## BRNO MUSEUM NIGHT 2015 Saturday 16th May 2015, 18.00–24.00



So you can't wait for the traditional Brno Museum Night? Then don't hesitate, open your organizers, leaf through to **Saturday 16th May** and write down the time **from 18:00 to 24:00**. It will be on this very evening that, for the eleventh time, the (not only) Brno museums, galleries and other cultural spaces will stay open until the late night hours! In this unique atmosphere you will be able to see exhibitions in the historical museum buildings in the city centre, climb the look-out tower of the Old Town Hall, visit a showcase in a post wagon at the main railway station or learn about the secrets of genetics in the new *Mendelianum*.

All of the familiar Brno institutions, including the Moravian Gallery, Technical Museum, Moravian Museum, Brno City Museum, Brno House of Arts, Museum of the Brno Region, Museum of Roma Culture, Mendel Museum, Diocese Museum, as well as the Adam Gallery, Tourist Information Centre of the City of Brno, Puppet Museum in the Radost Theatre and the Zetor Gallery in Líšeň will keep their permanent and current exhibitions open to visitors. The exhibition of the Railway Post Museum at the Brno main railway station can be combined with boarding a historical railway wagon or a ride in a steam engine made possible by the Friends of the Rolling Stock Club. A varied cultural programme will be traditionally offered by the Jiří Mahen Library, a peaceful and spiritual experience by the Red Church and St Peter and Paul Cathedral. You can lay your hands on modern, interactive exhibits which help understand the world around us in the Vida! Science Centre, but if you are more tempted by historical spaces then don't miss the splendid rooms of the New Town Hall or the Brno Underground.

As with every year, this year's "night in the museum" will be accompanied by a varied cultural programme taking place at a number of locations throughout Brno. If you want to discover a new place on the cultural map of Brno, you should not miss out on an evening with artists from the independent audiovisual scene in the *Industra* centre. And those of you who do not feel like going to sleep after midnight can stay there for an **afterparty**.

At most of the locations, as tradition commands, there will be **completely free entry, or a voluntary or symbolic fee.** The amount of the fee and other conditions of entry (booking, advance sale, limited visitor numbers) are determined by the organizers of a particular institution, so when making plans for your own museum night do not forget to follow information about the programmes.

The complete programme of the eleventh Brno Museum Night can be found on the BMN web page and Facebook and in a printed brochure which will guide you through the museum night events. In addition to a detailed programme schedule it will again contain the timetables of the **dedicated bus lines of the Brno Public Transport Authority**, which will be available to visitors free of charge, and a map for better navigation. In the week preceding the event an **information bus** will be traditionally parked **in Náměstí Svobody in Brno.** Electronic media devotees are sure to be pleased by the fact that for the first time the www.brnenskamuzejninoc.cz home page will also have a version for mobile phones. It will enable you to carry with you at any time the programme for the whole night including the latest updates! Foreign visitors and students who have found temporary residence in Brno will appreciate the English language version of the web page.

The eleventh year which marks the beginning of the second decade of its existence is also awaited with excitement by its co-ordinator, Kateřina Tlachová: "The Brno Museum Night enters the second decade of its existence as a young lady who has already achieved some social status, has grown out of its child's clothes and knows how to conduct herself properly. At the same time the inner child is still captivated by a world where everything is new, surprising, entertaining – and is only too glad to pick up any challenge to experiment or fool around knowing that there are friends, supporters and authorities who can be relied with confidence and who exude self-confidence. This year the role has been taken up by the Friends of the Moravian Gallery which, together with the Moravian Gallery, share the organizational and financial backup of this beautiful but complicated event. If somebody might be led to think that after ten years the Brno Museum Night has nothing to surprise us with, he would be very wrong: In the course of the past year three brand-new establishments opened – the Vida! Science Centre entertainment and educational park within the Brno Fair Grounds, the Mendelianum visitor centre – an attractive world of genetics which is a branch of the Moravian Museum, and the COPA – a centre dedicated to 20th century architectural monuments. Also interesting are museums which are small in size but of great significance, such as the Mahen Memorial, the Leoš Janáček Memorial and the Diocese Museum. And do you know that we have a university museum in Brno? Just think where it could be? All in all, the museum night provides an opportunity to make discoveries and visitors are always in for something to look forward to!" said the organizer of the Brno Museum Night.

## ORGANIZERS OF THE BRNO MUSEUM NIGHT 2015 / 20 institutions

Diocese Museum Brno House of Arts Mendel Museum MU Moravian Gallery in Brno Moravian Museum Museum of the Brno Region (Předklášteří, Rajhrad, Prace) Brno City Museum Museum of Roma Culture Technical Museum in Brno

Adam Gallery Red Church Jiří Mahen Library in Brno Puppet Museum of the Radost Theatre Railway Post Museum and Friends of the Rolling Stock Club New Town Hall Tourist Information Centre Brno VIDA! Science Centre Zetor Gallery Methodological Centre for Modern Architecture in Brno

and others: Industra, Galerie Mini FA VUT, ...

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The Brno Museum Night is held under the auspices of the mayor of the City of Brno Petr Vokřál, the Brno bishop Vojtěch Cikrle and the South-Moravian region commissioner Michal Hašek. It is part of the Festival of Museum Nights of the Association of Museums and Galleries of the Czech Republic. It is financially supported by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic and the City of Brno; it is significantly contributed to by the Brno Public Transport Authority which provides free-of-charge transport for visitors to exhibition buildings outside the city centre.

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