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# Opening Ceremony Programme

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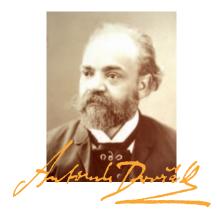
Opening Speech 2 Special Guests

Medal of Merit

Jan Betka Geniality and Deafness of Bedřich Smetana The presentation includes live music samples performed by the Philharmonic Orchestra.

> Antonín Dvořák Symphony No. 9 "From the New World" Adagio – Allegro molto Largo Molto vivace Allegro con fuoco

Welcome Cocktail



## Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904) The Symphony No. 9

The Symphony No. 9 in E minor, "From the New World", Op. 95, B. 178 popularly known as the New World Symphony, was composed by Antonín Dvořák in 1893 while he was the director of the National Conservatory of Music of America from 1892 to 1895. It is by far his most popular symphony, and one of the most popular of all symphonies. Neil Armstrong took a recording of the New World Symphony to the Moon during the Apollo 11 mission, the first Moon landing, in 1969.

Antonín Leopold Dvořák was a Czech composer. Dvořák frequently employed aspects, specifically rhythms, of the folk music of Moravia and his native Bohemia. Dvořák's own style has been described as the fullest recreation of a national idiom with that of the symphonic tradition, absorbing folk influences and finding effective ways of using them.

Dvořák's works included 10 operas (e.g. Rusalka), numerous symphonies (e.g. Slavonic Dances) and smaller works, e.g. the Humoresque.



### Leoš Svárovský Conductor

Leoš Svárovský (1961) studied flute at the Prague Conservatoire and conducting at the Academy of Music in Prague. His brief history: Chief Conductor of the Janáček Philharmonic, Brno Philharmonic artistic director at the State Opera Prague, tour with the Czech Philharmonic in the USA and with the Slovak Philharmonic to Japan. He performed throughout the Europe, USA, Japan and Korea, cooperated with many excellent orchestras and was guest of many important music festivals all over the world. Nowadays is Leoš Svárovský a Chief Conductor of the Aichi Central Symphony Orchestra Nagoya and Principal Guest Conductor of the Slovak Philharmonic.

> Filharmonie Hradec Králové

## Hradec Kralove Philharmonic Orchestra

The Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra was established in 1978. The chief conductor is now Andreas Sebastian Weiser. The HK Philharmonic Orchestra has performed on stages of prestigious concert halls in Europe and played in many world countries. The orchestra performs in important festivals.