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12:00 PM DOORS OPEN Music by PAJTAŠI, Meals, Beverages, Vendors

1:00 PM PERFORMANCE Slavic-American Sokol

1:30 PM OPENING National Flags Ceremony, National Anthems

2:00 PM DANCE LESSON Dance Teachers and Pajtaši

2:45 PM PERFORMANCE Baltimore Sokol

3:30 PM RAFFLE DRAWING Good Luck!

4:00 PM PERFORMANCE American Sokol Washington

6:00 PM DOOR CLOSES Official Closing - Thank you for coming.

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Raltimore, October 29, 2023

Dear friends of Czechia and Slovakia, On behalf of the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland, I would like to welcome you to the 35th Czech and Slovak Festival.

We are really proud to host this traditional event at this beautiful venue in Sykesville, MD.

Whether you are a returning visitor or visiting for the very first time, we want to thank you for your support.

We hope that you will enjoy everything that our association has prepared for you.

Please have a taste of traditional meals, pastries, Czech and Slovak beer. We have invited various vendors to bring you traditional sweets and goods for purchase. Enjoy music by Slovak cimbalom band Pajtasi, dancing, and fellowship.

Thank you for being here today; we hope you will continue to take part in all of the activities of the Association.

Se srdečným pozdravem, So srdečným pozdravom,



Petr Justin CSHA President

About Us

druženie Čechov a Slovákov pre Zachovanie Národných Odkazov / Sdružení Čechů a Slováků pro Uchování Národních Odkazů, The Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland, Inc., the CSHA is dedicated to providing education in the language, culture, traditions and history of the Czechs and Slovaks.

Founded in 1994, the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association was created to preserve the Czech and Slovak heritage, promote and provide education in the languages, cultures, traditions, and histories of the Czech and Slovak peoples, to maintain in succeeding generations ties between the Czech and Slovak communities in America and the peoples of the Czech Republic and Slovakia and to provide assistance to charitable Czech and Slovak endeavors.

The CSHA membership is open to all persons interested in furthering the purposes of the CSHA. JOIN CSHA! Support our mission of keeping the Czech and Slovak heritage alive.

We are always looking for new members of all ages. Consider joining if you have Slovak or Czech ancestry, and want to learn about the culture, language, history, and beauty of these two small countries in the heart of Europe, or just want to make new friends.

As of January 23th, 2022 `the 2022-23 Officers and Board of Directors were elected:

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For more information about our Association, our activities, events, Language schools, CSHA membership, our publication HLAS, Heritage Singers and others, check our website www.cshamaryland.org or contact us at info@cshamaryland.org.

The CSHA Board of Directors will respond to answer your questions and provide information. We are eager to hear your ideas and suggestions.

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Best Wishes for Your Festival!

I have attended the annual Czech and Slovak Festival with my wife Cindy (nee Marschat) for over 20 years. It is a fantastic time and honors two great cultures. This year is sure to be another wonderful display of food, culture, dance and music. I will attend and bring my friends and family.

As a member of Bob Lucido Team of Keller Williams Lucido Agency, I hope that you will consider me when you need a professional realtor for selling or buying property. We provide access to our fleet of moving trucks,* free staging consultations and I will give anyone from this festival a \$1,000 discount on any fees or commissions.* Contact me at the above cell number or email me at VinceGardina@BobLucidoTeam.







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Our Mountains - Krkonoše, Czechia

rkonoše ['kṛkonoʃɛ], are mountain ranges located in the north of the Czech Republic, part of the Czech Massif.

The Czech-Polish border, which divides the historical regions of Bohemia and Silesia follows its main ridge. At 1,603 meters above sea level, the peak called Sněžka is the highest natural point in the Czech Republic. The river Elbe originates in the Krkonoše Mountains.

The area of the Krkonoše Mountains is 631 square kilometers (244 sq mi), 454 square kilometers (175 sq mi) in the Czech Republic and 177 square kilometers (68 sq mi) in Poland.

Numerous mountain huts, which are called boudas, are typical for the Krkonoše Mountains. These were usually named either according to their location or according to their constructor or inhabitant. They are located in the higher parts or on the Krkonoše ridge and were used by shepherds as wooden shelters in the summer.

After 1800, some of the mountain huts became interesting for the first tourists, and by the end of the 19th century, many were converted into hostels. Later, these huts were often extended to accommodate larger numbers of guests. Famous historical mountain huts include Luční bouda, Martinova bouda and Vosecká bouda.



The mountain range forms one of the most traditional tourist areas in Central Europe. Already in the 18th century, ascents to Sněžka were common, and attracted visitors such as Theodor Körner and Johann Wolfgang Goethe.

The Krkonoše Mountains have a number of important ski resorts and are a popular destination for tourists engaged in downhill and cross-country skiing, hiking, cycling and other activities. The largest mountain resorts are located on the Czech side in Pec pod Sněžkou, Špindlerův Mlýn and Harrachov.





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Our Mountains - Hrubý Jeseník, Moravia

rubý Jeseník [ˈfirubiː ˈjɛsɛniːk] is a mountain range and geomorphological mesoregion of the Czech Republic.

It is located in the east of the country in the Olomouc and Moravia-Slezska regions. It is the second highest mountain range in the Czech Republic.

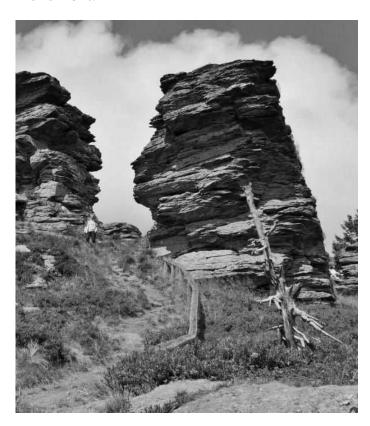
There are 56 peaks with an altitude of at least 1,000 m, which are distributed evenly throughout the territory. Hrubý Jeseník has an area of 530 square kilometers (200 sq mi) and an average elevation of 888 meters (2,912 ft).

According to the most likely theory, the name originates from the word jasan, i.e. "ash tree". Jeseníky (plural Jeseník) is a collective name for the area that includes the Hrubý Jeseník (literally "rough Jeseník") and Nízký Jeseník (i.e. "low Jeseník") mountain ranges.

Several rivers and streams originate in the mountain range. The most important are Desná and the springs of the river Opava. The only significant body of water is the Dlouhá Stráne reservoir.

Due to the mountainous character of the landscape, there are no larger settlements here. The largest settlement in the area is Vrbno pod Pradědem. The town of Jeseník is located just beyond the borders of the mountain range.

Almost the entire territory of Hrubé Jeseníky is protected within the Jeseníky Nature Reserve. There are 32 small protected areas here. Among the most important are the Praděd, Šerák-Keprník, Rejvíz and Skřítek national nature reserves and the Javorový vrch National Natural Monument.



An interesting aspect of the climate in Hrubý Jeseník is the high amount of snow pack, on the leeward cliffs the snow regularly stays until May, sometimes even until summer.

One such leeward area, located under Petrovými Kameny, is used by the Ovčárna ski resort. There are many marked trails for skiing, hiking and cycling in the vicinity. Here visitors will find plenty of accommodation, restaurants and year-round sports.

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Our Mountains - Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia

ysoké Tatry [vɨˈsɔkʲɛ ˈtatrɨ] is a mountain range along the border of northern Slovakia in the Prešov Region and southern Poland.

The High Tatras have 29 peaks which are more than 2,500 meters (8,200 ft) above sea level. The highest peak is Gerlachovský štít, at 2,655 metres (8,711 ft). The symbol of the country, though, is the mountain Kriváň.

Vysoké Tatry contain more than 100 alpine lakes and several waterfalls. The largest and deepest lake of the Tatras is Veľké Hincovo pleso, the highest is Modré pleso (2,192 meters above sea level). The most visited lakes are Štrbské pleso and Popradské pleso.

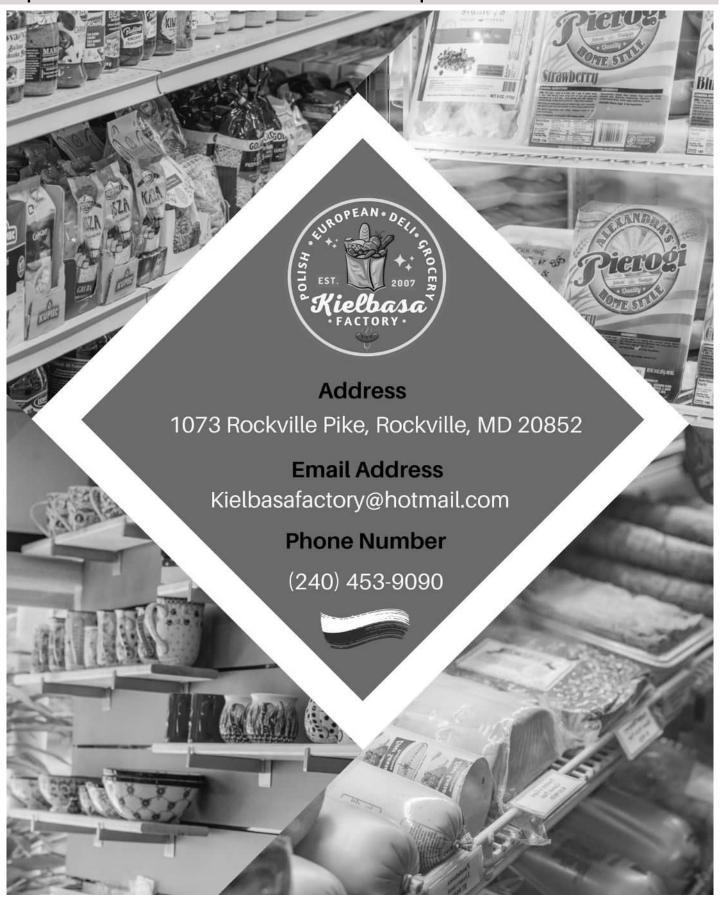
Due to its alpine character, the High Tatras are home to many rare and endemic species of animals and plants. These include the Tatra endemic goat antelope and the critically endangered species, the Tatra chamois. Predators include brown bear, lynx, marten, wolf and fox.

The area is famous for winter sports. Ski resorts include Štrbské pleso, Starý Smokovec and Tatranská Lomnica in Slovakia and Zakopane in Poland. The town of Poprad is the gateway to the Slovak Tatra resorts of Starý Smokovec, Tatranská Lomnica and Štrbské pleso.



The Górale people ("highlanders"), a group of indigenous people with a distinctive traditional culture, are from the High Tatras and other mountain ranges and valleys in the Tatras region.





The Czech and Slovak Language School for Children

ear families, parents and friends of the CSHA, The Czech and Slovak Language School for Children welcomes you to the 2023-2024 school year!

The CSHA is unique in its offering classes for children in both the Czech and Slovak languages. We want to invite our members, families and friends to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in exploring a new language, or staying current in your heritage language, please let us know.

Our Fall semester is already underway, but there still is time to sign up. All classes are being held virtually, with Slovak and Czech teachers and their students meeting online. Beginners or fluent speakers are welcome to join us.

The Czech language beginner's class meet on Fridays at 6PM, advanced speakers on Mondays at 6 PM.

Slovak Language children's classes continue to meet on Sundays: beginners meet at 9 AM and advanced speakers at 10 AM.

We can also tailor our classes to suit everyone's needs.

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For more information, or to register a student please visit our website.

Our Language School also organizes Family Fun nights, which happen throughout the year usually every other month or quarterly and include Carnival Mask Making, Easter traditions, Back to school picnic, Mikulášská celebrations and Christmas Carol Singing.

Visit our website or Facebook page for a detailed schedule information, and how to register.

The Czech and Slovak Language School for Adults

he CSHA is one of the few organizations in the USA that offers language instruction for adults

Participants in our Czech and Slovak Language School have been meeting virtually since the beginning of the pandemic. While we miss seeing each other in person, our school has grown to include students from all over the United States and other countries.

The beginning, intermediate and advanced classes for both Czech and Slovak languages are held on Saturday mornings. The fall classes start at the beginning of September 10 and the spring semester begins in January.

We also offer summer courses based on student interest.

The Czech and Slovak Language School was founded in 1989 to preserve the Czech and Slovak heritage. Our first teacher was the late Milada Vanicek.

We will forever feel grateful to the late Dolores Zajickova Gentes who had taught first-year Czech beginners class in 1990 and was instrumental in publicizing the school. For many years, her husband, the late Harold "Pete" Gentes organized the refreshment time during class breaks.



The school is open to anyone interested in learning about Czech and Slovak languages, history, and culture.

Visit our website or email info@cshamaryland.org for a detailed schedule information, and how to register.

When visiting the festival, ask our staff about the language school and also take one or two books in Czech, Slovak or English, which are available at our association table.

1987-2023: Thirty-seven Years, Thirty-five Festivals

unday, 11 October, 1987 was a chilly and damp day, but the weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 100 or so members of

Baltimore's Czechoslovakian community who gathered at War Memorial Plaza downtown for Baltimore's first Czech and Slovak Festival. Why so few attendees? It was probably because of competition with the Oktoberfest at 5th Regiment Armory. Billed as Baltimore's 1st Annual Czechoslovakian Reunion under the auspices of the Mayor's Office of Adventures in Fun, and organized by Virginia Baker, Richard Lidinsky, Mary Kotras, Eva Slezak, and Norma Svejda, the 1987 event launched a tradition that has grown into our yearly celebration of Czech and Slovak heritage and culture.

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The Mayor's Office of Adventures in Fun
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Baltimore's 1st Annual
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN
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Sunday, October 11, 1987
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
War Memorial Plaza

In the first program Eva Slezak wrote about the history of the Czech and Slovak community in Baltimore and concluded by observing that: "Although the Czechoslovakian community may not be as visible as in previous decades, the ties have never been broken; and so today's reunion is in actuality a renewal of those ties." Entertainment was provided by Sokol Baltimore's gymnasts and Lillian Sonberg and her granddaughters Joanne and Carina who performed several songs and dances and showed off their beautiful kroj.

Music, from the Prague Brass Band, accordionist Buddy Casper, and Ed Levinka's collection of Czech tapes played throughout the afternoon. Other attractions included a Pit Beef Stand, a Concession Stand and a BEER GARDEN! In Virginia Baker's words, "Today is just the beginning of many great reunions to come." We don't have a program for the 1988 Festival. It was a small affair held in one of the Patterson Park pavilions and featured, as I recall, a variety of traditional pastries and some ladies wearing kroj. There was a good deal of talk about finding a larger venue and scheduling our Festival to avoid competition with other big events.



The 1989 and the 1990 Annual Festivals were held in Parkville at Tall Cedars Hall on Putty Hill Avenue. The sponsoring organization called itself The Czechoslovak Ethnic Association and asserted its purpose to be "to promote the Czech Festival, Czech language class and culture." The program featured a lengthy article about contemporary Czechoslovakia and a brief article about Baltimore's famous painted screens and the Oktavec family who popularized them.

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The program for 1990 featured a long article about the Catholic Church in Communist Czechoslovakia, an article about Sr. Bea, who became part of the charismatic movement in the Church, as well as "The Story of Wenceslas: Prince and Saint."

Both years there was, of course beer and pork, sauerkraut and dumplings on hand. (There was, more than likely, slivovice too.)

The venue for the 1991 Annual Czechoslovak
Festival shifted to Dundalk and the United
Steelworkers of America Hall. The program
doesn't tell us much about the affair, but the list
of patrons tells us that the Czechoslovak Ethnic
Association has grown to include at least 90
members, many of whom are still active in our
CSHA. The traditional menu was served, but
Festival goers complained that the layout of the
hall required getting one's food downstairs and
carrying it upstairs to sit and eat it. Many felt that
this arrangement prevented the camaraderie to
which we'd become accustomed.

By this time the Czechoslovak Ethnic Association had been formally reorganized and incorporated as the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland -CSHA.



1992 saw the beginning of a long run, which continued until 2017, at Tall Cedars Hall. For most of those years dance music was provided by Joy of Maryland and their leader Al Matousek. In 2005 we had the pleasure of an appearance by Jaroslav Cech, a cembalo ensemble, from Uherske Hradište. Their extraordinary performance thrilled all who attended that Festival.

In 2016 the folk group Pajtaši began their long-standing tradition with us and followed us, in 2017, to the VFW Hall in Parkville. Despite the smaller space, that Festival was a success and we managed to welcome almost 300 guests to our 30th Annual Festival.

2018 saw us moving to the American Legion Hall on York Road in Towson. As we all know, our 2020 and 2021 Festival plans were derailed by Covid, but in 2022 we were delighted to be able to, once again, welcome guests to our 34th year of presenting the Annual Czech and Slovak Festival.



This year we meet in the beautiful Legacy Hall in Sykesville, MD. This new location offers us a more spacious place to welcome you to our traditional event.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Thank you for coming to THE THIRTY-FIFTH CZECH AND SLOVAK FESTIVAL



We will see you at the 36th Festival on Sunday, October 27, 2024



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