

Former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was at the NCSML in 2013 to help open the exhibit *Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection*. It featured more than 280 dazzling pins she wore to emphasize the importance of a negotiation, signify high hopes, protest the absence of progress, and show pride in representing the United States. Matched with her personal anecdotes and photographs, the collection, now exhibited in the Smithsonian, ranges from dime store finds to family heirlooms and designer creations. The exhibition explores the collection's historic significance as well as the expressive power of jewelry to communicate in a style and language of its own.

This was one of many visits by Secretary Albright, who was born May 15, 1937 in Prague, and was a member of NCSML's International Advisory Board and a great friend of the museum.



A Tribute to...

Our Friend, Our Hero, and Our International Leader

The world was saddened by the unexpected passing of a true “Czechoslovak” friend to all, Secretary Madeleine Albright. She was the first female Secretary of State in the United States. We at the NCSML knew her and her incredible contributions, but we also knew her as a dear friend, member of the NCSML International Advisory Council, and a frequent visitor to the museum over the years.

She graced us with her presence at the dedication in 1995, with the three presidents. She later displayed her *Read My Pins Collection* in 2013, and in the past 27 years, she visited several times. She was a member of the NCSML President's Society. She donated her childhood *kroj* to the museum's permanent collection. This is the *kroj* she wore many times as a child, when her father, Josef Korbek, was serving as the Czechoslovak ambassador to Yugoslavia. She would say that her diplomatic career started when her father would have her dress in her *kroj* to welcome guests when he served as ambassador.

When Madeleine was born, her father was serving as press-attaché at the Czechoslovak



NCSML has established a memorial display to the late Madeleine Albright in Rozek Grand Hall. A memorial book is available to share memories or pay tribute to her legacy. Madeleine's childhood *kroj*, which she donated to NCSML in 2013, is also on display. [Learn more about the *kroj* in our online collection.](#)

Embassy in Belgrade. Her father's politics and Judaism forced him to flee with his wife and baby Madeleine after the Nazi occupation in 1939. He continued to serve as advisor to Edvard Benes for the Czech government

in exile. Like Madeleine, her father was an outstanding speaker, and would often give talks for the BBC during the daily broadcasts to Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Although young Madeleine returned with her family to Czechoslovakia after the war, following the Communist Party's rise to power in 1948, the Korbek family applied for political asylum in the US, believing they would otherwise be arrested in Czechoslovakia because of Josef Korbek's “faithful adherence to the ideas of democracy.” The family did receive asylum in the US, and Madeleine's father received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to teach international politics at the University of Denver.

We at the NCSML would like to remember her from another perspective. The world will always remember her for her trailblazing initiatives, her unconditional commitment to world peace and democracy, and her mark in world history as the first female Secretary of State. But we also knew her as a friend, mother, grandmother, and a truly lovely person. We are also proud of her dedication to, and her love of, her Czechoslovak roots. ■

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The Pathway for the Future Lies in the Traditions of the Past

Happy Spring from Cedar Rapids and our national treasure! As we begin to enjoy the warmth and budding beauty of spring, our NCSML is filled with new exhibits, programs, and events that remind us of the season of renewal. Our programs, events, and exhibits so far in 2022 have been amazing. We are enjoying our work with the Czech Center in New York, which is helping to bring great talents to Cedar Rapids. Our Czech General Consul in Chicago, and our Czech and Slovak embassies in DC, are great partners for the NCSML, and are enabling us to bring to our national museum and library some amazing events.

From the fabulous Moravian Harafrica cimbal orchestra, to the spirited singing of Josef Ivaska from Slovakia, to the enlightening presentation by Dr. Martin Nekola on Czech immigration to the Midwest, there is so much activity at the NCSML that one could be here each day for a new event, exhibit, or program. The George Halas exhibit is a must-see for all, even if you are not a Chicago Bears fan! Our new Czech Innovations exhibit is a family exhibit that will be an experience for all ages. As one walks into the almost empty gallery,

one is amazed as this gallery comes alive with the use of an iPad or cell phone.

Along with our many activities, we are constantly thinking about our Slavic brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Their plight is reminiscent of what Czechs and Slovaks experienced in 1968, when the Soviets invaded. The situation reinforces for all of us the importance of preserving culture and cultural identity. No one should ever take away or attempt to wipe out individual identity and cultural heritage. This is why it is so important for each one of us to preserve, celebrate, and cherish our rich cultural traditions, and to help create the pathway for the future, so these traditions and cultural footprints are never lost for future generations.

Please come to visit us this summer. If you are from the area, come often, as we have so much going on. If you come from afar, please plan to stay in Cedar Rapids for a few days. We truly are the heartland of America and a great place to visit.

Cecilia Rokusek

Cecilia Rokusek
President and CEO



NCSML Welcomes Three New Board of Trustees Members



Martin Prochazka, MD, PhD, is President/Rector of Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. He is the first international board of trustees member at the NCSML. Recently elected as rector at Palacký, Dr. Prochazka is Professor of Medicine and has served as Dean of Allied Health. As a practicing physician, he gained professional experience during study stays and internships in Belgium, Sweden, and the Netherlands, and has authored numerous works and publications. He is a member of the committee of the Czech Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, and a member of the Czech Society of Medical Genetics and Genomics and several other European and international professional associations.



Theodore Townsend, Jr., served as president and CEO of UnityPoint Health™- Cedar Rapids from 2002–2018, concluding 39 years in the health care industry. Before that, he spent 17 years at Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania as senior VP of operations and COO. During his tenure in Cedar Rapids, UnityPoint Health-Cedar Rapids grew to its present size, which includes 194 healthcare providers, 33 clinics and more than 4,000 team members. Townsend was a charter board member for Cedar Rapids MedQuarter and Iowa HealthCare Quality

Collaborative; board member with the Cedar Rapids Economic Alliance; board trustee with Waypoint, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters during his tenure. A native of Michigan, Townsend is a graduate of the Western Michigan University and earned his degree in healthcare administration from Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University.



David Rafaidus is 100% Slovak. He is the President of the First Catholic Slovak Union-Florida Branch 888 and has presented Czech and Slovak demographic information at the Czech Parliament and National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library. In addition to holding a degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Michigan, he has post-graduate education and certificates from Harvard, MIT, University of Virginia and Florida Atlantic University. David has worked with various government agencies in Michigan, Louisiana and Florida for more than forty years. His areas of expertise include short- and long-range planning, land use, zoning, health/human services, management and geographic information systems (GIS). Mr. Rafaidus is a past Board Member of the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club in Miami and has appeared in numerous films, stage performances and television soap operas as an actor.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 4 Music Series: Kristýna Kůstková, soprano; Ahmad Hedar, piano
- 6 Coffee & Kolache
- 6 *In the Shadow of Memory*: film and discussion
- 7 President's Society Preciosa Gala
- 8 *In the Shadow of Memory*: film screening
- 13-15 Houby Days in Czech Village
- 18 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration
- 25 Beginner's Czech Language & Culture I

JUNE

- 3 Coffee & Kolache
- 4 Free First Saturday for Students
- 15 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration

JULY

- 1 Coffee & Kolache
- 2 Free First Saturday for Students
- 5 Castles and Wines Tour RSVP Deadline
- 15-17 Hody Days Weekend
- 20 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration

AUGUST

- 5 Coffee & Kolache
- 6 Free First Saturday for Students
- 17 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Coffee & Kolache
- 3 Free First Saturday for Students
- 3-16 Castles and Wines Tour in the Czech and Slovak Republics
- 16 BrewNost
- 21 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration

OCTOBER

- 1 Free First Saturday for Students
- 7 Coffee & Kolache
- 11 Christmas Market Tour RSVP Deadline
- 19 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration

NOVEMBER

- 4 Coffee & Kolache
- 5 Free First Saturday for Students
- 16 Needlepoint Guild Demonstration

Please visit ncsml.org or call 319-362-8500 for more information on these these events—more new programs to be announced throughout the summer and fall.



Long-time Friend of the NCSML Named Iowa's 2022 TIME Dealer of the Year

Pat McGrath, owner of the McGrath Family of Dealerships in Cedar Rapids, was announced as the 2022 TIME Iowa Dealer of the Year by leaders from TIME and Ally Financial at the 105th National Automobile Dealers Association Show in Las Vegas on March 20.

As a true mark of excellence, the TIME Dealer of the Year award recognizes exceptional performance and outstanding community service that is an inspiration to us all. Pat and his wife MaryKay are great friends of the NCSML, the Cedar Rapids community, Czech Village, and the New Bohemia area. They truly preserve the past, celebrate the future, and *create* the future.

MOST

MOST, "the bridge," is published semi-annually by National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML). For additional information on NCSML programming and events, visit ncsml.org or follow us at

MUSEUM HOURS Monday - Saturday, 9:30 AM - 4 PM;
Sunday, 12 - 4 PM

LIBRARY HOURS Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 AM - 4 PM
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Kristýna Kůstková



Ahmad Hedar

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Wednesday, May 4 | 7–9 PM

Soprano Kristýna Kůstková in Recital with Pianist Ahmad Hedar

Czech soprano Kristýna Kůstková and Czech pianist Ahmad Hedar will perform a recital consisting of the most beautiful art songs and arias by Antonín Dvořák, Jaroslav Křička, Leoš Janáček, Manuel de Falla, Gaetano Donizetti, Léo Delibes, and other world recognized composers.

Kristýna Kůstková is currently finishing her master's degree in Voice at Mannes School of Music in NY, where she holds several prestigious grants and scholarships. Since she was seven years old, she performed on the stages of Prague National Theatre and was a member and soloist of Children's Opera Prague. Kristýna is a laureate: winner of several voice competitions, as well as recipient of the Gold Crystal Heart Award for her participation in cultural programs of the Czech Center NY. She also often collaborates with the experimental opera ensemble

Run OpeRun, and her future engagements include Prague National Theatre and Antonin Dvořák Theatre in Ostrava.

Ahmad Hedar is a leading Czech pianist, vocal coach, and singer. He studied at the Prague HAMU. His musicality has made him a sought-after accompanist to many prominent singers. Through Run OpeRun, an organization he works closely with to make opera accessible to new audiences, Hedar has led the musical production of *The Magic Flute*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Rusalka*, and *La Traviata*, all on the site of the former Stalin monument in Prague. In 2019, Hedar earned a fellowship at the prestigious Bayreuth festival. In 2021, Ahmad worked as a vocal coach and assistant conductor in Bergen for *Rusalka*, and in 2022 he will be coaching *Jenůfa* by Janáček in Toulouse. He has been teaching at the Jan Deyl Conservatory in Prague.



WELCOME TO NEW DEVELOPMENT TEAM



Tisha Ritter, Chief Advancement Officer, joined the NCSML in March 2022 to provide leadership and strategic planning for development,

communications, events, and community relations. Born and raised in rural Kansas, Tisha earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas, then spent time in Fort Collins, Colorado and Los Angeles, California working in higher education at public and private institutions. For over a decade, armed with a master's degree in College Student Personnel Services, Tisha honed her professional skills in strategic leadership, counseling, interpersonal communication, event management, and organizational behavior.

For the past six years, she served as the Director of Development for a local Cedar Rapids human service agency, where she successfully led fundraising campaigns, increased community awareness and support, and developed strong corporate

and individual donor and stakeholder relationships. Tisha is the mother of two daughters and enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and cheering on her beloved Kansas Jayhawks and Kansas City Chiefs.



Rick Martin, Development Coordinator, joined the NCSML in February 2022, reflecting a love of history and a commitment to community. He returned to the

US late in 2021, after 18 years in London, where he served as Group Treasurer, first for a telecommunications company, and later for a shipping concern. He also became a dual US-UK national, and actively supported a UK-based charity that fights an horrific albeit thankfully rare inherited skin disease.

Prior to his time in the UK, he held various posts in Chicago, New Orleans, Tulsa, Hong Kong, and South Africa. Rick holds a master's degree in finance & accounting from the Kellogg School of Management at

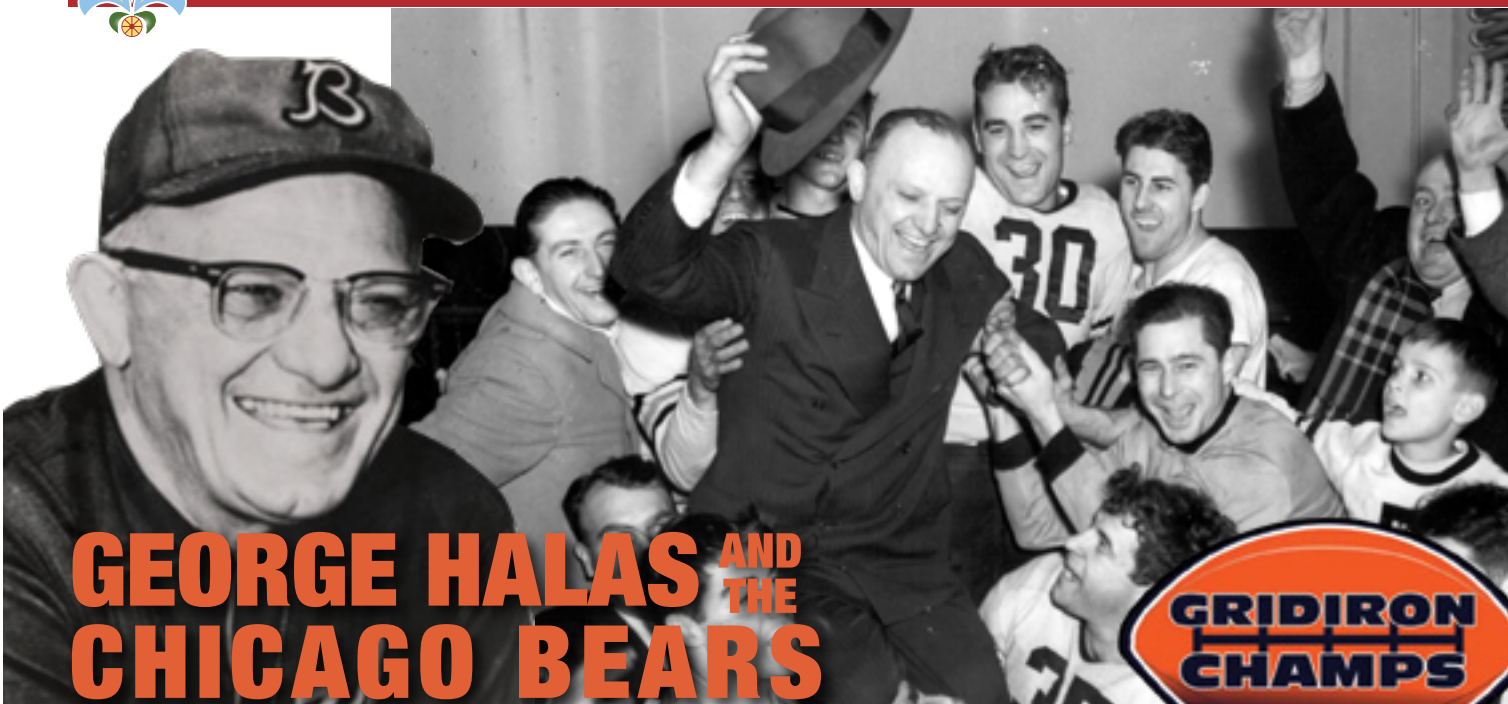
Northwestern University. He is very happily married to Kay Birnbaum, a Cedar Rapids native. He has a son, Richard III, who lives in London and works as a paralegal.



Jennifer Thiele, Director of Development, joined the NCSML team in March of 2022. Born in Iowa, Jennifer was raised in the museum world. She holds a BA

from the University of Oregon and an MA from Southern New Hampshire University. Jennifer brings to the Advancement team a love for museums, expertise in nonprofit management and stewardship, fundraising, and grant writing. Most recently, Jennifer was the Director of the Floyd County Historical Society and Museum and an instructor at the North Iowa Area Community College.

Jennifer is a mother of three fur babies and enjoys reading, watching old murder mysteries, crafting, and spending time outdoors.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME.

GEORGE HALAS AND THE CHICAGO BEARS

This exhibit, which is open until November 6, 2022, features the life and work of George Halas, a first generation Czech-American whose parents immigrated from Bohemia. Born and raised in Chicago, George Halas played a significant role in the formation of the National Football League, and spent time as a player, coach, and owner with the Chicago Bears.

Featured in the exhibit are artifacts and photos from the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Chicago Bears, including uniforms and footballs from the early Chicago Bears, Dick Butkus' helmet, and George Halas' famed fedora.

Visitors can test their football knowledge with an interactive quiz or try some NFL training camp moves. Video screens will feature footage from early games and 1985's Super Bowl Shuffle.

In the Smith Gallery, March 19 – November 6, 2022



PETRIK GALLERY



Czech Innovation Expo

April 9 - June 26, 2022

In *Czech Innovation Expo (CIE)* visitors will enter a seemingly empty space with abstract symbols on the walls that can be explored with a smart device. The interactive exhibition uses cutting-edge technology and brings back the centuries-old history of the Czech Republic in science, research, and innovation, while revealing the technological trends of the future. Additional funding comes from Iowa Arts Council/Department of Cultural Affairs.

ANDERSON GALLERY



Amazing Athletes

February 12 - July 24, 2022

See posters, photos, and video footage that celebrate the incredible legacy of Czech and Slovak athletes like Alpine skier Petra Vlhová, tennis greats Ivan Lendl and Martina Navrátilová, hockey star Dominik Hašek, gymnast Věra Čáslavská, and runner Emil Zátopek.

PETRIK GALLERY



Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II

July 23 - October 2, 2022

A traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian, this exhibit examines the complicated history and impact of Executive Order 9066 that led to the incarceration of 75,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and 45,000 Japanese nationals following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Young and old lived crowded together in hastily built camps, endured poor living conditions, and were under the constant watch of military guards for two and a half years. Meanwhile, brave Japanese American men risked their lives fighting for the United States.



Remembering the Tragedy of Lidice 80 Years Later

“In the Shadow of Memory,” a documentary film about the destruction of Lidice, and its effects on subsequent generations

The village of Lidice was destroyed in 1942 in retaliation for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, a mastermind of Nazi genocide. Hitler chose Lidice as an example of what would happen if anyone chose to resist. All 192 men were murdered, all women sent to Ravensbrück concentration camp, and all but 9 of 91 children were gassed. German soldiers blew up all the buildings and altered the flow of a river so the landscape would never look the same. Lidice became a symbol of Nazi barbarism before the horrors of Auschwitz were widely known. After the war, 143 women returned, including Jerri Zbiral’s mother and half-sister.

In the Shadow of Memory is film that explores the ongoing effects of this tragedy on succeeding generations. It is based on the life story of Jerri Zbiral, whose mother and sister survived the Nazi destruction of the Czech village of Lidice during World War II. The stories had a profound impact on Jerri’s life.

Filmed in the Czech Republic and in Evanston, Illinois, *In the Shadow of Memory* consists



Alan Teller and Jerri Zbiral, co-directors and producers of the documentary film *Shadow of Memory: Legacies of Lidice*, will be featured in a panel discussion following the May 6th screening.

Top: The Memorial to the Children Victims of the War, a bronze sculpture by Marie Uchytlová in Lidice, Czech Republic. It commemorates a group of 82 children of Lidice who were gassed at Chelmno in the summer of 1942 during the Second World War as a part of the Lidice massacre. PHOTOS: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

of interviews with survivors, with German visitors to the 50th anniversary memorial, and with Jerri’s family, including her school-age children. The film explores how the tragedy was used for various purposes, and what the legacy of continued hatred can be. ■

Friday, May 6, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, in the Hemphill Theater. Following the 52-minute film screening, stay for a panel discussion featuring Producers Jerri Zbiral and Alan Teller.

In the Shadow of Memory will also be screened again on Sunday, May 8 at 1:30 PM CDT, with no panel discussion.

Cost: Free. Seating is limited to 51. Sponsored by: Thaler Holocaust Memorial Fund



Our Stories are Similar and They Must Not be Repeated

Now, in the 21st century, it seems unimaginable that history could be repeating itself in Europe, reminiscent of World War II. As we celebrate, in 2023, the 30th anniversary of the formation of two free and independent nations — the Czech and Slovak Republics — we cannot ignore challenges and threats to the democratic nations that individuals in Central and Eastern Europe fought for. The reality is that the Russian War in Ukraine is a threat to democracy, freedom, individual rights, and the preservation of a beautiful Ukrainian culture.

The stark similarities to the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 are frightening, to say the least. The atrocities, though, from this invasion are more horrific. Ukrainians are a Slavic people. Their culture and rich traditions have some similarities to our own Czech and Slovak cultures. They are a hard-working and family-loving nation. As a bread basket for Europe, Ukraine is important to both central and eastern Europe.

The people of Ukraine never imagined anything like this would happen. This invasion has not only devastated the country, but has challenged the world, affecting the economy, world trade, travel, and even freedom of speech. It is heartwarming to see the outpouring of support and love to the Ukrainian nation and people as a result of this war. The people of Ukraine have demonstrated incredible strength and resilience and are committed to winning the war. Their rebuilding process will take time, and everyone's support will be important, far beyond this war. Please remember to give to the charity of your choice for Ukraine. There are many of them that are truly committed to helping our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

хай живе Україна! Khay zhyve Ukrayina!
(long live Ukraine) ■



A small Scandinavian child holds a hand-made sign to demonstrate solidarity with the people of Ukraine. PHOTO: SVEN TESCHKE
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Everyone's Support is Important

Larry Svoboda of Iowa City, pictured with Dr. Cecilia Rokusek, NCSML President and CEO, has created a sign that he is distributing to businesses in Czech Village and New Bo. He is doing his part to create awareness and to support the Czech and Slovak people who have graciously opened their homes in response to large numbers of Ukrainian refugees who are crossing the border every day. The name "Svoboda" translated to English means "freedom," or "free man." If you would like to receive a sign for your window, please call 319-362-8500.



In Case You Missed It

On March 11, NCSML hosted a virtual panel discussion. Moderated by Library Director David Muhlena, the guests discussed the current events in Ukraine and their impacts on the Czech and Slovak Republics. The 80-minute discussion was recorded and is posted on the [NCSML Facebook page](#).

Clockwise, from top left: David Muhlena; Dr. Dalibor Mikulas, Palacký University Olomouc; Thomas Slepicka, Chef and Restaurateur; Tom Dine, President of American Friends of the Czech Republic; Dr. Pavol Demes, NGO Leader; NCSML Board Member George Drost.

Na Zdravi — To Your Health!

Dr. Steven Greif, NCSML's Official Sommelier

BY MICHELLE SIMONEAU

We would like to welcome and announce our new member to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library family. Dr. Steven Greif will be joining the NCSML as our partner and dedicated Sommelier. He started investigating his love interest with wines 20 years ago. A journey which started with a couple of trips to Napa wine country with his wife ignited his interest to become one of the first Sommeliers of Iowa.

There are 172 professionals who have earned the title of Master Sommelier as part of the Americas chapter since the organization's inception. There are 269 professionals worldwide who have received the title of Master Sommelier since the first Master Sommelier Diploma Exam.

What is a Sommelier? There are four stages involved in attaining the top qualifications of Master Sommelier: 1) Introductory Sommelier Course; 2) Certified Sommelier Exam; 3) Advanced Sommelier Course; and 4) Master Sommelier Diploma. Dr. Greif also holds a certification from the Wine Spirits Education Trust (WSET) in London.

The name "Sommelier" is romantic to some, but it takes a lot of dedication, training, and research to become a master of the Sommelier world. Dr. Greif shared with me the first test he took in 2013. He did not find his certification to pass the Introductory level on the table with the rest of the candidates. Rather, he was recognized in front of everyone as the top in his class. He continued his journey to Advanced Sommelier. This is a vigorous curriculum of blind taste tests of an array of wines from all regions of the world.

Dr. Greif has the astounding ability to pair specific wines with food choices. The three Sommeliers in the local market will collaborate and support each other to perfect their skills.

Dr. Steven Greif grew up with roots in the Cedar Rapids area and attended Regis High School. He graduated from the University of Iowa



The NCSML has dubbed Dr. Steven Greif our Wine Sommelier of the Museum. He has graciously teamed up with other contributors to offer a silent auction package in support of the museum to help raise money during the COVID pandemic. This partnership has led to more opportunities and created an interest in utilizing our wonderful grounds and most exquisite building (with the chandelier in Rozek Grand Hall and Ballroom) to create an ambience of an evening to remember. Dr. Greif will be offering *Nights to Remember* wine tasting events, taking us on a tour around the world. The most recent was directed to the Czech Republic, Slovakia.

with a Chemistry major and continued his education by graduating from the University of Iowa School of Dentistry in 1986. Dr. Greif has continued his profession of Dentistry in the local Cedar Rapids area.

He shares his love of wine with the local community, in hopes of educating and expanding the opportunities of wines from throughout the world in our local market. His latest partnership has been with us, and he has also held classes at the Cedar Rapids Country Club, Elmcrest Country Club, and dinners with wine pairings in the Cedar Rapids area. ■

Watch ncsml.org and our social media channels for information on upcoming wine tastings.

Central European Tours

Get out your passport and your calendar, because NCSML is headed to the homelands!

September 3 – 16—This **Castles and Wines** tour will cover both the Czech and Slovak Republics with stays in several castles and chateaus, and daily opportunities to enjoy the wines of Moravia and Slovakia. Live like Central European aristocracy for two weeks during balmy September!

Price: \$4,500 per person in a double room. Single add \$600. 10% of the total cost is due July 5, 2022.





Rent our space!

NCSML is the ideal setting for meetings, corporate, or social events. Whatever the occasion, we can assist in making it just right for your needs. All rental spaces include complimentary indoor and outdoor parking, full accessibility, tables and chairs, and full setup and tear down. A full service bar with bartenders can be added to any rental agreement, as well as discounted admission to the galleries. Wedding party dressing rooms are provided for onsite ceremonies. Also included are experienced coordinators during every step of your event—start to finish. No sales tax, fees, or automatic gratuity are added for rentals. Available space includes:

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 Nicole Everhart, neverhart@ncsml.org or 319-362-8500 ext. 217.

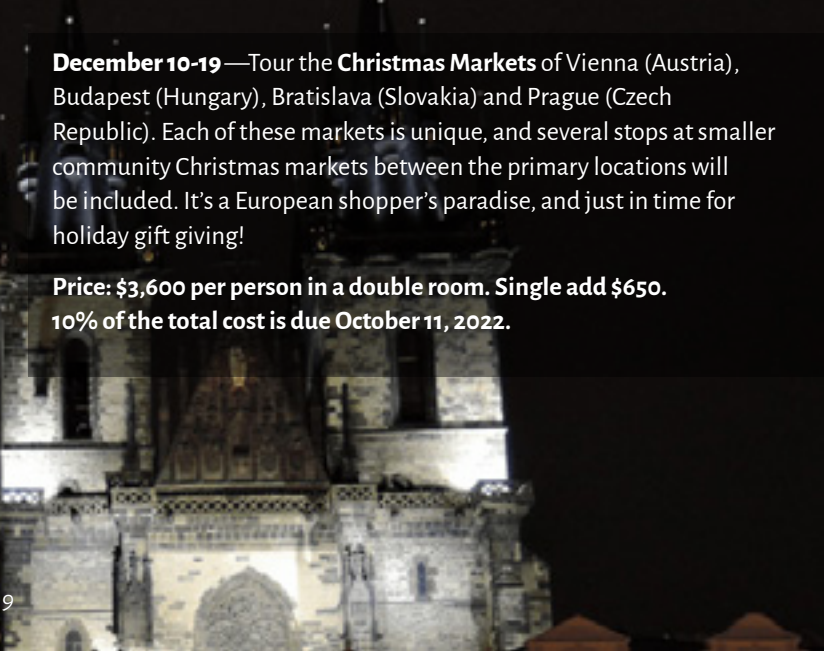


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December 10-19—Tour the **Christmas Markets** of Vienna (Austria), Budapest (Hungary), Bratislava (Slovakia) and Prague (Czech Republic). Each of these markets is unique, and several stops at smaller community Christmas markets between the primary locations will be included. It's a European shopper's paradise, and just in time for holiday gift giving!

Price: \$3,600 per person in a double room. Single add \$650.
10% of the total cost is due October 11, 2022.





Cultural and Educational Connections Enhanced, Broadened and Solidified



NCSML signs major affiliation agreement with Palacký University. Steve Michalicek, Board President; Dr. Martin Prochazka, Rector/President, Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic; Dr. Cecilia Rokusek, President and CEO, NCSML. Palacký University is the oldest university in Moravia and the second-oldest in the Czech Republic. It is a popular study-abroad destination for American students and specifically, for Coe College and Mt. Mercy University students.

Over 15 years ago, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids had an outstanding working relationship with Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. This relationship resulted in faculty and student exchanges. Even the presidents of the two universities often visited each other. Dr. Tom Feld (Mount Mercy) and Dr. Josef Jarab (Palacký University) were close friends and continue to be in contact with each other. There was a lapse in this ongoing cooperation, and in 2019 it was reignited when Dr. Rokusek (NCSML) arranged to have three graduate students from Palacký University come to do internships at the museum and library. One of the students in 2019 also attended Coe College. Then in 2020, the pandemic hit and the affiliation was put on hold. Now in 2022, the formal affiliation with Palacký University and NCSML was signed by President Dr. Martin Prochazka of Palacký University in Olomouc, Steve Michalicek, President of the NCSML Board of Trustees, and Dr. Cecilia Rokusek, NCSML President and CEO. This new affiliation opens the door for student and faculty exchanges, collaborative research, and new and innovative project development in such areas as journalism, museum pedagogy, and history. In addition, while the visitors from Palacký University were in Cedar Rapids, they worked with all three higher educational institutions in Cedar Rapids to work on collaborative possibilities: Mount Mercy University, Coe College, and Kirkwood College. "This will truly expand the academic mission of the NCSML and open up so many opportunities for research in our library," said Dr. Rokusek. ■



Good diplomacy sauerkraut making

The NCSML strives to document and record our food traditions for future generations

It has been said that food is a form of diplomacy. That is especially true as one pursues the rich cultural food traditions in the Czech and Slovak cultures. These traditions cross all borders and all languages. One such example is the art of sauerkraut making that is enjoyed by so many cultures. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library cooperated with the Czech Heritage Foundation in Protivin, IA to make sauerkraut this spring. Friends and family gathered at the home of Ken and Lois Zajicek of Ossian, IA.

The group cleaned and shredded more than 100 pounds of cabbage to fill two large antique crocks. People took turns stomping down the kraut with antique homemade wooden stompers . . . no foot stomping allowed! After several weeks of processing the crocks, the kraut was transferred into jars for summer enjoyment. This tradition is an important one to preserve. There is nothing better than homemade sauerkraut, with caraway seed and a bit of sugar added during cooking. Roast pork, sauerkraut, and dumplings are the best . . . *vepřová pečeně, kysané zelí a knedlík.* ■

The two stompers (l to r) are Russel Lensing and Michael Klimesh, both of Spillville, IA (the town that Anton Dvorak spent a summer in 1893). Overlooking the process is Bill Miller of Cleveland, OH.





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