#### Christmas Markets 2014 – 2015

**Christmas Markets /** Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square, náměstí Republiky: 29 Nov – 1 Jan / Anděl: 22 Nov – 23 Dec

**Czech Christmas Markets** / náměstí Republiky: 25 Nov – 24 Dec / náměstí Míru: 20 Nov – 24 Dec / Tylovo náměstí: 23 Nov – 24 Dec

**Silver Days of Christmas /** PVA Letňany: 1 – 14 Dec

**Christmas Market /** Prague Exhibition Grounds: 5 – 7 Dec

Pottery and Craft Market / Prague Exhibition Grounds: 5 – 7 Dec

## Christmas Exhibitions 2014 – 2015

**Prague Christmas – A Small Christmas Exhibition /** Old Town Hall / 29 Nov – 6 Jan

Nativity Scenes at the Clementinum / National Library at the Clementinum / 28 Nov – 4 Jan

Nativity Scenes from Třešť / Jindřišská Tower (Jindřišská věž) / 28 Nov – 2 Feb

Christmas in Our Grandmothers' Kitchens / Botanical Garden – Na Slupi / 28 Nov – 2 Jan

**Bells of Bethlehem** / Bethlehem Chapel / 29 Nov – 4 Jan **Nativity Scenes and Christmas Traditions** / Church of Our Lady of the Snows / 29 Nov – 7 Jan

Gingerbread Nativity Scene / Church of St Matthew / 30 Nov – 1 Feb A Nostalgic Christmas / Charles Bridge Museum / 30 Nov – 2 Feb Nativity Scenes from Around the World / Johannes Kepler Gymnazium / 20 Dec – 2 Jan

Capuchin Nativity Scene / Loreto, Church of Our Lady of the Angels / 25 Dec – 1 Feb

## **Jakub Jan Ryba: Czech Christmas Mass**

National Theatre (Národní divadlo) / 30 November; 7, 14 and 21 December 2014

Clementinum / 10, 18 and 25 December 2014

Estates Theatre (Stavovské divadlo) / 20 December 2014 New Town Hall (Novoměstská radnice) / 20 December 2014 Rudolfinum / 20 and 21 December 2014

Church of Sts Simon and Jude / 25 December 2014

Church of the Saviour / 26 December 2014

#### **New Year's Concerts**

Municipal House (Obecní dům) / Prague Symphony Orchestra (FOK) / 1 January 2015

Rudolfinum / Czech Philharmonic / 1 January 2015

Church of St Nicholas in the Lesser Town / Linda Čechová Sítková – organ, Jan Verner – trumpet / 1 January 2015

Rudolfinum / Prague Philharmonic Orchestra / 2 January 2015

## **Special Events in 2015**

**European Athletics Indoor Championships 2015** / After 37 years, Prague will once again host the top indoor athletics competition in Europe / O2 Arena / 5 – 8 March 2015

Ice Hockey World Championships 2015 / The 79th annual hockey championships take place this year in the Czech Republic / O2 Arena / 1 – 17 May 2015

**Prague Quadriennale 2015** / 13th annual international festival of performance design and space / 18 – 28 June 2015

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# Winter in Prague 2014/2015

## **Prague Music Festival**

Through April 2015 / Rudolfinum, Prague Conservatory, Church of Sts Simon and Jude / The 23rd annual chamber music festival will feature performances by leading violin virtuoso Václav Hudeček and his guests.

#### **Ana Mendieta: Traces**

**Ends 4 January 2015 / Galerie Rudolfinum /** Most of this Cuban artist's oeuvre features works created with her own body, its traces. Mendieta creates these traces directly in the landscape and documents them using photography or video.

## **Elena Steiner: Body Talks**

**Ends 4 January 2015 / Art Salon S /** Steiner humorously parodies the current cult of physical beauty. On display are larger than life-sized 3D photo-realistic paintings and realistic oil paintings.

## Warhol, Lhoták, Pištěk and Others: The Automobile through the Ages

**Ends 4 January 2015 / Museum Kampa /** One of Warhol's rarest paintings depicts two of Mercedes-Benz's oldest models. The exhibition also includes works by leading Czech artists.

## The 19th-Century Art from Neo-Classicism to Romanticism

**Permanent exhibition / Salm Palace (Salmovský palác) /** This new permanent exhibition at the Salm Palace presents sculpture and paintings from the National Gallery collections complemented by significant loans.

# Open the Gates of Paradise. The Benedictines in the Heart of Europe 800-1300

**7 November 2014 – 15 March 2015 / Wallenstein Riding School (Valdštejnská jízdárna) /** This exhibition, which includes works of applied art, sculpture, illuminated books, and architecture, is a testament to the superior spiritual and artistic culture of the Benedictine Order.

#### The Masters of Rudolf II's Era

12 November 2014 – 29 March 2015 / The City of Prague Museum (Muzeum hl. m. Prahy) / This exhibition featuring paintings, sculpture, and prints originating in the Czech lands from the time of Rudolf II. The works are primarily from private collections, through which it was possible to bring the works back home.

#### **Czech Press Photo 2014**

14 November 2014 – 31 January 2015 / Old Town Hall (Staroměstská radnice) / A selection of the best photographs from the 20th annual photojournalism competition.

#### La Bayadère

**Starts 20 November 2014 / State Opera /** An exquisite ballet based on the music of Ludwig Minkus accompanies this romantic story of unrequited love.

#### The Nutcracker - A Christmas Carol

**Starts 29 November 2014 / National Theatre /** This ballet by Tchaikovsky based on the story by Charles Dickens tells the story of the magic of Christmas and its power to change human nature.

#### St Petersburg Festival Ballet

2 and 3 December 2014 / Hybernia Theatre (Divadlo Hybernia) / Two performances by this exceptional ballet corps combine classical Russian ballet with the fresh breeze of the 21st century / Dec. 2: Sleeping Beauty / Dec. 3: Swan Lake.

#### **Mother and Son**

10 December 2014 – 15 March 2015 / Prague Castle – Imperial Stables / An exceptional opportunity to view the Madonna Aracoeli, images of the Veil of Veronica, and other Gothic paintings and sculptures of the Madonna and Christ from the St Vitus Cathedral together in one location.

## designSUPERMARKET

11 – 14 December 2014 / The U Minuty House (Dům U Minuty) / International sales festival offering original works of contemporary creative design.

## **Apassionata: The Golden Trail**

**13** and **14** December **2014 / 02** Arena / A grand display of horsemanship, dance, live music, fascinating light effects and magical sets. "The Golden Trail" is superb entertainment for the entire family.

## **Czech Touches of Music**

December 2014 – January 2015 / Spanish Hall, Municipal House, Rudolfinum and other locations / This international classical music festival features performances by the younger generation of artists and composers alongside renowned musicians and orchestras.

## Closing Gala Concert for the Year of Czech Music 2014

**17 December 2014 / O2 Arena /** This concert will feature some of the most beautiful works by Antonín Dvořák and Bedřich Smetana as presented by leading Czech orchestras, choirs and soloists.

#### **Magnetic Festival**

**19 December 2014 / PVA Letňany /** International festival of electronic music featuring a 10-hour show by some of the world's leading DJs.

## Juan Diego Flórez - 2014 Tour L'Amour

22 December 2014 / Municipal House (Obecní dům) / One of the world's greatest opera stars visits Prague as part of his world tour. His program will include French opera arias accompanied by the Prague Philharmonia.

## K1 Professional Boxing Gala Evening 2014

**30 December 2014 / Lucerna Palace – Great Hall (Palác Lucerna – Velký sál) /** The world's greatest boxers come to Prague to welcome the New Year.

#### **New Year's Fireworks**

**1 January 2015 / Letná Hill /** Recommended locations to watch the fireworks: Prague bridges – Legií, Čechův, Mánesův and the Charles Bridge; the Smetanovo and Dvořákovo Embankments; Petřín, Vítkov and Letná Hills, Riegrovy sady Park. Starts at 6:00 pm.

## Procession of the Three Kings at Prague Castle

**5 January 2015 / Prague Castle /** Each year, the Three Kings ride their camels from the Archbishop's Palace on Hradčanské Square to the living nativity scene at Loretánské Square, where they present their gifts to the Infant Jesus.

#### **Grand Restaurant Festival 2015**

**15 January – 28 February 2015 / various locations /** Top chefs from selected Prague restaurants will prepare special menus as part of the festival. Take advantage of this opportunity to visit some of Prague's best restaurants at very special prices.

## Mischa Maisky

**18 January 2015 / Rudolfinum /** The most classical of cello classics performed by world-renowned virtuoso Mischa Maisky – with the Prague Philharmonia, he presents works by Dvořák, Schumann and Srnka

## **Opera 2015**

22 January – 21 February 2015 / National Theatre (Národní divadlo), Estates Theatre (Stavovské divadlo), State Opera, La Fabrika, Divadlo Na Prádle / This Festival of Music Theatre is a prestigious showcase of the best opera productions of Czech and Slovak professional ensembles.

## Opera Ball

**7 February 2015 / State Opera /** The 13th annual Prague Opera Ball, this year in French style.

## Carnevale 2015

**6 – 17 February 2015 / various locations /** Carnival in Prague offers a full programme of concerts, carnival evening events, parties, exhibitions and competitions.

#### **Ennio Morricone**

**12 February 2015 / O2 Arena /** The famous Italian director and film music composer returns to Prague as part of his final tour.

#### Queen + Adam Lambert

17 February 2015 / 02 Arena / The renowned British rock group Queen, with Adam Lambert, star of American Idol, at the helm, perform in the Czech Republic for the first time since 2008.

## Katy Perry - The Prismatic World Tour

23 February 2015 / O2 Arena / One of the grand stars of the American pop music scene brings her over-the-top show to Prague. "The most brilliantly bonkers, sonically stonking, visually spectacular concert of the year. Five stars." (Financial Times)

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