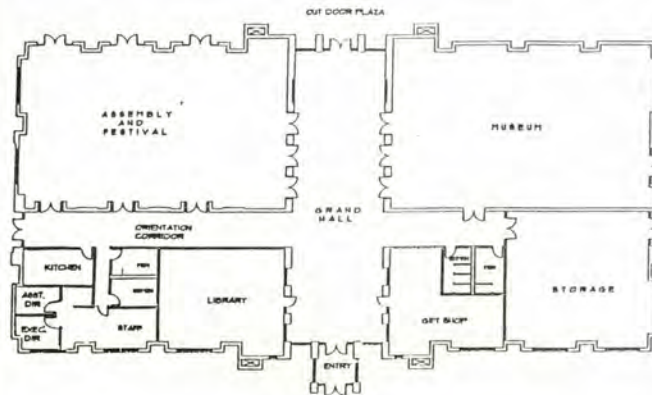
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## NEW MUSEUM PLANS



### SITE PLAN

The site plan shows the location of the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The new facility will be situated on the west bank of the Red Cedar River between 12th and 16th Avenues S.W., in the Czech Village. The main entrance will face A Street S.W. The Immigrant Home, as shown above on the right, will be connected to the main exhibit hall by an all-weather corridor. The present museum building will yield to parking area and green space. The one-level building will be handicapped accessible. A recessed area, in front of the building will accommodate several motorcoaches for unloading and loading of passengers.



### FLOOR PLAN

The floor plan shows the allocation of space within the museum and library structure. Visitors will enter through the Grand Hall. Doors at the opposite end of the Grand Hall will allow access to a lovely terrace overlooking the river, and Masaryk Park, on the opposite bank.

The Exhibit hall (Museum) will feature displays relating the history of the Czech and Slovak Republics. The story of the immigrants' experiences will be told, and recognition given to well-known Americans of Czech, Moravian, and Slovak heritage.

Three-dimensional dioramas will showcase the spectacular national costumes in the Museum's collection. Other artifacts will be displayed in four dioramas representing the four seasons of the year and the seasonal traditions associated with them.

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## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

St. Joseph's Day was celebrated by the state capital this year when four hundred and fifty koláče were delivered to both House and Senate, compliments of State Representative, Joe Ertl (33rd District) of Dyersville, Iowa and Sykora Bakery, in Czech Village, Cedar Rapids.

John Rocarek (Museum Development Director) and his daughter, Ann, delivered the fine pastries just in time for the opening sessions. Miss Rocarek, dressed in national costume, was introduced to the receptive legislators and the Governor showed his appreciation by taking time out of his busy schedule for a brief visit — see photo on page 6.

## SPILLVILLE

Thousands attended the celebration commemorating the 100-year anniversary of Antonín Dvořák's summer in Spillville. To assist in the effort, twelve volunteers from the Czech community, in Cedar Rapids, boarded a bus for the day trip to Spillville and pitched in to help our neighbors up north. The Spillville Historic Action Group, few in number but large in spirit, did a fine job of accommodating their visitors. What a monumental task for a town of less than 400. Amy Balik and Mike Klimesh extend their heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to help out in SHAG Headquarters. Congratulations on a job well done!

## GENEALOGICAL/ CULTURAL CONFERENCE

The Third Czechoslovak Genealogical/Cultural Conference will be held October 29th and 30th, at the Sheraton Inn & Conference Center, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Here is your opportunity to learn about your Czechoslovak heritage. Experts in several fields of Czech and Slovak genealogical and cultural research will be speaking on a wide range of subjects, from the availability of records and sources, to customs and crafts of Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia.

Featured speakers include Charlotta Kotik, Curator of Modern Art at the Brooklyn, New York Museum. She is the great granddaughter of T. G. Masaryk, first president of the first Czech Republic. Also speaking will be Ivan Dubovicky, member of the Department of Ethnography, Charles University, Prague, and Felix Gula, designer/planner for the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 29th, with the keynote address at 9:00 a.m.

Friday evening a pork, sauerkraut, and dumpling dinner will be available at the Sheraton Inn. Following the dinner, the "Parade of Kroje," a fashion show of national costumes, will be held at Poolside. Helene Cincebeaux, director and founder of the Slovak Heritage and Folklore Society of North America, will narrate the show. Accompanying background music, identifiable with the three regions of the Czech and Slovak Republics, will be provided by  
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Adjacent to the exhibit hall will be expanded Gift Shop space and a storage and work area.

Across the Grand Hall from the Museum, will be the Assembly and Festival Hall. This large space can be divided into as many as four different areas. This will allow groups of different sizes to make use of the facility, as well as accommodate events occurring simultaneously.

A residential-size kitchen may be used in conjunction with the use of the Festival Hall for small gatherings, or as a facility for specialized cooking classes.

The new library will enable visitors to access materials for educational, research, or leisure reading purposes. Development of a multi-media use area is also being incorporated into the plans for the library space. Plans for the future include story hours and puppet theater workshops for children.

Staff office and work space will occupy the area adjacent to the library. The building will not only be attractive, but efficient and functional, as well.

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## FUNDRAISING UP-DATE

### IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US.

Each of us have in us the opportunity to make history. Right now, people of Czech, Moravian and Slovak ancestry across the nation, and the world, are coming together to honor a shared heritage. We must all do our part to assist in this great effort. There has never been a time when your contribution will have meant more. Right now, we are working to reach our goal of \$2.2 million and are almost there.

We need everyone's help. Please, if you haven't made your pledge of support, do so today. If you have made your pledge, call your sister, brother, aunt and uncle, ask them if they have heard about how they too can make history and be a part of this important national project. Please spread the word.

With everyone's help, we will meet our goal. The challenge is to raise an additional \$300,000. It's going to take all of us. Let's make history.



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Joel Blahnik and Sister Anita Smisek.

Opportunities will also be available, during this two-day event, to visit the National Czech & Slovak Museum and the Baine-Cincebeaux Cultural Exhibit at the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

It's not too late to sign up. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about your Czechoslovak ancestry and gain tips on how to trace your family tree!

For more information on the conference, and to receive a brochure detailing the individual program sessions, plus the conference registration form, call the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library at: (319) 362-8500.



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## "MOST"

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is located at the west end of the Bridge of Lions in the Czech Village. With its outstanding collection of national costumes, fully restored immigrant home, demonstrations of Old World arts and crafts, and celebrations of ethnic customs and traditions, the museum serves to "bridge" the gap between the culture of the Czechoslovak homeland and the culture of the Czechoslovak immigrants in America.

For those of European ancestry, a visit to the Museum is like a walk across the "MOST," that imaginary bridge that leads back to the land and culture of their ancestors.

## CULTURE

... is the means by which a community defines itself, understands its past, and envisions its future.

With the vision in mind, of a downtown in which business and cultural elements intertwine, enrich, and support each other, the Cedar Rapids Downtown Cultural Alliance was formed. Its mission is to promote cultural development in and around downtown Cedar Rapids, encourage cooperation between member organizations, and act to enrich the quality of life for area residents.

One of the organization's first projects was to proclaim the month of March, 1993 as "Culture's Alive! Month". Attention was focused on all the cultural activities and events occurring in the city within this time period. October 1993 is "Family Month" with special emphasis on family-oriented programs and events taking place at the various cultural facilities.

The organization has developed a "Walking Guide" to downtown Cedar Rapids Cultural Organizations and a Downtown Bulletin. Next on the agenda is the design of a promotional brochure. Grants received from the Iowa Humanities Board and the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation will help to fund this project. Ellen Yurko has recently been hired as coordinator for the Alliance.

Member organizations are:

- CSPA
- Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Arts Council
- Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

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## SPECIAL CULTURAL EXHIBIT

In conjunction with the 3rd Czechoslovak Genealogical/Cultural Conference, a special exhibit of more than 100 pieces of Czech, Moravian, and Slovak folk dress and folk art will be on display October 6-31 at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. The artifacts are from the Baine/Cincebeaux Collection, one of the finest known private collections. The pieces on display represent thirty years of study. The entire collection numbers well over 1000 pieces and includes folk costumes, wedding headdresses, batik printers, lace-making bobbins and pillows, decorated shuttles, and other textile related implements.

Helene Baine Cincebeaux and her mother, Helen Zemek Baine, have made 22 trips to Slovakia and have visited two-thirds of all the towns, cities, and villages. They have visited hundreds of villages in Cechy and Moravia and have traveled extensively in all corners of the Czech and Slovak Republics documenting the crafts and skills of folk artists and artisans.

This collection is especially valuable because the artifacts were given to Helen and Helene by the people who made, used, or inherited the articles. They are careful to gather as much information as possible as to why an article was made and worn or how it was used. Each piece is dated and carefully documented. The collection includes a substantial number of men's items, rare since men gave up wearing traditional folk dress earlier than women.

Motifs have become a strong interest of Helene's and she has done a great deal of research on motifs and ethnographic history. Explanations of the various motifs used by the artist/craftsman and the symbolic meanings of various traditionally used design elements are an important part of Helene's gallery talks and programs.

### Gallery Hours for the Exhibit are:

Wed., Oct. 6 Exhibit Opening	12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Mon.-Thurs. beginning Oct. 7	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. and Sat.	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sun.	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Special Programming Scheduled

Wed., Oct. 6 - A "Brown Bag Briefing", "Treasures of Slovakia", presented by Helene Baine Cincebeaux, will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Little Gallery, 2nd floor. Bring a sack lunch along. Coffee will be provided.

Thurs., Oct. 28 - A "Gallery Talk" with Helene Baine Cincebeaux will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Little Gallery, 2nd floor, and will focus on the collection and other treasures of Slovakia.

Sun., Oct. 31 - "Lecture and Tea," 2:00 p.m., Beems Auditorium and Little Gallery, final lecture on the Baine/Cincebeaux folk dress and folk art exhibit.

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- Cedar Rapids Public Library
- Cedar Rapids Symphony
- Czech Heritage Foundation
- Linn County Historical Society
- National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
- Science Station
- Theatre Cedar Rapids

Ex-Officio Members are:

- Cedar Rapids Historical Committee
- Cedar Rapids Public Schools
- Cedar Rapids Area Convention and Visitors Bureau



For information call the Metropolitan Arts Council or any DCA member organization.

## Helene Baine Cincebeaux

- graduate of Syracuse University
- positions in communications, publication, merchandising, and public relations
- recipient of numerous professional awards for publications, slide programs, innovative community involvement programs, photography, graphic arts, design, and video
- co-founder and current director of the Slovak Heritage & Folklore Society of North America
- editor of the quarterly journal, "Slovakia"
- group tour conductor to Slovakia
- member of the Board of Directors of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International.

# DINNER AND MASQUERADE DANCE

**NATIONAL  
CZECH &  
SLOVAK  
MUSEUM &  
LIBRARY**

**DINNER &  
MASQUERADE  
DANCE**

**OCTOBER 30, 1993  
6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

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Cedar Rapids, IA  
52406-5398**



Join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking for the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Czechs and Slovaks will come together for an evening of fun and festivities at the Sheraton Inn. A traditional Czech dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Join us for cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Following dinner, KMRY Radio (AM 1450) presents an evening with Joe Lacina. The program will include dancing by the Moravian Cultural Society Dancers of Chicago, the crowning of the Czech Heritage Foundation's Prince and Princess, and music by the Czech Plus Polka Band, of Cedar Rapids.

Joe Lacina, syndicated radio personality, will be master-of-ceremonies for the evening and entertain us with songs from the old country, as well as contemporary hits.

## MASQUERADE BALL

Create your own costume, or don your national or folk costume, and join the fun. Prizes will be awarded for the most original and the funniest masquerade costumes. Everyone is invited to attend, and all will have a great time whether you choose to wear a costume or not!




### JOE LACINA

Joe has worked with such famous bands as those of Tommy Dorsey, Guy Lombardo, and Artie Shaw. He has entertained thousands across the country with his magnificent singing voice; he plays the saxophone, clarinet, and flute as well. His syndicated radio show, "Joe Lacina's Musical Society," airs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., locally on KMRY AM Radio 1450 Monday through Friday and is heard over 150 stations from the Caribbean to Hawaii. His "Saturday Night Dance Party Show" is on the air from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight.

# A YEAR CELEBR

**Česká Škola**  
(Czech School)  
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(presents)



A Celebration of the  
**Antonín Dvořák Centennial**  
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October 28-31, 1993  
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The Czechoslovak Genealogical  
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Researching family ancestry




Embassy representatives visit Museum and Czech Village.

An Unforgettable Evening  
at the  
Paramount Theatre  
with the

**Prague  
Children's  
Choir**

Monday, July 5th  
7:00 p.m.



Memorable music



St. Joseph's Day at State Capital

## State Executive

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES, IN MARKING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK, ARE PLANNING AN ENTIRE YEAR OF CELEBRATION OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN AND CULTURE AND TRADITIONS;

WHEREAS, IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES TO THE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF IOWA, AND IN MARKING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE YEAR 1993 TO BE THE YEAR OF CELEBRATION OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES IN IOWA, AND URGE CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF CELEBRATION OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES.

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ATTEST:

*Chaim Baster*  
SECRETARY OF STATE



## V upomínku "In Memorium"

To perpetuate our cherished Czech heritage in memory of Josephine Rocarek, from Edward Rocarek - \$25.00

In memory of Francis Snider from Cedar Lodge #7 Z.C.B.J. - \$15.00

Remembering Carl Volesky, from John Rocarek - \$10.00

In loving memory of mother and grandmother on her October birthday, Helen Kopecek; from Ed and Marj, Chuck and DeeAnn, and Phillip Nejd - \$10.00

For Blanche Libal Sevell, from Willis and Sheryl Lamb - \$25.00

*SPECIAL NOTE: This new column will appear quarterly. Consider a donation in lieu of flowers as a way to commemorate a loved one's passing. This issue contains memorial gifts just recently received, before going to press.*

To honor your heritage, and remember a special loved one, please send your donations to: Czech Fine Arts Foundation, "In Memorium," P. O. Box 5398, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52406-5398.

## DVOŘÁK SYMPOSIUM

Peter Alexander, Director, University of Iowa Arts Center Relations poses next to a bust of Dvořák at the newly dedicated exhibit honoring the great composer. Mr. Alexander created the exhibit which superbly memorializes Dvořák, documenting his summer in Iowa. See photo on page 7.

## PAULINE

A friendly and familiar face, at the Museum, is that belonging to Pauline Horaček Jáša. Pauline began her association with the museum as a volunteer in 1980, when the exhibits were housed in three rooms of a small, wood-frame house in the Czech Village area of Cedar Rapids. When the museum collection out-grew its display space and was moved to its present location, on the west bank of the Red Cedar River, Pauline moved along with it, becoming one of the Museum's first tour guides.

Her talents have not been limited to exhibit interpretation, however. Pauline reads, writes, and speaks the Czech language and is often called upon for language interpretation and translation assistance.

Pauline graduated from Grant High School, in Cedar Rapids, and did some additional course work in tailoring. Her work experience included secretarial work for the ZCBJ fraternal organization and the Mutual Fire and Automobile Insurance Company, and bookkeeping work for her family's businesses.

Pauline's home-making skills have captured particular attention at the Museum, where she is well-known for her baking and hand-work talents. The traditional Christmas vánočka and Easter mazanec are brought warm and fragrant from her oven to grace the table in the Immigrant Home as these holiday seasons are celebrated. In between these times there might be strudl for an organization meeting, koláče for a special reception, or a beránek to highlight a display table. Homemade rye bread and Pauline's marvelous red raspberry jelly have been treats for staff events.

Pauline began demonstrating the art of peroutky-making (making pastry brushes from goose feathers) and the handwork skill of tatting, for special events held at the



Museum. But it wasn't long before she began "taking her show on the road" as well. Pauline has demonstrated in the Tourism Building, at the Iowa State Fair (in Des Moines), in the Ethnic Pavilion, at the National Cattle Congress (in Waterloo), at the Dvořák Centennial Celebration (in Spillville), at the Johnson County Historical Society's Heritage Museum (in Coralville), and at Ushers Ferry Historic Village (in Cedar Rapids).

Pauline and her daughter, Venda, help to promote the Czech culture by modeling folk costumes that Pauline has made, in special Style Show programs sponsored by the Museum, and by serving as ushers for ethnic programs and concerts. Pauline has derived special pleasure from dressing dolls in traditional ethnic costumes that she has created.

Her other interests include participating in various adult groups at Jan Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church, gardening, canning and preserving, quilting, and singing the folk songs of her parents' homeland with the Czech Heritage Singers. Her memories and observations are recorded on both an audio and a video cassette as part of the Museum's Oral History collection.

In November, Pauline will celebrate her birthday.

We wish to extend our sincerest happy birthday wishes, "přeji Vám vše nejlepší k Tvým narozeninám" and to thank her, "děkuji Vám mnohokrát", for her many years of dedicated service to the Museum, the Czech community, and to the preservation of her heritage.



# PRAGUE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The rain came down in buckets and huddled under the big canvas tent were well over a hundred pairs of ears. Ears straining to hear over the sound of pouring rain, the thirty-five beautifully trained voices of the Prague Children's Choir.

This, their first engagement in Cedar Rapids, lasted only about ten minutes before the weather became so unbearable that the performance was cut short.

Spirits weren't dampened however. This was also the choir's first visit to the United States and a little rain (5 inches in as many hours) wasn't about to spoil this very special trip.

Prší, Prší jen se leje, (Rain, It rains so heavily) was the most requested song during the choir's stay in the mid-west.

The singers were accompanied to the U.S. by seven chaperones. Among these, Director Cestmir Stasek led the group in song, while Jitka Rezna, the choir's manager coordinated preparations for the two week visit.

In the week prior to coming to Cedar Rapids, the choir participated in the Des Moines International Children's Choral Festival. In Des Moines, the group performed, trained alongside other children's choirs from around the world, and competed in the international competition. Prague Children's Choir received first place in the contest, and it  
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# VÍTÁME VÁS!

In May, Museum representatives met with Dagmar Hupková, of the Slovak Republic. Ms. Hupková, as U. S. Desk Officer for the Slovak Ministry of Culture, was in Iowa as a participant in the International Visitor Program sponsored by the United States Information Agency. Her mission was to promote the arts of the Slovak Republic. Her purpose in Iowa, was to offer advice in the planning of the 1993 "Celebration of Czech & Slovak Culture" activities and the "Dvořák Centennial Celebration" events scheduled for August 4th to 7th in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, and August 6th to 8th in Spillville. Arrangements for her visits in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids were made by the Council for International Visitors to Iowa City.

Ms. Hupková thoroughly enjoyed her visit to the Museum, the walking tour of the Czech Village, and her briefing on the Museum foundation's plans for the new national facility scheduled for completion in 1994. She delighted in seeing greetings on signs and store fronts and the business names on some of the shop windows, in the Czech Village, written in the Czech language.

In April, a colleague from Ms. Hupková's office in Bratislava visited the Museum. Mr. Marián Lucký, an arts administrator, was being hosted by The Drawing Legion (CSPS), an Alternative Arts Center, located in the Czech Village area. Mr. Lucký has made possible a special exhibit of "Theatre" art, opening at CSPS in October.

Visitors from both embassies of the Czech and Slovak Republics toured the National Czech & Slovak Museum, in August, and reviewed the plans for the new facility. Inka Vostřezová, First Secretary to the Ambassador from the Czech Republic was pleased to see an effort of such magnitude taking place in Iowa. She stated that with the expansion of the new facility, plans to begin cultural exhibit exchanges between our countries could be made.

Equal space has been reserved for the Slovak Republic, in the new museum's exhibit area, although fewer people of Slovak ancestry live in Eastern Iowa. Monika Nemcoková, Press Secretary for the Slovak Republic, was very happy to see this, noting that Czechoslovakia may have split into two republics, but their cultures remain one. "The country could be divided, but never the culture", she said.

Nemcoková and Vostřezová were visiting Iowa with Iowa Senator Charles Grassley's 1993 Foreign Ambassadors Tour. The side trip was arranged to acquaint embassy staff with the Czech community in eastern Iowa.

*(Continued from left column)* was clear to see years of practice and diligent training allowed the group to take top honors.

The choir stayed with host families throughout the visit. Seventeen families provided homes during their two nights in Cedar Rapids. Visits in Cedar Rapids included a specially prepared breakfast at Al's Red Frog in Czech Village, a tour of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, dinner at Ashley's Restaurant downtown, and a memorable visit to The Science Station.



Here the children had a great time exploring the many hands-on learning exhibits and found the giant-size bubble maker (below) a real challenge.



On Monday, July 5th, the rain went away and the sun came out right before dusk. Hundreds filed into the beautiful Paramount Theatre to  
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enjoy the Prague Children's Choir at their best. It was no surprise to the audience why this very special group of kids, ranging in age from eleven to sixteen, were voted number one just a week before.

After Cedar Rapids, it was on to Chicago for a few nights before returning home.

The Czech Fine Arts Fdn. helped arrange the financing of the groups expenses in the U.S. There are too many to thank in the confines of a newsletter. It took the coordinated effort of many individuals and businesses to make the tour a complete success.

A sincere thank you goes out to the Czech Heritage Foundation, and especially to Target Stores in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. Without their assistance, the trip literally could not have been possible.

The choir's stay held many memorable moments for all who were privileged to be a part of it. Without a doubt, the memory which will remain with us forever, will be the precious thank you we all received by the choir's members. After each congregational meal, after each tour, the Prague Children's Choir would show their appreciation by sharing a special song, just right for the occasion. There has never been a more caring, sharing, and appreciative group of people visiting here. Many lifelong friendships were made. We thank them for the music.

## HISTORIC GROUNDBREAKING

Join us on Thursday, October 28, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. when our community marks this very special occasion with music, song, and recognition by honored guests.

Cedar Rapids Mayor Larry J. Serbousek and Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad will take the podium. Also joining us will be the Ambassador to the United States from the Czech Republic, Michael Žantovský, and Petr Burian, Chargé d'affaires to the United States from the Slovak Republic.

Other special guests include Dr. Josef Jařab, Palacky University Rector; Charlotta Kotik, Great Granddaughter of Tomas Masaryk (Czechoslovakia's first president); and a host of others.

The Czech Heritage Singers will perform, and music will fill the air beginning at 1:00 p.m. compliments of the Czech Heritage Band and the Czech Plus Polka Band. (Free to the public.)

Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss it!

In honor of this grand celebration on the 75th Anniversary of the Czechoslovak Republic, the Czech Village Association is offering a Free Koláč and coffee for the first 1,000 participants. See you there!

## PRESS DAY

Plans were unveiled for the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by Cedar Rapids Mayor Larry J. Serbousek on August 19th.

Capital Campaign Co-chair, Henry Royer, CEO and President of Firststar Bank, shared the exciting news that more than \$1.9 million has been raised in the past 11 months.

Architect Leo Peiffer said work should begin on the structure shortly, as final drawings are completed and will be distributed to selected contractors.

Karel Zednicek of Stephen & Associates, museum designers for the new facility, explained various features of the exhibit area using a three dimensional model.

Stop by and see our colorful new sign on the building site.

## Můžete nám pomoci?

Blatná, a charming town of about 7,000 people, is seeking a "Sister City" in the United States. Located in southern Čechy, Blatná boasts a Sokol Hall, a museum, a theater group, and a castle with a moat. It is well situated for tours and it has a number of small industries. If you are interested in exploring a possible sister city relationship with Blatná, contact:

Mr. Sasha Gorev  
Sister Cities International  
120 South Payne Street,  
Suite 400  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

## COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE . . .

- Interview with Libuška Bartušek Brown, author of HAPPY TIMES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
- Czech, Moravian and Slovak Christmas Customs
- Volunteers Make It Happen!
- New Building Up-Date

# MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The Museum Gift Shop features unique, ethnic gifts created by local Czech artists and craftsmen, and imported items from the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Choose from:

- Beautifully hand-crafted and hand-painted ceramic items
- Intricately decorated Easter eggs
- Cookbooks, language tapes, and handcraft booklets
- Aprons, T-shirts, and Sweatshirts of special designs
- Lovely ribbon trim
- Corn Husk Dolls
- Hand-blown, glass Christmas ornaments (available year-round)

Stop by the Museum during business hours or write to the **Gift Shop Manager, P.O. Box 5398, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-5398** for information regarding orders by mail.

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## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

I wish to renew my membership to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual   | \$20         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining          | \$100 to \$199  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family       | \$30         | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron              | \$200 to \$999  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$50 to \$99 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Individual | \$1,000 or more |

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Why not consider a gift membership for someone special. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library depends on the support of its members to further advance the promotion of our Czechoslovak heritage.

Gift membership/renewal for:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this coupon together with your check made payable to National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, P.O. Box 5398, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-5398.

Membership renewals after October 1, will be valid through December 1994.

# KALENDÁŘ

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| Oct. 1-31           | Family Month – See individual cultural organizations, in Cedar Rapids, for their schedules of events.   |            |   |
| Oct. 1-3            | Middfest International – annual ethnic celebration<br>City Centre Plaza, Middletown, Ohio<br>Includes museum quality exhibits, music, authentic ethnic dances, and foods from countries around the world. Also scheduled throughout Middfest weekend are demonstrations of ethnic crafts and customs, lectures, workshops, and films. For more information. call: (513) 425-7707. | Oct. 28    | "Gallery Talk" with Helene Baine Cincebeaux, 12:15 p.m., Little Gallery, 2nd floor, Cedar Rapids Public Library. Discussion will focus on her folk dress exhibit and other treasures of Slovakia. |
| Oct. 3              | Czech Heritage Foundation Homestay Ambassadors' Report 3:00 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, Cedar Rapids. Free to the public.  | Oct. 28    | Official Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 3:00 p.m., Czech Village. Music starts at 1:00 p.m.  |
| Oct. 6-31           | Cultural Exhibit of Czechoslovak folk dress and folk art from the Baine/Cincebeaux collection, Little Gallery, Cedar Rapids Public Library (See article, pg. 2, for Gallery hrs.).  | Oct. 28    | Celebration Banquet for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 6:30 p.m., Cedar Rapids Country Club. Reservations required – call (319) 362-8500.  |
| Oct. 6              | Brown Bag Briefing, "Treasures of Slovakia," presented by Helene Baine Cincebeaux, 12:15 p.m., Little Gallery, 2nd floor, Cedar Rapids Public Library. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be provided.   | Oct. 29-30 | 3rd Czechoslovak Genealogical/Cultural Conference, Sheraton Inn and Convention Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  |
| Oct. 17             | 7th annual "Czech and Slovak Festival" 1:00-6:00 p.m. Baltimore 45 Association Inc. Hall, Baltimore, Maryland, presented by the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland. For more information call: (410) 893-2727.   | Oct. 30    | Halloween in the Czech Village<br>tricks and treats for children.   |
| Oct. 21-<br>Nov. 14 | FACES/FIGURES/SCENES: THEATRE POSTERS FROM SLOVAKIA Premier U.S. exhibit donated to CSPS by the National Theatre Center, in Bratislava, will be on display in honor of our Czechoslovak community's groundbreaking celebration for the new museum. Nine different   | Oct. 30    | Šibřinky – Dinner & Masquerade Dance<br>6:00 to 11:00 p.m., Sheraton Inn. Sponsored by the National Czech & Slovak Museum. Reservations required – call (319) 362-8500.                           |
|                     |   | Oct. 31    | "Lecture and Tea," 2:00 p.m., Beems Auditorium and Little Gallery, Cedar Rapids Public Library, final lecture on the Baine/Cincebeaux folk dress and folk art exhibit.                            |
|                     |   | Nov. 8     | Volunteer Recognition Dinner & Program.   |
|                     |   | Dec. 4     | St. Nicholas Day Events.  |

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