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**JANÁČEK BRNO 2020**

**7th International Opera and Music Festival**

**28 September – 16 October 2020**

**THE JANÁČEK BRNO FESTIVAL IS MOVING CONCERTS THAT COULD NOT BE PERFORMED THIS YEAR TO 2021**

This year of the prestigious opera and music festival Janáček Brno had to adjust to the current complicated situation related to the spread of COVID-19. Still, the festival took place with great success from 28 September to 16 October in Brno as everything possible was done to keep the programme going. *“This year’s audience attendance, having exceeded 65%, is a big success considering the current conditions,”* Martin Glaser, the Director of the National Theatre Brno, added.

There were 18 events performed for audience in concert halls as part of the Janáček Brno festival in 2020. Live streams were an important part of this year’s festival as well; in total, the audience were able to see four festival concerts live. The festival live streams were watched by people in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, Italy, Hungary, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Great Britain, USA, Poland and other countries.

The National Theatre Brno decided not to cancel other events that could not take place this year due to the current measures. Therefore, the concerts are moved to next year. Since the Janáček Brno festival is biennial, there is an ideal opportunity. *“The concerts will also be an invitation to the Janáček Brno 2022 festival that will take place between 2nd and 19th November 2022, with advance ticket sale starting on 30 November 2021.* (Jiří Heřman, Artistic Director of the Janáček Opera of the National Theatre Brno)

**Detailed information about the festival is available at** [**www.janacek-brno.cz**](http://www.janacek-brno.cz)

**List of performances of the Janáček Brno festival moved to 2021:**

27 May 2021, 7 p.m. – Church Songs from Znorovy – folklore concert, Red Church

29 May 2021, 7 p.m. – Brno Children Choir, Reduta Theatre

13 November 2021, 7 p.m. – Tomáš Král and Matan Porat’s Recital at Villa Tugendhat

20 November 2021, 7 p.m. – Concert of the Prague Philharmonic Choir, Besední dům

30 November 2021, 7 p.m. – Pavol Breslik and Róbert Pechanec Recital, Reduta Theatre

The Greek Passion, Janáček Opera of the National Theatre Brno – we are currently looking for a date of performance at the Janáček Theatre, the information will be published on the festival website

Destiny, Janáček Opera of the National Theatre Brno – we are currently looking for a date of performance and stream for OperaVision at the Janáček Theatre, the information will be published on the festival website

**Information about the Janáček Brno festival ticket return and exchange:**

If the new date is convenient for you, the original ticket automatically remains valid for the rescheduled performance. There is no need to get a new ticket.

If you wish to return your ticket, you may do so by 30 December 2020 by e-mail at storno@ndbrno.cz and ask for a refund.

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