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THE CZECH MUSIC COUNCIL AWARD FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FORFEST FESTIVAL

The FORFEST promoters are going to receive the Czech Music Council Award on 23 June 2015 at 1 p.m. in the Ceremonial Hall of the Municipal Authority in Kroměříž. The award is going to be presented by Mgr. Jaromír Javůrek, Ph.D., the director of the Czech Music Council, and PhDr. Lenka Dohnalová, Ph.D., the secretary of the Council.

FORFEST – the 26th spiritually-oriented international festival of contemporary arts takes place in Kroměříž, Brno, Olomouc and Bratislava this year. It includes concerts, exhibitions, lectures and composition courses (<http://www.forfest.cz/?presenter=Program>). This edition is going to host significant personalities from twelve countries. The festival is the member of the prestigious association European Conference of Promoters of New Music (www.ecpnm.com), and we have also received the EFFE label from the EFFE – Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe (www.effe.eu).

Reasons given for the CMC Award. *Speaking of its specialization, the festival continues to be exceptional and dramatically beneficial not only in the Czech Republic.* It specializes in contemporary production, new formats, interconnection of various kinds of arts, international cooperation with Slovakia in particular but the dramaturgy favours the reflexive and spiritually-oriented arts at the same time. The festival not only supports the frequently accentuated innovativeness but also the traditional awareness of the need to informally cultivate society through art. The combination makes it more attractive for artists and audiences and this is the reason why the long-term promoters, Mr and Mrs Vaculovič, are going to receive the Czech Music Council Award for their devotion, vision and work, which has not often been supported much.

The **Czech Music Council** is the non-governmental music organisation, the Czech section of the UNESCO International Music Council. It resides at the Arts and Theatre Institute in Prague. It associates important orchestras, festivals, artists, teachers, media as well as departments and individuals. The president of the CMC is Mgr. Jaromír Javůrek, Ph.D, the director of Janáček May. The Czech Music Council Awards have been presented to extraordinary personalities or organisations in the whole music spectrum for their long-term activities and promotion of Czech music culture since 1994. The award-winning artists include conductors Sir Charles Mackerras, Zdeněk Košler, Zdeněk Mácal, or Serge Baudo last year, performers such as Ivan Moravec, Due Boemi di Praga, or Spirituál kvintet and Iva Bittová. The awards have been accompanied by Czech visual artist's work since 1994. More information: www.chr.nipax.cz

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