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Come celebrate with us September 17-19!

BrewNost is back — live and in person — as NCSML celebrates 25 years since the building dedication by three presidents in 1995.



BrewNost 2021 is sponsored by Basepoint Wealth.

NCSML is celebrating with full force September 17-19 and has a jam-packed weekend of celebratory events planned for you. Here is the schedule:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BrewNost, it's back! Join us for some of the best food, beer, wine and spirits the corridor has to offer, plus live music, the chance to win a trip to Slovakia, live and silent auction, and the most fun crowd you will find anywhere, ever. Event tickets are available online at ncsml.org, raffle tickets are available in person at NCSML both before and during the event, and the silent auction will be online at ncsml.org two weeks prior to the event. \$125 VIP, \$75 General Admission, \$50 Designated Driver.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- **Parade of kroje**, hosted by Helene Cincebeaux in celebration of the exhibit *Crowning Glory: A Feast Of Slovak & Moravian Headdresses*, which features artifacts from Cincebeaux's personal collection of Czech and Slovak folkwear, **10 a.m.***
- **Lecture** by Lucia Gavulová, Curator of the Collection of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Slovak National Gallery, in the NCSML Library, **1 p.m.***
- **Lecture** by Zuzana Palovic, Founder, and Gabriela Bereghazyova, Co-director of Global Slovakia, on their book *Super Slovaks*, which was co-authored with David Keys, **2 p.m.***

- **25th Anniversary Dinner** kicks off with the ribbon cutting for exhibit *Treasures of Slovakia*. The evening will include a plated dinner, cocktail hour concert by pianist Tomáš Kačo, special guest speakers, and premiere of a work written in honor of NCSML by pianist and composer Jacob Beranek. Tickets available at ncsml.org, **5:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- **Legacy Society Brunch**, **10:30 a.m.**
- **Lecture** by Branislav Panis, General Director of the Slovak National Museum and curator of *Treasures of Slovakia*, in the NCSML Library, **1 p.m.***
- **Tour** led by Helene Cincebeaux of *Crowning Glory*, **2 p.m.***

Please consider joining us for some or all of these events as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of that historic day when US President Bill Clinton, Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel, and Slovak Republic President Michal Kovac came to Cedar Rapids to dedicate not just NCSML's building, but our community's dedication to honoring Czech and Slovak heritage as well as that of all immigrants who we call neighbors.

**Free and open to the public.*

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1 p.m.	Branislav Panis lecture
2 p.m.	Tour of <i>Crowning Glory</i>

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please call Lori Lane at 319-362-8500.



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A Year Like None Other

The past 18 months will never be forgotten, and the ongoing dedication of NCSML's community will forever be among my most vivid memories of this time. I am incredibly proud and grateful to report on this past year's successes at NCSML: proud of the flexibility and dedication which has been demonstrated by our staff and Board members to ensure that the work of this organization continued with programmatic and fiscal integrity, and grateful for the passionate support which has continued to be shared by visitors, volunteers, and contributors. Thank you all, and I look forward to continuing to work and create alongside each and every one of you as September approaches and we will finally celebrate the 25th anniversary of NCSML's building dedication by three presidents in 1995.

We have so much to celebrate right now! In September, we will officially launch the NCSML Czech and Slovak Cooking School with master chef Tomas Slepicka. It had great pilot success online, and this Fall it launches officially with both online and in-person courses. Future episodes will also feature food experts in the Czech Republic. Our Czech and Slovak language learning programs, as well as the inaugural NCSML Hody festival, connected us with new audiences. Exhibit and Library services have continued at full capacity, and the innovative freedom- and democracy-focused curricular programming with Metro High School in Cedar

Rapids is entering its third year (online curriculum was also made available to schools and parents everywhere). We have welcomed some terrific new staff members (see page 3), and will be debuting a new and much improved website in September (ncsml.org). There is never a dull or idle moment at NCSML as we continue to refresh and grow the outstanding cultural programming you have come to depend on. As we enter this post pandemic period still cautious and possessing a new level of environmental awareness, we welcome your feedback—your input will drive NCSML's future.

I hope you will join us for some if not all of the events planned for the 25th anniversary celebration of NCSML's building dedication in 1995 by US President Bill Clinton, Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel, and Slovak Republic President Michal Kovac, to be held September 17-19, 2021. Details are on page 1, but it will kick-off with the return of BrewNost (live and in person!), two exhibit openings, and a dignitary-laden dinner in honor of that day which few Cedar Rapidianians will ever forget. As always, none of this would be possible without the steadfast commitment of individuals, foundations, and other businesses on which NCSML so critically depends. *Děkuju! Děkujem! Thank you!*



Cecilia Rokusek
President/CEO

Cecilia Rokusek

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Sunday, 12 - 4 p.m.

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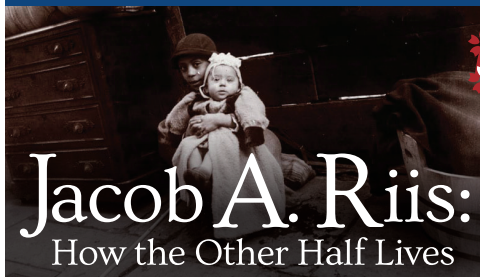
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EXHIBITS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit ncsml.org for more details on specific events.

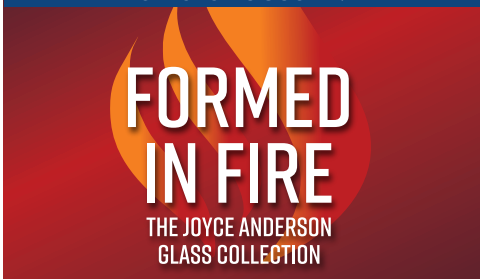
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OPENS SEPTEMBER 19




AUGUST

- 5 Walking Tour: New Bohemia
- 6 Coffee & Kolach: *Live from Wilbur, NE* 
- 7 Free First Saturday for Students
- 7 Czech Cooking School: Herb-crusted pork tenderloin meal
- 10 Bridging Democracy Dance Wkshp Pt. 1
- 11 Czech Cooking School: Czech vegetarian meal
- 11 History on Tap: Urban Planning, Sustainability & Immigration
- 17 Bridging Democracy Dance Wkshp Pt. 2
- 19 Dialogues on Food & Sustainability Pt. 1
- 21 Czech Cooking School: Armenian Honey Cake
- 24 Bridging Democracy Dance Wkshp Pt. 3
- 25 Czech Cooking School: Chicken breast with peach, brie and Swiss cheese meal


SEPTEMBER

- 2 Walking Tour: Czech Village
- 3 Coffee & Kolach 
- 4 Free First Saturday for Students
- 8 History on Tap: The Science of Brewing
- 14 Beginners Czech Language & Culture I
- 17 BrewNost
- 18 25th Anniversary Celebration
- 28 Darrin Crow Storytelling Workshop

OCTOBER

- 1 Coffee & Kolach 
- 2 Free First Saturday for Students
- 5 Darrin Crow Storytelling Workshop
- 12 Darrin Crow Storytelling Workshop
- 13 History on Tap: with Film Scene
- 19 Darrin Crow Storytelling Workshop
- 24 *Vang: A Drama About Recent Immigrant Farmers*

NOVEMBER

- 5 Coffee & Kolach 
- 6 Free First Saturday for Students

Welcome to New Staff Members



Joan Flecksing, Chief Operating Officer, most recently was Director of Operations for Matthew 25 and spent 18 years as a Park Manager with the Iowa DNR. A Linn County native, she has a Masters of Public Administration and is a Certified Public Manager, and has also been adjunct faculty at Kirkwood Community College. Additional interests include prairie and Volkswagen restoration. She and her husband, Bob, have three children.



Lori Lane, Director of Community Development, comes to NCSML from Cedar Rapids Opera where she was Executive Director. She holds an MSL and, in addition to her experience in nonprofit administration, has worked as a music teacher and professional gardener. She currently serves on the Boards of Iowa Women's Foundation and Harmony School of Music.



Cynthia Nodland, Executive Assistant to the President and unofficial NCSML pastry chef, previously worked at PCI. She holds a BA in Family Services and looks forward to celebrating 20 years of marriage to Mark in November, with daughters Rose and Emily.



Carol Olson, Bookkeeper, holds a BA in Accounting as well as degrees in Molecular Biology and Botany. She considers herself an entrepreneur, K-pop fan and Star Wars nerd, and has two adult daughters.



Andrea Siebenmann, Store Manager and Director of Volunteer Services, has been an NCSML volunteer for many years. She has also been working in higher ed for the past 20 years, most recently as International Student and Scholar Advisor at University of Iowa. Born and raised in Nitra, Slovakia, she holds an MS degree in International Development.



IN THE GALLERIES

PETRIK GALLERY



Formed in Fire: The Joyce Anderson Glass Collection will continue through August 29 and features some of the finest examples of Czech glass and porcelain from this lifelong collector. Works include Moser vases featuring enameled oak leaves and insects, and glass jewels. Amphora pottery with arts and crafts motifs, as well as Royal Dux porcelain, perfume bottles, vanity glass, animal figurines, and wine sets are also included. Exhibit **closes August 29**.

◀ **Treasures of Slovakia** brings rare and significant artifacts from the Slovak National Museum in Bratislava to NCSML, many leaving Slovakia for the first time. These items represent the rich history and culture of Slovakia as far back as 500 years to current times. Exhibit **opens September 19**.



SMITH GALLERY



▶ **How the Other Half Lives: Jacob A. Riis** photographically chronicles life on the street around the turn of the 20th century in New York. Considered one of photography's great innovators and perhaps the original photo journalist, Riis never considered himself a photographer but dedicated his life to writing, lecturing and advocating on behalf of social reform. This collection is a startling illustration of what life was like for many immigrants upon arrival in the US. Exhibit **closes August 11**.

◀ **Crowning Glory: A Feast of Slovak & Moravian Headdresses** will feature nearly 100 items from the Baine/Cincebeaux Collection of Slovak & Czech Folk Dress and Folk Art. Hours of labor and generations of meaning, mystique, and creativity are infused into each unique piece of art. Exhibit **opens August 28**.



ANDERSON GALLERY



▶ **Moravian Glory** follows the life of great-grandmother Maryška from Charvátská Nová Ves. Customs and traditions are reflected through Maryška's life story and, in many ways, are typical of other women of her generation in the 20th century. Through her lens, viewers will recall some important historical moments and witness the evolution of 20th century life while simultaneously learning how folklore heritage is preserved in Moravia to this day. Exhibit **closes September 6**.

◀ **Vincent Hložník: Between War and Dream** features 20 Surrealist-inspired linocut prints by this Slovak artist. From the series Dreams (Sny, 1962), this work is on loan from Derfner Judaica Museum and The Art Collection at Hebrew Home at Riverdale. They represent a turning point in Hložník's work where his figurative motifs take on more symbolic and metaphorical meanings. Exhibit **opens September 11**.



NCSML Heritage Garden Growing

It has been a year of tremendous growth for more than just plants in NCSML's Heritage Garden. As a result of co-curricular programming with Metro High School, and

throughout the Cedar Rapids metro area upon harvest. In addition to their work in the garden, engaged Metro students studied the history of agriculture in this area as it related



New produce beds as part of NCSML's Heritage Garden expansion project. (Inset) NCSML Interns Sam Zaruba and Tyler Snelling make seed bombs to raise awareness of and counter decreasing pollinator habitat.

partnership assistance from Feed Iowa First, the Heritage Garden now includes food beds and a small fruit tree orchard. Planted by Metro students last spring, and being managed this summer by interns Sam Zaruba (Metro High School) and Tyler Snelling (Fellow at University of Iowa's Obermann Center), produce will be distributed by Feed Iowa First

to local Czech immigrants. These new garden spaces are located on the west side of NCSML; the original Heritage Garden site, located on the riverfront, will be relocated when Cedar Rapids' flood abatement project is complete. Thank you to Diamond V and Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for their support of this project. ■



Library Receives Grant for Digitization

NCSML has received a grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa to microfilm and digitize a collection of rare and obscure serial publications published in Iowa by Czech immigrants and their descendants, many of which exist only at NCSML's library. Included in this project will be five Czech language newspapers published in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and publications issued by the Czech Heritage Foundation, Sokol Cedar Rapids, St. Wenceslaus Church (Cedar Rapids), and the former Western Fraternal Life Association. These digitized publications will be available online sometime during Fall 2022.

These publications document the activities, interests, and values of the Czech immigrant community, and through them we can track how their descendants assimilated into American society while maintaining their Czech identity. All resources in the NCSML library are available free of charge to the general public, and Librarian David Muhlena believes these new digitized files will be of tremendous value to Iowans of Czech descent, scholars researching immigration history, and families conducting genealogical research. Look for additional updates on this project in future issues of MOST, or call NCSML's library if you have specific questions about this project (319-362-8500, ext. 120). ■

Other Outreach and Innovation Updates

The accessibility improvements to our facility, made possible by the Carver Foundation, are nearly complete. These include motion sensitive doors, audio loop technology, a tactile map for Grand Hall, iPad virtual tours for the immigrant house, allergen food labels for banquet services, noise cancelling headphones for those with environmental sensitivities, audio guides in multiple languages, and portable museum stools.

NCSML's virtual Music Connects, made possible with support from Iowa Arts Council and Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, also launched this past year and features episodes by Darrin Crow (storyteller) and Paul Danielson (mandola), Orchestra Iowa, Eastern Iowa Arts Academy, and Bridget Johnston (opera). This program was done as a pilot at Johnson STEAM Academy and will be utilized by additional schools in the coming year.

If you haven't yet, please visit NCSML's website (ncsml.org) for dates and times of upcoming walking tours, History on Tap, and many other classes and workshops available over the next few months. ■



Iowský Pokrok (Progress of Iowa), a weekly newspaper published 1906-1915, was the Iowa edition of Pokrok Západu (Progress of the West), and will be included in NCSML's digitization project over the coming year.



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WFLA/ZCBJ Heritage Hall

Host up to 240 guests in this art nouveau-inspired space with state of the art A/V equipment and internet access. This space may also be divided into two rooms, if desired.

Naxera Terrace

Ideal for cocktail receptions or outdoor ceremonies, Naxera can seat up to 200 guests and includes an unobstructed view of the Cedar River.

Rozek Grand Hall

This space, featuring the Preciosa chandelier, can accommodate up to 180 guests and be configured for a broad range of purposes.

Hemphill Theater

Equally appropriate for business or social gatherings, Hemphill contains 51 comfortably upholstered and permanently affixed chairs (with ample space for wheelchairs), making it ideal for presentations and film screenings.

For tours and additional booking information, please contact Naomi Winder, nwinder@ncsml.org or 319-362-8500 ext. 113.





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Check out these board games from Czech Games Edition—great fun for the whole family!

Czech Games Edition (CGE) was founded by a small group of game lovers in 2007. Today they have over 40 games including the popular *Codenames* collection. Now available in over 40 languages, CGE games can be found around the world!

Codenames XXL: This double size version of the award-winning original makes it easier to play in larger groups.

Codenames Duet: You and your partner are on a secret mission to contact 15 agents while avoiding a band of assassins. Includes 400 new words so you don't need the original game to play, but cards are interchangeable in all *Codenames* games.

That's A Question! Which would you miss more if it ceased to exist—mountains or pizza? And it's also the sort of question you'll need to answer when you play this game.

Pictomania: A drawing game with no teams and no waiting. Everyone gets to draw and everyone gets to guess, all at the same time!

