

**CZECH
& SLOVAK
FILM FESTIVAL**



Festival News

The 3rd Czech and Slovak Film Festival of Australia (CaSFFA) wraps up on a triumphant note in Melbourne

3000 patrons attended the 3rd CaSFFA!

A big thank you to our naming rights sponsor Richmond Škoda, festival guest Pavel Kohout and all of our wonderful supporters





"The Czech and Slovak Film Festival, for me, has become the go-to film festival... The main [reason for this is], where most film festivals seem to follow a very prescriptive, formulaic program... the Czech and Slovak Film Festival has the feel of the personal. I think they're subtly curated and they're quite eccentric and particular to the culture. They feel quite culturally specific and special. The way that festivals should be."

- Nick Matteo, [Film Buff's Forecast](#), Triple R 102.7FM

Melbourne, Tuesday 6 October 2015 - It's just over a week since the 3rd CaSFFA wrapped up and we are already reassembling as a team to plan and scheme our return in 2016. However, before we get super busy, the all-volunteer team of CaSFFA would like to officially declare this year's festival a most prosperous one, and to recap this year's highlights with you...

Our final event for 2015 was of course our Closing Night on Friday 25 September. Patrons received a heavenly Becherovka shot ahead of the screening of the fascinating *The Magic Voice of a Rebel* (Magický hlas rebelky). Introducing the film were festival guests Mrs. Anna Petrášová from the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Canberra, and Max Walker on behalf of our fabulous Naming Rights Sponsors Richmond Škoda.

(Speaking of Richmond Škoda, providers of our fabulous festival Fabia this year... you'll find a special offer just below!)

Afterwards, the festivities continued downstairs in the ACMI Lightwell, where patrons enjoyed more drinks along with gourmet nibbles, while majestic musical trio Vardos kept the celebratory vibes flowing until the midnight hour, delighting all and sundry with their interpretations of Marta Kubišová classics and a rich array of Eastern European melodies.





On Sunday 20 September, audiences flocked to the family-friendly screenings of *Three Brothers* (Tři bratři) and *When the Cat Comes* (Až přijde kocour), while larger crowds still turned out for each installment of the Karel Zeman retrospective that screened on Wednesdays 16 and 23 in partnership with the Melbourne Cinémathèque and the Karel Zeman Museum in Prague.

In between screenings, 340 festival-goers were able to enjoy the excellent [Spirit of Adventure](#) exhibition in ACMI's Australian Mediatheque and surrounds, as curated by Carmen Reid and inspired by Karel Zeman's retro-futurist oeuvre. Artworks were supplied by a group of super-talented and generous local artists.

At the Melbourne Town Hall on Thursday 24 September, world-renowned Czech organist Pavel Kohout, flanked by narrator Pete Reid and foley artists Tonja Mlinar Min, Corey Murdoch and Dave Temme, played an original live score for the very rare 1919 silent horror film [The Cathedral Builder](#) (Stavitel chrámu) to an enthralled audience of 550 viewers - a new CaSFFA record! This truly wonderful performance could not have taken place without the staunch support of the City of Melbourne and the National Film Archive in Prague.



There are many more fabulous pictures from this wonderful event, and from our fabulous Opening and Closing Night extravaganzas, accessible on the [Gallery page on the CaSFFA website](#) - enjoy!

And... lest we forget! - it is thanks to your ongoing support and interest that we have been able to make CaSFFA happen once again this year. We cannot thank you enough for your contribution towards our festival, and here's throwing an especially warm welcome to our new CaSFFANs!

But Enough About Us...

Now for a Little Bit about You!

A whopping 49.4% of you submitted surveys to us! From your kind (and overwhelmingly positive) feedback, we have learnt that you are...

Czech 22%
Slovak 9%
Australian 56%
Other 13%

Male 44%
Female 54%
Other 2%

under 18 4%
18-24 7%
25-34 26%
35-44 23%
45-54 13%
55+ 27%

58% of you had attended CaSFFA before, while 42% were newbies - welcome!

We at CaSFFA are all looking forward to returning in 2016 to wow you with an even more impressive program... Stay tuned!

A Special Offer from Richmond Škoda!



As a special offer to celebrate the success of the Czech & Slovak Film Festival, Richmond Škoda is offering \$500 of free accessories on any new vehicle purchased from Richmond Škoda before 31 October.

Simply mention the festival, buy a Škoda from Max, Andhi or Justin before the end of October and mix and match the accessories you'd like. Come in and take a test drive - see for yourself what all the buzz is about!

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Upcoming Czech and Slovak cultural events

VodaFest Czech and Slovak Festival is celebrating its 5th Birthday!



VODAFEST 15
CZECH AND SLOVAK FESTIVAL

11AM-9PM SAT 7 NOV

CHINASKI / pop rock band Czech Republic
Children's Choir 'Kühňata' / Czech Republic
ŠKODA TATRA Vintage Car Expo
LIPTAR DANCE GROUP
CZECH & SLOVAK CUISINES
Beer / Wine / Spirits
Raffle & more

TICKETS \$10 / Kids Free
90 Sheehan Rd, Heidelberg West (Austrian Club)

vodafest.org

Logos for sponsors: Australian Multicultural Expression, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Graduate Student Association, CzechTrade, ANDHIA, and ESTHAD.

Being the largest gallery of Czech and Slovak cultures in the Southern Hemisphere, this one-day festival brings together all the Czech and Slovak associations, interest groups and individuals in order to showcase the best of its talent and traditions.

Join us for the celebrations and learn about the Czech and Slovak cultures Whether you are Czech, Slovak or Australian, this event is for you!

VODAFEST CZECH AND SLOVAK FESTIVAL 2015 presents

one of Czech Republic's most popular pop/ rock bands

the 5-time finalist of the prestigious musical award "Zlatý slavík"
& the winner of this year's "Zlatý anděl" award:
C H I N A S K I

Czech Philharmonic Children's Choir
in a folkloric piece 'Maypole Celebrations'

Outdoor stage musical and dance performances
Authentic Czech & Slovak national cuisine
Traditional costume & handcraft demos
Vintage Skoda car expo

Kids' art & craft activities, jumping castle & theatre show
Fairytale creatures meet & greet
Stalls dressed in a village architecture style
Raffle, competitions & more!

Indulge in the sounds, sights and tastes of the two Central European countries.

Sample famous savoury dishes like goulash, langose, 'klobasy', gypsy pork and others.
Indulge in sweet delights such as 'strudels', Chodsky cakes or vanilla ring cakes, fresh from the oven.

VodaFest would not be complete without the famous Czech beer on tap and many bottled varieties ready for your expert tasting ;-)

We look forward to seeing you there!

General Admission (Adults): \$10

Children under 18: FREE

Pre-purchase your tickets today at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vodafest-czech-slovak-festival-2015-tickets-17946672982?aff=eiosprexshreclip&ref=eiosprexshreclip>

[VodaFest](#) - Czech and Slovak Festival takes place on Saturday 7 November from 11am at the Austrian Club: 90 Sheehan Road, Heidelberg West.

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For out-of-towners, the [2nd Czech & Slovak Film Festival](#), run by IKSIMA Films and featuring several films in common with CaSFFA's Melbourne program, takes place in Sydney 21-25 October and in Perth 19-22 November.

The 3rd Czech and Slovak Film Festival of Australia

Melbourne: 16-25 September, Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), Federation Square and the Melbourne Town Hall

Sincerely,

Cerise Howard, Artistic Director, and the CaSFFA team: Brendan Black, Denisa Cross, Lilliana Hajncl, Linda Studená, Lenka Hadravová, Carmen Reid, Jack Russo, Miriam Fletcher, Jana Ridillová, Olivia Hărășan, Ioana-Lucia Demczuk, Markéta Fillingarová, Victor Griss and Eleanor Colla

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