

CONCENTUS MORAVIAE 21TH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL OF 13 TOWNS

theme SHAKESPEARE, BEETHOVEN
AND THE CZECH QUARTET TRADITION

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Pavel Haas Quartet



Gothic Church in Kurdějov



Valtice Chateau



Žďár nad Sázavou Chateau

Shakespeare, Beethoven, and the Czech string quartet tradition meet at the Concentus Moraviae Festival

The **Concentus Moraviae International Music Festival of 13 Towns** offers an opportunity to combine unique musical experiences with a visit to picturesque towns in **South Moravia**, the **Vysočina Region**, and **Lower Austria**. Classical music concerts take place at chateaux, chateau courtyards, and churches every year in June. The unique environment and refreshing programming make the **Concentus Moraviae** an interesting event for listeners from the festival towns as well as visitors from the entire Czech Republic, and abroad.

The 2016 program includes 35 concerts in 21 towns; the theme of the 21st edition is string quartet. This most demanding of all chamber formations is often compared to marriage, thus the motto is a line from the Sonet No. 8 by William Shakespeare: *Mark how one string, sweet husband to another, strikes each in each by mutual ordering.*

The thread of all concerts is chamber music compositions of Ludwig van Beethoven. The festival will present all of his 16 quartets, along with significant compositions of Czech and world repertory, and newly commissioned works. The residence

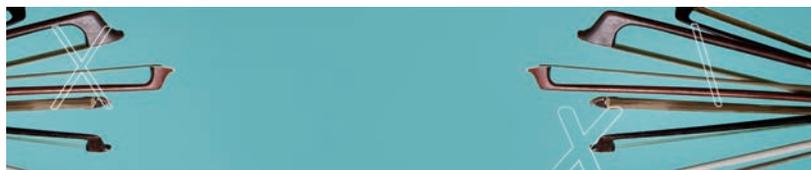
ensemble of the festival is the **Pavel Haas Quartet**, the winner of four "Classical Music Oscars", the Gramophone magazine awards. The ensemble will perform on five concerts, and also offers master classes.

Concentus Moraviae will feature **leading Czech quartets**: Zemlinsky Quartet, Talich Quartet, Škampa Quartet, Janáček Quartet, Pražák Quartet, as well as outstanding foreign ensembles like Dover Quartet, Modigliani Quartet, Kodály Quartet, Danish String Quartet, and Van Kuijk Quartet. Three dozen concerts will present the diversity of the string quartet and the fundamental importance of the Czech quartet composition school. The festival is one of the most significant European quartet shows in recent decades. Some of the performances will be dedicated to other genres (jazz, alternative music) and forms (theater, melodrama, and *Shakespeare and Music* lectures of professor and translator Martin Hliský, honorary member of the Order the British Empire).

The program will be enriched by the **Music on Bike** event, prepared for music loving cyclists on the Czech-Austrian border, on 11 June.

More detailed program, information on festival towns and individual venues, bus transportation to concerts from Brno, and ticket sales at:

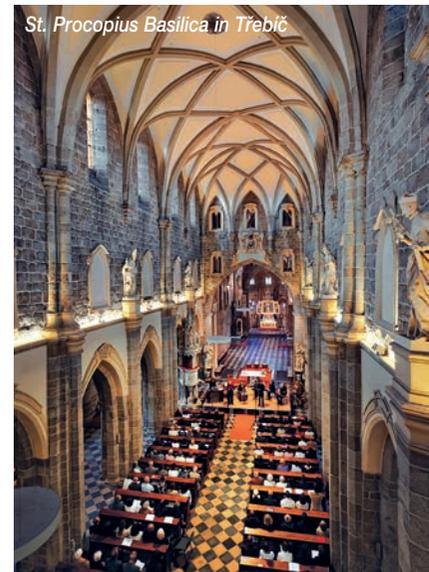
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