## **BRNO MUSEUM NIGHT 2015**

Saturday May 16, 2015, 18.00–24.00



A year has passed and here it is again: that magic Saturday night inviting all of those attracted by history, technology, art, traditions, cultural and natural heritage monuments to follow their interest and set off to the ancient history of mankind or the earth itself, to take a peek into worlds invisible to the naked eye or listen to the language of works of art so different from the ordinary methods of communication yet enabling us to mediate impressions and facts so subtle they are easily ignored in the rush of the everyday life. All of the above can be found in museums, their collections, permanent and temporary exhibitions. Some have a tradition of more than a hundred years, others have opened in a new or modified format during the last year, but all of them are available five or more days a week patiently waiting for their visitors. Once a year they celebrate a holiday of their own, International Museum Day (May 18), which is a good reason to come out of the shadows and let the world know about them.

If you are eager for knowledge and like to learn about new things as well as meet people who are on the same wavelength and want to share with others, accept our invitation! You are sure to discover something new although the fundamentals do not change: the doors of museums, galleries and many other cultural centres in Brno and its surroundings will open to those interested of all age groups from 6 p.m. until midnight. A visit to their exhibitions and the accompanying programme will be offered either completely free, or for a symbolic entry fee.

The full programme of the eleventh Brno Museum Night can be found on the BMN web and Facebook pages and in a **printed brochure**, which serves as a guide to the museum night. As usual, alongside a detailed schedule it will also contain the comprehensive timetable of the **shuttle buses of the Brno Public Transport Authority** which will be available free of charge to visitors and a map for better navigation. Those who prefer electronic media will undoubtedly be pleased to hear that this year the home page <a href="www.brnenskamuzejninoc.cz">www.brnenskamuzejninoc.cz</a> is more user-friendly for **mobile phones**. You will be able to have the programme of the whole evening with all the updates with you all the time! Foreign visitors and students who are temporarily resident in Brno will also welcome an **English version**.

And where does Katerina Tlachová, the co-ordinator of all the eleventh museum nights, plan to go this year?

"This year the decision is even more difficult as apart from the Brno Museum Night "fixtures", being the fifteen museums, galleries and other cultural institutions in Brno and its environs, we are lucky that in the past year a number of brand-new establishments have opened their gates in Brno and will be involved in the programme of Brno Museum Night for the first time – the VIDA! Science Centre, the Methodological Centre for New Architecture and the Industra Independent Cultural Centre. I am sure curiosity will also take me to some other "new" places – Movable Holiday, an art workshop in Moravian Square, the Artissimo ceramic and glassmaking workshop on Husova St and the students' Galerie Mini at the Faculty of Architecture VUT. I am happy that they have decided to enrich the traditionally highly varied programme of the museum night with their creative endeavours. I will also go and see some of the programmes prepared by the Friends of the Moravian Gallery in the permanent exhibitions of this institution. Over time I more and more value the meeting and merging of so-called official activities and the informal civic active work – whether in culture, education or other areas and I really appreciate them. And as Brno Museum Night is becoming a platform for sharing and mutual cooperation, I am even more pleased," said the Brno Museum Night organizer.

#### ORGANIZERS OF THE BRNO MUSEUM NIGHT 2015

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 Romany Culture
Technical Museum in Brno

Adam Gallery
Red Church
Jiří Mahen Library in Brno
Puppet Museum of the Radost Theatre
Train 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, Artissimo, Movable Holiday

# A SELECTION FROM THE PROGRAMME OF THE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

As usual, during this year's museum night there is a lot to choose from! For example, you can come to the Governor's Palace, one of the three buildings of the Moravian Gallery in Brno, to see the exhibition "Kupezky. Master and his Circle" and have your portrait made by the gallery photographer in the neighbourhood of Baroque portraits, in the Technical Museum you will be enchanted by experiments with light and a sweet surprise also awaits you. The Museum of the Brno Region has prepared for you a light Baroque installation in the cloister of the Rajhrad monastery. The Diocese Museum will again stage street theatre shows. The Puppet Museum of the Radost Theatre, aside from a tour of the permanent exhibition, will offer short excerpts from puppet shows which are sure to please all the young visitors. You can go to the VIDA! Science Centre to try out a multitude of fascinating experiments and find out, among other things, how to make things invisible! The Moravian Museum will present the attractive world of genetics in the new Mendelanium showcase, and will also mark the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII with a varied programme. In the Zetor Gallery, where you can be taken this year free of charge by one of the special lines of the Brno Public Transport Authority, you

will be able to board most of the machines, take a look under the hood and take photos of yourself. A performance by a historical fencing troupe, a traditional market and tasting of Moravian wines can be encountered in Špilberk Castle, home to the Brno City Museum. The Museum of Romany Culture will invite you on guided tours of the "Story of the Romany People" exhibition with examples of traditional crafts of the Roma. A Children's Art Studio will be ready for those visiting the "Czech Painting of the 1990s Generation" exhibition in the Adam Gallery. Music and dance will animate the Jiří Mahen Library in Brno, the square with the House of Arts will be renamed for this occasion to "Malinové" and will host a live music performance thematically connected with the current "Memory Tectonics" exhibition. At the railway station you can become familiar with the history of a little known phenomenon in the Train Post Museum and take a ride on a steam engine with the Friends of the Rolling Stock Club. Brno at night can be seen from up high if you climb to the Lookout Tower of the Old Town Hall, and in the Mintmaster's cellar at the Tourist Information Centre of the City of Brno you will have access to the exhibition of coinage in Brno and in Moravia. Free entry to its unique halls and rooms will be provided in the New Town Hall, the Methodological Centre for Modern Architecture (NPÚ) in the garden of the Villa Stiassni, the Red Church and the Mendel Museum.

If you want to know yet another new place on the cultural map of Brno, do not miss out on an evening featuring artists from the independent audio-visual scene in the **Industra** centre kicking off at 23.00. And if you do not feel like going to bed at midnight you can enjoy yourself at their festival of the Czech independent audio-visual scene until dawn.

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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

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