

The association „**THE CZECH ART OF GLASS**“ – is a major representative of the Czech glass and fashion jewellery industries, glassmaking schools and glass artists.

Czech glass is one of the most distinctive elements in the history of its nation. By its tradition, respect for the craft and originality of approach, Czech glass has been destined to play a significant role on an international scale. It has become recognised as an icon and a trademark for its country.

So far, the most important achievement of the **THE CZECH ART OF GLASS** association has been **CONCERTO GLASSICO**, an extensive and unique exhibition of the Czech glass and fashion jewellery industries with the active participation of leading glass and jewellery makers, schools and artists. The exhibition reveals what constitutes the singularity of Czech glass, which techniques and methods are vital to its production, how important glassmaking schools are for the future of Czech glassmaking and how the unique qualities of Czech glass offer infinite imaginative space for Czech glassmaking artists. The exhibition includes live demonstrations of glassmaking work – blowing at a glass furnace, glass cutting and engraving, blowing glass figurines, winding lamp beads, painting Christmas decorations and making Tiffany window panels. Visitors can test their skills and give free rein to their imagination in a creative workshop under the supervision of specialists, or have a go at playing Vetrachord “glass music”. A wide range of interactive audio-visual programmes, both instructive and entertaining, is also offered.

The secrets and renown of Czech glass lie in the combination and synergy of craftsmanship, creativity and modern technologies and produce the harmony of a glass concert – **CONCERTO GLASSICO**.

The exhibition was presented successfully for the first time during September 2014 in the beautiful baroque Tuscan palace in the Castle square in Prague.

The **CONCERTO GLASSICO** exhibition took place under the aegis of Miloš Zeman, President of the Czech Republic, Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Věra Jourová, Minister for Regional Development, and the Municipality of the Capital City of Prague. The enthusiastic reception of visitors to the exhibition led to a decision to organise the **CONCERTO GLASSICO** exhibition in further regions of the Czech republic as well as abroad. The Czech Art of Glass association is now seeking strong, interesting and reliable partners to cooperate in the organisation of the exhibition. Brief conditions of mutually advantageous cooperation on the project **CONCERTO GLASSICO – THE CZECH ART OF GLASS** are enclosed.

Should you find our proposal for cooperation interesting, we welcome your interest and are ready to open negotiations.

Enclosed you will also find the brochure and CD (photos and video) presenting the Concerto Glassico exhibition in the Tuscan palace in Prague.

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