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2nd Meeting of Slovenian Honorary Consuls in Ljubljana



83 Slovenian honorary consuls from 50 countries.

Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a two-day meeting of Slovenian honorary consuls took place on October 6 and 7 in Ljubljana. The meeting was attended by 83 honorary consuls from 50 countries, including 10 from the U.S. and Mexico.

They met at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the introductory part, where they were first addressed by the host, Minister of Foreign Affairs Erjavec, and Prime

Minister Cerar, who both thanked the honorary consuls for all their assistance and efforts in promoting Slovenia in the world and presented the priorities of the Government and Slovenian foreign policy.

In the afternoon, they were received by President Pahor, who praised the honorary consuls for their work on behalf of Slovenia. Due to its limited diplomatic and consular network, honorary consuls are pivotal for Slovenia, and complement the work of diplomats

in promoting Slovenia as a business, tourist and cultural destination.

The program of the meeting also offered opportunities for networking with representatives of the Government, the Ministry, and Slovenian businesses. As part of the program, the honorary consuls visited Rogaška Slatina, Piran, Koper, and Postojna and met representatives of Slovenian companies, mayors, and tourism operators.



Address by Minister of Foreign Affairs Erjavec.

Reception at the Presidential Palace.

ECONOMY

Slovenian Officials Attend Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank

Slovenian Central Bank Governor, Mr. Boštjan Jazbec, and Deputy Minister of Finance, Ms. Irena Sodin, attended the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank on October 6-8, which reviewed the state of the global economy. Among other things, the participants discussed a new dynamic formula to balance countries' GDP with contributions to the International Development Association, which provides loans

to developing countries. They also discussed the institutions' future plans and programs.

At the meeting, IMF managing director Christine Lagarde urged governments to take measures against economic inequality, including through investment in education of girls and retraining of workers who lost their jobs due to globalization and new technologies. On the sidelines of the meeting, the Slovenian delegation held

talks with representatives of both institutions, briefed them on the country's macroeconomic situation and discussed future cooperation. The Slovenian officials also held talks with representatives of investors in state bonds, and other interlocutors. In the Spring of 2016, the IMF has upgraded its outlook for the Slovenian economy. Recently, Fitch upgraded Slovenia's long-term foreign and local currency IDRs to A- with prediction of stable growth.

ENVIRONMENT

Slovenian Embassy Re-signs the D.C. Green Pledge

Demonstrating the Embassy's support for the District of Columbia's environmental and sustainability goals, Ambassador Dr. Cerar joined almost 100 Ambassadors and Embassy representatives on October 5 at the Embassy of Italy to sign the DC Sustainability Pledge. The signing ceremony was organized by the DC Greening Embassies Forum in collaboration with the District of Columbia and the Embassy of Italy.

The event was also attended by senior officials representing the White House, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Energy Department.

The DC Sustainability Pledge recognizes the collective commitment of Embassies and international institutions in the District of Columbia to support the District's sustainable plan and its goal to make the District the greenest city in the United States. The original pledge

was signed in 2012 by 77 embassies and international institutions. The revised pledge, almost five years later, highlights the goals of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and renews the DC's international community's commitment to support the host city's green goals.

The D.C. Greening Embassies Forum offers the diplomatic corps a platform to contribute to the District's environmental efforts



Ambassador dr. Cerar signing the pledge.

Greening Embassies Forum took place at the Embassy of Italy.

through, among other measures, sharing best practices, conducting training for embassy staff, supporting local sustainability events. The

success of the diplomatic community in Washington DC through the DC Greening Embassies Forum has generated similar efforts by

the diplomatic corps in Rome and Bangkok, which have launched matching forum chapters and pledges.

BUSINESS

3rd Annual Slovenian - American Business Association Conference

The third annual U.S. - Slovenia business bridge conference organized by the Slovenian - American Business Association and SNPJ Slovenian National Benefit Society (SABA) took place on Friday, September 30 in Pittsburgh, PA. The program was attended by some 30 representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises and other participants. At the beginning of the conference the remarks were given by representatives of the SABA

Association Mr. Jurček Žmauc, and Mr. Jože Kokal, Slovenian honorary consul in Pennsylvania Ms. Petra Mitchell, Consul General Mr. Andrej Rode and Joe Evanish, SNPJ President.

As part of the program the economic counselor from the Embassy in Washington Ms. Metka Urbas discussed the investment and business opportunities in Slovenia, whereas Mr. Ken Lucas, representative of Ten Tigers, introduced an option

for business cooperation between Slovenia and the U.S. Mr. Božidar Pučnik and Mr. Peter Ekart from the Maribor Development Agency outlined their internationalization activities. As part of the program, Prof. Thomas Ogoreuc from the University of Pittsburgh demonstrated the links between education and the business environment. A presentation was also given by Mr. Luka Zibelnik, who lectures at the Cleveland State University.



Address by Consul General Andrej Rode.

Honorary Consul Petra Mitchell speaking.

Embassy Briefing for the 9th World Medical Tourism Congress Participants

On Tuesday, September 27, Ms. Metka Urbas and Ms. Nuška Zakrajšek welcomed at the embassy some 40 participants of the 9th World Medical Tourism & Global Healthcare Congress, among them healthcare luminaries, leading companies' representatives and distinguished hosted buyers of healthcare, who attended the meeting from some 120 countries.

During the presentation, which highlighted Slovenia's best features,

they outlined that due to abundance of natural resources and countless springs of water with healing qualities, the country is dotted with numerous spas. They also mentioned that it is also internationally renowned for the high quality service and experienced medical professionals, thus an excellent choice for medical treatment and post-treatment rehabilitation.

In the frame of the conference, The Medical Tourism Association

organized Excellence in Leadership Awards Dinner at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland, honoring the industry's best. At the event, Economic Counsellor at the embassy, Ms. Metka Urbas, on behalf of Slovenia accepted an award from the President of the Medical Tourism Association, recognizing the country as Emerging Medical Tourism Destination.



Presentation by economic counselor Ms. Metka Urbas.



Group photo in front of the embassy.

Book Events with Writer and Poet Maja Haderlap in Washington, D.C.

A prize-winning Austrian-Slovene novelist, poet, playwright, and translator, Maja Haderlap discussed her novel *Angel of Oblivion* on September 28 at the Library of Congress and at the Austrian Cultural Forum in Washington, D.C. The first event was presented in partnership with the European Division at the library, and the second was featured in cooperation with the Austrian Cultural Forum. Maja Haderlap also spoke at Boston

University and Harvard University on October 13 and October 14, respectively.

The novel was recently translated into English by Tess Lewis, who for the translation won the ACFNY prize. The novel was published by Archipelago Books in August (archipelagobooks.org/book/angel-of-oblivion/). In 2011 it won the highly prestigious Ingeborg Bachmann prize and, in 2015, France's Prix du

Premier Roman. *Angel of Oblivion* (*Angel pozabe* in Slovenian, *Engel des Vergessens* in German) is inspired by the experiences of Maja Haderlap's family and the Slovenian-speaking minority in southern Austria, many of whom fought as partisans against the Nazis during the Second World War.

The story centers around a young girl learning to navigate the terrain between two hostile communities and two extremely burdened languages:



Reading at the ACE.



Discussion at the Library of Congress.

Slovenian, a language of heroic resistance and continued humiliation; and German, an escape from her stifling rural upbringing but also the language of the camps which her grandmother

barely survived and many other family members did not. Engaging with themes of tolerance and integration, the weight of history, the effects of conflicts on survivors and their children, and

language's role in shaping identity, Maja Haderlap's novel strikes at problems of paramount importance to our world today.

DIASPORA

100th Anniversary of Slovenian Church of St. John in Greenfield, Wisconsin

On Sunday, October 9, Ambassador Dr. Cerar attended the solemn mass and reception on the occasion of the 100th anniversary St. John the Evangelist Church in Greenfield, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The parish was founded in 1916 by Slovenian immigrants, as one of the eight in Wisconsin. In his speech, the ambassador recalled the history of the church and emphasized its significance as a center of faith as well as of cultural

and social life of Slovenians. During the ceremony, he conferred to Very Rev. Merkt the recognition on the 100th anniversary by the Office for Slovenians Abroad and conveyed to the parishioners greetings and congratulations by Minister Žmavc.

One of the first Slovenians who laid his foot in Milwaukee was Bishop Friderik Baraga. He lived and labored in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota, where he built churches and schools.

Slovenes were the earliest among the Slavs to arrive in the state; a small colony was established in Milwaukee in 1872, with additional communities developing in Sheboygan and Kenosha. In 1907, a small group purchased cut-over land in Clark county, and there were just over 5,500 Slovenes in Wisconsin in 1920. Wisconsin also became home for many more Slovenian immigrants after WWII, who in Milwaukee established the Triglav Cultural Society and Park.



Solemn mass commemorating 100th anniversary of the parish.



Ambassador and Slovenian community members in national outfits.

National Youth Leadership Forum Participants Visit the Embassy

On Thursday, September 22, 2016, a group of some 50 American high school students, who participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, visited our Embassy. The visit was initiated by the Envision organization, and brought together high-school students with a

serious interest in the fields of national security and foreign affairs, and diplomatic and intelligence issues. New political counselors Mr. Damir Devčič and Mr. Borut Žunič talked to the students on a number of topics, including the embassy's role, political and historical overview, and presented

to students a greater understanding of diplomacy and international relations as well as offered some tourist information about Slovenia. The discussion was followed by a lively discussion and, as the finale, the group was offered a taste of the Slovenian traditional walnut cake 'potica'.



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Presentation by Mr. Borut Žunič and Mr. Damir Devčič.

CALL FROM KSKJ

KSKJ Life Historical Artifacts and Photos

We often lose the history and connection to our past when loved ones die or organizations dissolve. KSKJ Life is making a priority to gather photographs, artifacts, articles and historical memorabilia in an effort to preserve the history of KSKJ Life rich in its Slovenian heritage.

The home office recently took on the ambitious task of cataloging all

of our historical photos and artifacts retained over the years, many of which are from previous national conventions. We are planning on having a history exhibit once again at our next convention in 2018. While taking inventory, we discovered a few convention years that are sparse on pictures and/or artifacts. Two years in particular are 1914, which was held

in Milwaukee, WI and 1954, which was held in Joliet, IL.

If anyone has photos or artifacts from these particular years or any other interesting historical KSKJ Life items, please contact Lauren Baltz at the home office at 1-800-843-5755 or email lauren.baltz@kskjlife.com or fraternal@kskjlife.com.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Slovenian Award for Social Responsibility Horus 2016

You are invited to nominate eligible persons for the Slovenian Social Responsibility Award - Horus 2016. The call is aimed at enterprises (micro, small, medium, large, and social enterprises) and institutions, entrepreneurs with Slovenian roots, doing business outside

Slovenia, and journalists, as well as other organizations and individuals who practice social responsibility.

The Call was published by IRDO - Institute for the Development of Social Responsibility, PRRS - Slovenian Society for Public Relations

and Office for Slovenians Abroad. For more information, please see the following website: <http://www.horus.si/ang-index.html> or in Slovene <http://www.horus.si/razpis.html>

XIV. Bachelor's, Master's Theses and Doctoral Dissertations Competition

The Government Office for Slovenes Abroad has announced The Award-Giving Competition for Bachelor's and Master's Theses and Doctoral Dissertations on topics:

- A: Slovenes in neighboring countries
B: Slovenes in emigration/abroad.

The aim of the competition is to promote research studies by undergraduate and postgraduate students on issues related to Slovenes in neighboring countries and abroad. The ultimate goal is to raise awareness of the importance of preserving Slovene identity in the mother-country as well as outside its borders.

The competition is open to candidates from the Republic of Slovenia as well as abroad. Authors of Bachelor's and Master's theses or Doctoral dissertations dealing with the topics related to Slovene communities outside the borders of the Republic of Slovenia that have been successfully defended at any university within or outside Slovenia may apply to this competition.

Accepted will be submissions in any of the following languages: Slovene, Croatian, Bosnian, Serbian (in Latin script), Italian, German, English, and Spanish. Works in a language other than Slovenian must have attached an abstract in Slovenian (60 to 150 lines).

As an exception, the Commission may award a special prize in the amount of 400 euros for the best undergraduate paper within the framework of a lower step of the Bologna study program.

The authors of theses or dissertations that have been entered

in other similar competitions may also apply. Into account will be taken theses or dissertations that were/will be **defended in the period from November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016.**

The awards will be distributed in the following way: three for theses or dissertations dealing with the topic of Slovenes living in neighboring countries and three for theses or dissertations dealing with Slovenes living abroad: the award for the best written paper in either field in the amount of 800 euros (approx. \$900), and two awards in the amount of respectively, 600 and 400 euros (resp. approx. \$675 and \$450) will be given to the second and third best paper. Upon the expert committee's proposal, the Office may decide to increase the number of the awards in one of the categories, but the total number of awards should not exceed the total number of the awards to be distributed (i.e. 6 awards) or the total amount of the fund of 3,600 euros.

At the winners' request, the Office will issue a recommendation for the best theses or dissertations to be published.

The expert committee will evaluate the Bachelor's and Master's theses and Doctoral dissertations dealing with various topics in relation to Slovenes living in neighboring countries and abroad, based on the following criteria: the originality of the topic, the approach, the applicability of papers in relation to the preservation of Slovene identity outside the borders of the Republic of Slovenia and its connection with

the motherland, professionalism, complexity and interdisciplinarity of papers.

By participating in the competition, the authors are deemed to have given their consent for the papers to be kept in the archive of the Office.

Method of application and deadline:

The candidates should send or deliver one copy of their papers bound and with hard cover, the certificate of successful defense of the respective paper (the date of its submission must be evident) and a short curriculum vitae (including personal data, phone number and e-mail contact) to the **Government's Office for Slovenes Abroad address: Urad Vlade RS za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu, Erjavčeva 15, 1000 Ljubljana, SI.**

From the application it must be clear what type of work is involved – a diploma at the lower, higher step of the Bologna study program, a Master's degree, a scientific Master's degree...

Only papers sent or **delivered by December 9, 2016** (inclusive) will be accepted; the results of the competition will be announced by the end of April 2017. The award-giving ceremony is expected to be held in spring/summer of 2017.

Additional information may be obtained at the following telephone number: (001)(386) (1) 230-8011 (every business day between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., CET) or by e-mail: zvone.zigon@gov.si

Learn Slovenian Online

If you wanted to learn Slovenian language but didn't have time for the set times of the class or you lived too far, there is an option for you. Mr. Luka Zibelnik, a teacher of the Slovenian language at Cleveland State University in Ohio created a new program for learning Slovenian language online. In the past two years, over 170 students learned the language through the program under the guidance of Mr. Zibelnik.

The course will provide you with the structured learning of a classroom with all the online flexibility that you need. It doesn't matter where you are, as long as you have the Internet you can access his courses from any computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device. The

classes are offered throughout the U.S. and even worldwide, and are ideal for people of Slovenian descent, spouses and friends of Slovenians, and for all who are unable to attend the regular classes.

The lectures are prerecorded in the program Tegrity, and students can watch them anytime in the week in which the unit is published. Accompanying the video lectures are PowerPoint presentations (textbook), a Word document with new words, an Online tool for easier pronunciation and a Fun and Trivia folder with cultural and historical facts. Also, many of the units include Youtube videos, music and literature.

Each semester is 16 weeks long and is concluded by a final examination. Both beginner Slovenian (SLN 101 and 102) and intermediate Slovenian (SLN 201 and SLN 202) are two semesters in length (Fall semester starts in the end of August and Spring semester starts in January). The lectures are in English, and Slovenian is spoken by a native speaker and an American speaker.

For the non-credit students (Continuing Education) the price of a semester is \$425; however, if you are taking it for credit points, you need to consult with Cleveland State University's Admissions and Registrar's office. For more information visit: www.onlineslovenian.com

NEW BOOK

Slovenian American Inventors and Innovators

Edward Gobetz, PhD, has made it his life's work to record stories of Slovenians who have helped to shape our world. His latest work focuses on Slovenian Americans and their contributions to the science and technology. The book titled "Slovenian American Inventors and Innovators" has been published by Družina publishing house and provides information on over 100 innovators of Slovenian origin who have pursued - and in many instances captured - the American Dream and in the process substantially contributed to prosperity and progress of the country

and also of the entire world.

The hardcover bibliophile edition of the 408-page volume very convincingly depicts how much Slovenian Americans influenced the research and development of science in the 20th century, from the first pocket-sized calculator to the manufacture of the jumbo-jet.

Dr. Gobetz is professor emeritus of Kent State University and founder of the Slovenian Research Center of America (SRCA). Together with his wife, Milena, he has been collecting for well over 60 data on various ground-

breaking inventors and innovators of Slovenian heritage in the U.S.

The book can be ordered online at amazon.com or directly from the publisher at the e-mail address: barbara.brajcer@druzina.si or druzina@narocila.si. The book is also available for personal pick up at the Slovenian American Times' Office, 33977 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills (tel. 440-833-0020) and at Slovenska Pisarna, St. Vitus Village, 6114 Lausche Ave., Cleveland (Felix Gaser, tel: 216-381-2602).

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MINNESOTA

EXHIBITION: FARMERS, MINERS & REFUGEES, SLOVENIAN IMMIGRATION IN MINNESOTA SINCE 1855

When: [October 16 - January 11](#)

Where: [Stearns History Museum, 235-33rd Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301](#)

Hours of operation: [Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.](#)

Admission: \$7 Adults, \$3 Children.

More information: <http://www.clevelandslovenian.com/akaCLESLO/2016/10/03/slovenian-immigration-in-minnesota-since-1855/>, <http://stearns-museum.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NY, DC & MARYLAND

PROKOFIEV GUITAR DUO: MAK GRGIĆ AND NEJC KUJAR PERFORM IN MD

Nejc Kuhar and Mak Grgić, both former students of the revered guitar master Alvaro Pierri at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna, live now on completely different sides of the world. Mak is on the faculty of Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles and, in addition to curating festivals both in the U.S and Europe, spends a distinct portion of his time on the road performing. Nejc holds professorship at the Vienna Music Academy and Frankfurt Music School and is, as Mak, an active performer. When their paths meet they enjoy performing together as Prokofiev Guitar Duo, a collaboration that was established already during their times in Vienna. After their last U.S. tour, which took the duo to the National Gallery of Art, it has been almost three years since they performed in the D.C. area. Prokofiev Guitar Duo is returning with a program consisting of original music, intricate arrangements and Spanish classics.

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE ENTRANCE FREE; NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

When: [Saturday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.](#)

Where: [St. Cyril's Church, 62 St Marks Pl, New York, New York 10003](#)

When: [Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30pm to 9:00pm](#)

Where: [Pealer Recital Hall, PAC 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD](#)

More information: http://events.frostburg.edu/event/prokofiev_guitar_duo_-_guest_artist_series_recital

When: [Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m.](#)

Where: [Avalon Theatre, 40 E. Dover St. Easton, Maryland 21601](#)

More information: <https://www.avalonfoundation.org/events/free-show-prokofiev-guitar-duo-nejc-kuhar-mak-grgic>

When: [Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm](#)

Where: [Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland 20715](#)

More information: <http://www.bowiecenter.org/calendar.html> , <https://www.facebook.com/events/284032635312735/>

SLOVENIAN FILM "GOING OUR WAY/GREMO MI PO SVOJE" AT THE KIDS EURO FESTIVAL

The screening of the film *Going Our Way/Gremo mi po svoje*, directed by Miha Hočevar, is part of the Kids Euro Festival, a two-week festival of free family events and performances throughout Washington, D.C. presented by European Union Members and local arts organizations. To learn more and register visit: <http://kidseurofestival.org/>

What it is about...

Alex and his teen friends are at summer camp by the river. The camp leader is quite annoying – he takes scouting much too seriously, while the boys would rather have fun, try their luck with the girls and swim rather than learn scouting skills and take part in competitions. The situation in the camp keeps disintegrating, but parents' visiting day is drawing near. The camp leader makes a cunning move, organizing a camping competition, where small groups of scouts spend a night on their own in the wilderness in improvised shelters. Naturally, to escape the monotony, Alex volunteers. Jake, the camp leader's hypochondriac son, and Sleepyhead, a philosopher type, join him...

Presented in Slovenian with English subtitles.

Age: 9-13

Duration: 97 mins.

When: [Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m.](#)

Where: [AFI Silver Spring, 8633 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910](#)

Free admission.

Register at: <http://silver.afi.com/Browsing/Movies/Details/m-0100001060>

More information: <http://kidseurofestival.org/going-way-gremo-mi-po-svoje/>

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OHIO

LECTURE BY DRAGO KUNEJ: HISTORICAL SOUND-RECORDINGS OF TRADITIONAL SLOVENIAN MUSIC AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLKA IN AMERICA

When: Monday, November 14, 2016 - 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Where: Music and Dance Library 205, Ohio State University, 140 Enarson Classroom Building, 2009 Millikin Road, Columbus OH, 43210

More information: <https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/events/historical-sound-recording-traditional-slovenian-music-and-development-polka-america>

Record companies in the early 20th century quickly realized that in order to increase the sales of phonographs and records they needed ethnic music, which would sound familiar to local consumers and help them to identify with these new musical commodities. The most comprehensive and systematic ethnic music marketing campaigns were undertaken by American record companies, with the aim of addressing the desires and interests of a growing immigrant population, a potentially lucrative new market demographic. Thus, it is not surprising that much Slovenian music was recorded in the United States between the two World Wars, performed by the emigrants as well as touring artists from the motherland.

This lecture will focus on recorded dance tunes from the 1920s and '30s. Such recordings represent invaluable ethnomusicological and ethnochoreological materials, are the oldest sound recordings of Slovenian instrumental traditional music, and have an enormous cultural and documentary value. By mixing elements of Slovenian traditional music and various popular American genres of the time, Slovenian emigrants contributed to the development of polka music, the appeal of which crossed ethnic boundaries and later achieved more widespread popularity. Most of early polka tunes have been recorded on phonograph records, which give us insight into the history of Slovenian music in the United States and the activities of its artists and audiences.

Drago Kunej is head of the Institute of Ethnomusicology at the Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. He is also head of institute's Sound Archives and Assistant Professor at the Academy of Music and at the Department of Musicology at the Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He is actively involved in the technical and methodological aspects of sound recording for research purposes, particularly in ethnomusicological field recordings and the problems of sound preservation, restoration, re-recording, digitization, and archiving. His research focuses on the history of sound recordings and early ethnomusicological sound recordings in Slovenia. He has been actively involved in several European and national projects, has presented his research work at many international conferences, and published several scientific papers and two monograph books (*The Phonograph has Arrived! : The First Sound Recordings of Slovenian Folk Music*, 2008 and *Music from both sides: Gramophone Records Made by Matija Arko and Hoyer Trio*, 2016). As editor and sound engineer, he has been involved in numerous publications of sound recordings.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the School of Music, the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, and the Slovene Research Initiative.

EXHIBITION BY EVA PETRIČ IN OHIO: IN BETWEEN UNIVERSES

In this exhibition, Eva Petrič creates an interplay of light and shadow by composing a “lace assemblage” from found, donated, and inherited hand-made pieces of lace collected from all over the world, and combining them with sound and video projections. It is her homage to the delicate webs that tie us together and unite us in this world.

When: October 2, 2016-December 31, 2016

Where: Butler Institute of American Art, 524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502

More information: <http://butlerart.com/eva-petric-universes/>



Eva Petrič, LIEBE: lace assemblage installation, St. Stephan's Cathedral, Vienna, Austria Photo Credit: Andreas Scheiblecker

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NEW YORK

FILM SCREENING: HORROR MOVIE 'IDYLL' BY TOMAŽ GORKIČ

After a night of carousing, the amateur photo model Zina heads for a fashion shoot in nature, accompanied by the ambitious Mia, apathetic Dragica and snobby photographer Blitz. On their way to the location, they come across some odd locals, but pay them no attention. On an idyllic meadow that they chose as their location, they are violently attacked by its supposed owners Francl and Vintlr. Thus an ordinary fashion shoot in nature turns into a fierce fight for survival...

'Idyll' plays with the genre pattern of a horrifying confrontation between rural and urban. Underneath the basic story structure there are some subtly positioned problematic themes that modern-day Slovene as well as general society faces nowadays. It is a dark reflection of the world we live in.

When: **Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 12:00 pm-2:00 pm**

Where: **CINEPOLIS CHELSEA, NYC, THEATER 8, 260 W 23rd St., New York, NY 10011**

More information: <https://nychorrorfest.com/movies/idyll/>

IN SHORT

- For the third time, Kabaj is, in 2016, one of Wine & Spirits Magazine's Top 100 Wineries, an honor the winery also received in 2015 and 2013. Kabaj is listed with many prestigious wineries from all over the world including Stag's Leap Wine Cellars from Napa Valley, Ridge from the Santa Cruz Mountains, Marchesi Antinori from Tuscany, Joh. Jos. Prüm from Mosel, Krug from Champagne, Joseph Drouhin from Burgundy, and E. Guigal from Rhone Valley. Kabaj's Luisa 2011, a white blend named after Jean Michel Morel's grandmother, is one of the magazine's highest-scoring wines, getting 94 Points: "Like many Kabaj whites, this 2011 is reticent at first, the flavors masked by a meaty texture and lactic notes that recall washed-rind cheese. The wine raised some controversy among our panelists, yet it emerged over several days of re-tasting as one of this issue's most compelling white wines. Winemaker Jean-Michel Morel changes the composition of Luisa depending on the vintage, this one a blend of co-fermented friulano, pinot bianco, sauvignon blanc and ribolla that macerated on the skins for a full month. Exposure to air transforms it into a gorgeously expressive wine with scents of fresh pineapple, lemon and tangerine and flavors of peach that warm into rich baked pear, ginger and honey. The texture is chewy and dense, cooled by a stream of acidity that keeps the flavors juicy and bright. Decanted and served at cellar temperature, it's a dynamic match for the gamey flavors of roast pheasant or guinea hen." Source: <http://www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com/top100/wineries>

- Chef Ana Roš channels the beauty and bounty of real-life Narnia at Hiša Franko writes the Food and Wine Magazine: <http://www.foodandwine.com/chefs/chef-ana-ros>

- Oscars: Slovenia selects 'Houston, We Have a Problem!' for foreign-language category: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/oscars-slovenia-selects-houston-we-931421>

- Slovenia is (burgeoning) Fairy Tale of a City writes Bianca Bosker in the New York Times : http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/22/t-magazine/travel/ljubljana-slovenia-guide.html?_r=0

- This former Slovenian prison is now a beautiful hostel with uniquely furnished cells: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/news/2016/09/07/former-slovenian-prison-now-beautiful-hostel-unique-furnished-cells/#ixzz4Jhi0paYQ>

- Congratulations to Slovenian violinist Lana Trotovšek - the Global Music Awards gold-medal winner: <http://www.globalmusicawards.com/> , <http://www.delo.si/kultura/glasba/violinistka-lana-trotovsek-nagrajenka-global-music-awards-2016.html>

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