



## Grand Opening of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library July 14 & 15, 2012



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### Stunning Art Nouveau Exhibition Opens

More than 230 rare works by one of the world's most famous artists will be the opening exhibition beginning July 14, 2012 at the National



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Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. *Alphonse Mucha: Inspirations of Art Nouveau*, featuring paintings, jewelry, sculptures and lithographs, is coming direct from the Mucha Foundation in Prague and London.



Alphonse Mucha

Not since 1999 has an exhibit of this size and caliber appeared in the United States and it is the first of its type to appear in

the Midwest region.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the lush beauty of Mucha's flowing, elegant artwork, which is recognized by people all over the world.

*Alphonse Mucha: Inspirations of Art Nouveau* is divided into six sections and explores Mucha not just as the father of Art Nouveau, but also Mucha's Moravian roots, his family, his photography, and his devotion to the Slav people.

The exhibit continues through Dec. 31, 2012.



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## Two-day Grand Opening Festival

Saturday, July 14

**9 a.m.**

**Parade of States Pageant** sponsored by Rockwell Collins followed by

**Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting**

**11 a.m.**

**Museum, Library, Gallery Exhibits Open**

- John and Sarah Mucha welcome visitors to Mucha exhibition
- Mucha film and Monumental Move films inside theatre
- Babi's Bakery on terrace sponsored by the Museum Guild
- Hog roast & food tent featuring Ruzicka's Catering, sponsored by the University of Iowa Community Credit Union
- Beer tent & garden sponsored by Staropramen & 7G Distributing

**Noon**

**Creation Station** activities for children sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art Kosek Building Open till 5 p.m.

**Noon – 6 p.m.**

**Concert Stage Entertainment**

- Czech Plus Band and the Craig Erickson Band with special guest Natalie Brown
- Concert Staging sponsored by WFLA
- Amphitheater Performances sponsored by Guaranty Bank

**1 – 5 p.m.**

**Lecture Series** sponsored by Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust

**7 – 9:45 p.m.**

**Caravan of Thieves** gypsy jazz concert

**8 p.m.**

**Museum closes**

**9:45 p.m.**

**Light Show** sponsored by St. Luke's Hospital Food tent & beer garden close at 10:30 p.m.

*(Sunday schedule on reverse.)*

**Special exhibition fees:** Members free. Adults \$12; Seniors \$10; Students 13 & above (with I.D.) and active military \$5; youngsters 6-12 \$3; five and under free. Admission also includes the exhibit *Rising Above: the Story of a People and the Flood* located in the Kosek Building, 87 Sixteenth Ave. SW.

**Regular hours begin April 16:**

Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

## It All Comes Out in the Wash

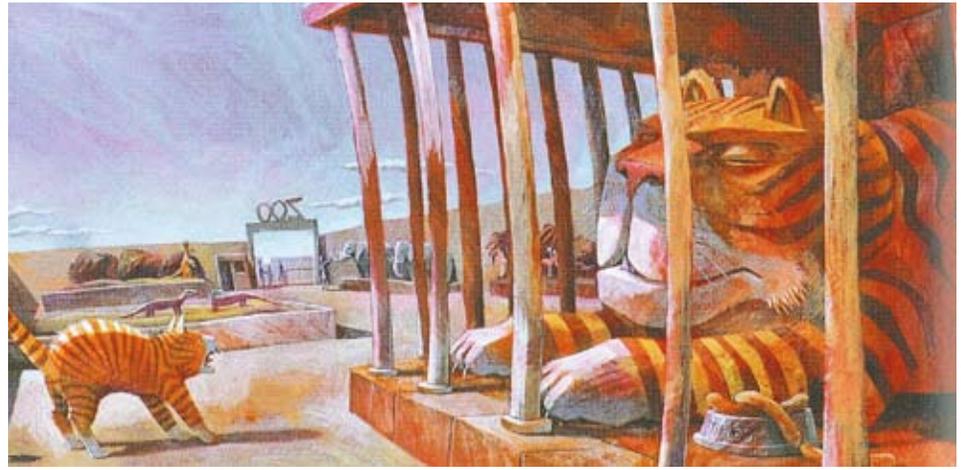
After four years in restoration and storage, the museum will host an exhibition of embellished textiles that were damaged in the flood of 2008 and painstakingly restored at the Chicago Conservation Center. Visitors will be thrilled and surprised at the vibrant colors and



quality of the pieces. The beloved *kroje* (folk costumes) along with many other examples of decorated and laced textiles are also in this exhibit.



They look like sequins, but are fish scales meticulously sewn onto an apron to make this lovely pattern! View this and more at the *It All Comes Out in the Wash* exhibit.



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## Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art for Children's Books

Engaging, wacky and witty is what visitors will find in this exhibition, *Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art for Children's Books*. Seventy-six award-winning illustrations that were honored at the Biennial of Illustrations



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Bratislava (BIB) will be on display. Ranging from whimsical to avant-garde, the exhibition is sure to enchant the young and young-at-heart.

The BIB is an international competitive exhibition of children's book illustrations which has been held in Bratislava every other year since 1967. Three types of awards are presented: The Grand Prix, the Golden Apple, and the BIB Plaque. This exhibit includes three sets of winners: All award winners from 2011, the most recent year of the BIB; Slovak winners since 1967, and Grand Prix winners since 1967. Additionally visitors may relax in the gallery with copies of many of the enchanting books that feature the awarded illustrations.

## Festival of Events

Sunday, July 15

### Noon

#### Museum Opens

#### Blessing of Building, amphitheater

- Babi's Bakery on terrace sponsored by the Museum Guild
- Creation Station activities for children sponsored by Cedar Rapids Museum of Art
- Mucha Film and Monumental Move films inside theatre
- Ice cream social & activity tent with Papa Balloon, face painting & caricatures sponsored by Cedar Memorial
- Food & beverage tent featuring Dostal Catering

### 1 p.m.

#### Czechoslovak-American Marionette

#### Theatre of NYC presents *The White Doe*

\$5 per person; children 4 & under free

### 3 p.m.

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### 5 p.m.

Grand Opening Festival and Museum & Library close

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