

B. Smetana: Má vlast / My country (cycle of symphonic poems with ballet)

Come to enjoy a unique performance joining heart-taking music by the most famous Czech composer and a wonderful ballet exhibition

My Country, the monumental cycle of symphonic poems by Bedřich Smetana (1824–1884), is a unique apotheosis of the composer's love for his motherland. Smetana himself wrote a brief outline of the contents of the cycle's individual parts.



The piece, which Smetana dedicated to the city of Prague, was first performed in 1882. Its import, most notably in the darkest times for the Czech nation, was perhaps most eloquently expressed in 1939 by a writer, Jan Drda: *"It is not a poem, it's a prophecy. A spiritual vision of the beautiful land which has accompanied generation after generation, a message of hope and love harking back to the past and pointing to the future... A land from whose people have arisen such truly prophetic figures as was recently Bedřich Smetana, is indeed invincible."*



Practical info:

Date and time: Monday, 8th December 2008 (starts at 11:00 a.m.)
Meeting point: in front of Státní opera (the National Opera), 10:40 a.m.
Note: Formal dress is recommended

Price: 80 CZK
How to sign up: register in Buddy System office RB548

Capacity: 29 people
Deadline: Tuesday, 11th November 2008 !!!

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