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Programme FESTPOL 11th International Festival of Police Orchestras and Choirs Prague, 4.6. – 7.6. 2015

In June 2015 the 11th International Festival of the Police Orchestras and Choirs will take place in the city of Prague. Ninety-five ensembles from Austria, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and the Czech Republic took part in the 10 last successful courses of the festival, which came to life in June 1995.

The aim of this event is to promote close personal contact among the "guardians of the law" of these countries which is extremely important for cooperation of the police at the international level.

During the four days of their stay in Prague, the orchestras and the choirs will perform publicly in concert halls, gardens and on the largest squares of the city. They will also take part in Prague Castle concert, a parade in the city centre with a final concert in the city centre.

The festival organiser is The Band of the Castle Guards and Police of the Czech Republic (which this year celebrates 70 years of its existence) in cooperation with BP Promotion festival agency under the patronage of the Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Mr. Milan Štěch, the Police President of the Czech Republic Mr. Tomáš Tuhý and the city mayor of Prague Mrs. Adriana Krnáčová.

4.6. 2015 / Thursday

- Afternoon – arrival of the participants
20,00 Reception of conductors and representatives of the orchestras and choirs by the mayor of the Town Hall of Prague
We can offer evening activities such as visit of cultural performances, dinner in the brewery, folklore evening etc.

5.6. 2015 / Friday

- 9,00 Guided half-day city tour for each ensemble
11,30 Reception of ensemble representatives by the Police President
14,00 Wallenstein Garden - Opening ceremony under the patronage of the chairman of the Senate of the Czech Parliament
14,10 Opening concert of choirs and orchestras in the Wallenstein Garden
Evening Vltava river cruise with buffet dinner and music (2hrs) - optional or individual programme

6.6. 2015 / Saturday

- 9,30 Concert of choirs at the Basilica of St. George, Prague Castle
10,00 Concert of the Band of Castle Guard and Police of the Czech Republic and of all participants in the garden Na Valech, Prague Castle*
12,30 Joint lunch of all festival participants
15,00 Parade of all orchestras and choirs through the city of Prague and joint concert on the Old Town Square
20,00 Residence of the Mayor - Festival final evening with awarding ceremony buffet style dinner, dancing and singing

* During the **joint concerts on 6.6.**, following compositions will be performed: František Kmoč: *Kolíne, Kolíne* and *Muziky, muziky* (play all orchestras and sing all choirs – unisono)

7.6. 2015 / Sunday

Departure for home