

Entertainment

Theater

One of the best things about Prague is the prevalence and affordability of its culture; theater tickets run at a fraction of what would be expected in other cities and the range of seating and prices make most performances affordable for all. English-language theater, outside of occasional one-off shows and festivals such as Prague Fringe, can be difficult to come by in Prague. Fortunately, there are a number of theaters that offer English-friendly performances. Formal attire is expected at most theaters.

Opera, Drama, Ballet

The **National Theater** runs three separate theaters in Prague: the **National Theater**, **Estates Theater** and **Kolowrat Theater**. The National and Estates theaters specialize in opera, drama, and ballet, while the Kolowrat typically focuses on drama. Many of the operatic performances at these theaters – which include Bizet's Carmen and Verdi's Aida – are presented with English subtitles. Drama with English subtitles is occasional but rare. **State Opera Prague** also specializes in opera; though the theater is equipped with subtitle monitors, English subs are rare. However, an excellent production of Leonard Bernstein's Candide, performed in English, is a mainstay in their repertoire. Standing-room tickets for all performances at these theaters can generally be had for 30 – 100 CZK. Front-row, stage-level seats generally max out at around 300 CZK for drama and 1000 CZK for opera and ballet.

One of the few theaters in Prague that consistently presents English-subtitled drama is **Švandovo Divadlo**; a number of plays ranging from classic Shakespeare to contemporary Czech are performed with English subtitles each month. Many other dramatic theaters – including **Divadlo Komedie** and **Divadlo v Dlouhé** – dot the Prague landscape, though English-friendly performances are rare. Tickets for plays at most of these theaters run from 80 – 250 CZK.

Performance Art & Dance

Alfred ve dvůře and **Archa Theatre** specialize in performance art, featuring many shows without dialogue or with a minimum of speaking. They also play host to numerous festivals, musical acts, and other specialized performances. **Divadlo Ponec** is the premiere theater for dance in Prague, serving as host to numerous dance festivals and other special events. Tickets for performance art & dance at these venues typically range from 70 – 210 CZK

Musicals

A number of Prague theaters are devoted to musicals performed in the Czech language, ranging from Western classics (West Side Story, Jesus Christ Superstar), to contemporary international (The Producers) and Czech fare (Láska je Láska). The newly reconstructed **Divadlo Hybernia** is equipped with a subtitle-displaying monitor; currently, Karel Svoboda's The Golem is performed with English subtitles. Other venues (and some of the shows in their repertoire) include **Goja Music Hall** (Jesus Christ Superstar, Les Misérables, Miss Saigon), **Ta Fantastika** (Láska je Láska, The Picture of Dorian Gray, Elixir of Life), **Divadlo Karlín** (The Producers, West Side Story, Limonádový Joe), **Divadlo Broadway** (Angelika), **Divadlo Kalich** (Jack the Ripper, Don Quixote), and **Divadlo Na Fidlovačce** (Funny Girl, Man of La Mancha). Ticket prices generally range from 200 – 700 CZK.

Black Light Theaters

Performance artists, dancers, and acrobats wearing fluorescent costumes and using fluorescent props and a darkened stage lit

only by black lights combine to create some visual delights. Though Prague's black light theaters tend to cater to tourists – most are located in the very center of Prague 1 – they are more prolific here than anywhere else in the world, and should be experienced at least once. Variations of classic stories including Frankenstein, Alice in Wonderland, and Faust can be found along with original fare. Noted theaters include the **All Colours Theatre**, **Animato Black Light Theatre**, **Divadlo Metro**, **Image Theatre**, **Palace Theatre**, and **Ta Fantastika**. Although it holds some similar traits to Black Light, the unique **Laterna Magika** cannot easily be classified. Originally devised by film directors Evald Schorm, Jan Svankmajer, Jiří Srnec, and Josef Svoboda, the theater specializes in unique performances featuring live actors performing in front of and interacting with projected images. Tickets at most of these venues run from 400 – 600 CZK.

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Black Light Theaters



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Musical Theaters



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Goja Music Hall	 www.goja.cz
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Children's Theaters



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Cinema

In Prague cinemas, most films will be featured in their original language with Czech subtitles – the only exceptions are children's films (or films that lean to a younger audience, like Harry Potter or Spider-Man) which play in dubbed versions. For the more popular of these films, however, an original-language version or two will always be floating around the city, usually at **Palace Cinemas Slovanský dům** or **Village Cinemas Anděl**. **Kino Světozor** and other independent cinemas will occasionally show Czech films with English subtitles. For other foreign films, unfortunately you're out of luck – they'll only play in their original language with Czech subtitles. The only exceptions are films screened during special events or film festivals (small or large), in which case there's a very good chance they'll have English subtitles.

The multiplexes in Prague (**Palace Cinemas** and **Village Cinemas**) are two of the more popular chains) offer first-run Hollywood blockbusters that usually get released in the Czech Republic a few months later than they do in the US. Seating and refreshments at the multiplexes are preferable to the independents, but the selection of films usually isn't; still, **Palace Cinemas Slovanský dům** features a few classic and independent films each week along with weekly advance screenings, **Cinema City Flora** contains Prague's only IMAX theater (though most of the screenings are not English-friendly), and **Village Cinemas Anděl** offers the comfort of 'Gold Class' where you can watch a film in a recliner with full food and drink service.

Independent Cinemas

While the comfy seats, Dolby sound systems, and overpriced concessions at the larger chains are nice, one of the beauties of living

in Prague is the choice of historical and independent cinemas. And though they won't show too many first-run Hollywood blockbusters, ticket prices are generally much lower as well, at around 100 CZK per film.

Bio Lucerna is the "grande dame" of them all; having opened in 1909, it is the oldest continually running cinema in Europe and still full of charm. They show Czech films, often host festivals, and first run foreign films show up about a month or so after their wide release. If you want elegance and atmosphere with your film, this is the place to go. Across the street is **Kino Světozor**; while lacking the charm of Lucerna, it does have two bars where you can grab a beer before or for the film. Světozor hosts many of the film festivals in town and specializes in foreign and avant-garde cinema. The cinema is also one of the few that consistently shows Czech films with English subtitles.

Světozor's sister cinemas are **Bio Oko** in Letná and **Aero** in Žižkov. Outside of the center, both have a wonderful working-class feel to them, and a small bar/lounge area to enjoy a beer before the film. Like Lucerna, Oko (a converted theater) is a unique place to watch a film, with a popular balcony that can provide an altogether different cinematic experience. Aero plays host to numerous festivals and special events, and usually has a more eclectic selection of films.

For a more austere approach, there are **Evald**, next to Tesco on Národní, **Kino Mat** by Karlovo náměstí and **Kino Atlas** near Florenc. Kino Atlas has a café upstairs and the Velký Sál is nice, with an odd university lecture hall feel to it and a new big screen and excellent sound system. There's also **Perštýn**, tucked away in the curving streets of Prague 1. On Wenceslas Square, there's the wonderfully quirky **Kino Blaník**. This Moderne style cinema is huge with a stage for performances and private box seats. The catch to this cinema is that they need to have at least 4 people in the house to show the film. Often this isn't the case, so if you want to have a near-private screening, round up some of your friends and head on over to the Blaník.

Going a bit out from the center, there is **Kino Ořechovka**, just two tram stops past Hradčanská as you head away from the city center. From the same era as **Kino Blaník**, it's still got the original wood seats and a stage designed for performances. The beauty of this place is the neighborhood, which gives you the feeling like you have traveled to a small village and are no longer in Prague. Other cinemas just a bit out of the center include another beauty from the early 1900's, **Modřanský biograf**, which also has a bar and restaurant. Out in Prague 5 there are **Radotín** and **Sigma** near Spořilov, both which are within a 20 to 30 minute bus ride of the center.

Outdoor cinema **Stěřecký ostrov** shows films throughout the summer months at 21:30 daily on a screen stretched between the trees. They show English language and Czech films, with subtitles, and have concerts on the weekends.

Visit www.expatz.cz/cinema to see what's playing on Prague screens.

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Art

Paintings, photos, sculptures and more: Prague has numerous museums and galleries sure to showcase your favorite genre. Prices range the gamut from 50 CZK-120 CZK and generally speaking, most are closed on Mondays. Check the websites or phone ahead - some also have shorter hours in the winter.

The biggie in the city is **City Gallery Prague** (www.ghmp.cz) comprising five different locations, all showing a variety of works. **The Golden Ring House** showcases art from the 2nd half of the 20th century as

well as contemporary art. Works of contemporary and modern art can be found at the **Stone Bell House**. **The Municipal Library** offers the best temporary exhibits while **Old Town Hall** traditionally focuses on works by young artists. Across the river in **Trója**, the **Trója Chateau** offers beautiful gardens, a picture gallery of 19th century Czech art and a "Chinese Chamber;" an intriguing mural display of Chinese landscape and architecture.

The National Museum (www.nm.cz) also operates several sites. The big one specializes in natural history, paleontology and anthropology. Music lovers are well played here; the National Museum has three museums for you: **The Czech Music Museum**, the **Antonín Dvořák Museum**, and one dedicated to Bedřich Smetana. For art, check out **Lobkowitz Palace**, while sculpture fans should head to the **Lapidárium**. Other museums of interest under the National Museum umbrella include the **Historical Pharmacy** and the **Náprstek Museum of Asian, African and American Cultures**.

The National Gallery Prague (www.ngprague.cz) is similar to the National Museum with its collection spread over eight sites. Baroque fans should hit **Schwarzenberg Palace** or **Sternberg Palace** which showcases European art from the Classical through Baroque periods. **St. George's Convent** offers temporary exhibitions while the **Convent of St. Agnes of Bohemia** offers medieval art from Bohemia and Central Europe. One of the best modern art facilities in the city is **Veletřní Palace**; Asian art lovers should head out to **Zbraslav Chateau** while **Kinský Palace** pays homage to the landscape in Czech art. A definite must visit is the **Czech Cubist Museum** in the **House at the Black Madonna**, which is a beautiful homage to the art form in and of itself.

Up at **Prague Castle** (www.kulturanahrade.cz) you'll find a number of exhibition spaces. **The Riding House** (U Prašného mostu 55, Prague 1 - 224 373 232), the **Imperial Stables** (Pražský hrad - II. Nádvoří, Prague 1 - 224 373 312), the **Ball Games House** (Pražský hrad, Prague 1 - 224 373 579), and **Queen Anna's Summerhouse** (Mariánské hradby 52/1, Prague 1 - 224 372 327) all offer a variety of temporary exhibits. **Prague Castle Gallery** (Pražský hrad - II. Nádvoří, Prague 1 - 224 373 531) mainly gives you a peek at Emperor Rudolf's collection.

Photography fans are in luck; there are a number of museums dedicated to this art form. Newest is the recently re-opened **Leica Gallery Prague**. **Langhans Galerie** offers a consistently rotating exhibit of prints while the **Gallery of Josef Sudek** showcases this photographer's work, as well as other modern Czech photography, in Sudek's old apartment.

One must-see when visiting Prague is its Jewish Quarter - made all the more interesting by the excellent **Jewish Museum**. The collection is spread over six sites, all within easy walking distance. The museum has an active events calendar and often hosts concerts in the **Spanish Synagogue**. Another excellent museum is **Galerie Rudolfinum**. Besides an impressive interior which alone is worth the admission price, the museum always has an eclectic exhibit on tap. An additional top museum is the **Museum of Decorative Arts**, which deals in historical and contemporary crafts and applied arts and designs. Excellent gift shop too. **Bertramka**, which houses the **Mozart Museum**, is a beautiful villa which also offers excellent concerts.

If you are looking for a little bit of offbeat "culture" check out these museums. **The Sex Machines Museum** offers three floors of erotic mechanical instruments. When you've finished there, walk down the block to the **Prague Wax Museum** and check out Albert Einstein, Salvador Dali, Arnold Schwarzenegger and a host of Czech luminaries. **The Museum of Communism** has an exhibit on the former totalitarian regime of Czechoslovakia. If pain interests you pay a visit to the **Museum of Medieval Torture Instruments**.

Museums that are truly Prague-eseque include the **U Fleků Brewery Museum**, the **Museum of Alfons Mucha**, the **Museum of the Prague Bambino**, the **Charles Bridge Museum**, and the **Franz Kafka Museum**.

Galleries & Museums



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Nightlife

Bars

Prague is somewhat infamous for its number of bars – the Žiřkov district is touted as having more bars per square kilometer than anywhere else in the world. There are two types of bars unique to Prague – the traditional Czech pub (*hospoda*), with wonderful atmosphere and great, cheap beer (and plenty of it), and the *herna*, a 24-hour combination bar-casino that you'll likely want to avoid altogether. Of course, there are also the usual Western-style bars and trendy cocktail bars, many of which are centered in the tourist-friendly areas of Prague 1.

Old Town is one of the most popular places for late night drinks, among tourists and locals alike, with the Josefov district in particular containing a high concentration of trendy cocktail bars. **Bugsy's**, which is world-famous for not only their cocktails but their novel-sized drink list, is one of the more renowned bars in this area, but within a few blocks you'll find **Alcohol Bar** (specializing in whisky), **Tretter's**, **Ocean Drive**, **Aloha Wave Lounge**, and others.

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Also in Old Town is **M1 Lounge**, which bridges the gap between bar and club and remains a hotspot for famous visitors and locals. The once-famed **Marquis de Sade** has closed shop, but around the corner the renowned **Chateau L'Enfer Rouge** is still alive and kicking, more popular today than ever but mostly populated by tourists. **Týnská Bar and Books**, with its faux-James Bond atmosphere, is a perfect venue for the cigar and whisky crowd.

Malá Strana quiets down late at night (at least, compared to some of the other areas of Prague 1), but **Blue Light** is an immensely popular, intimate cocktail bar and late-night drinks venue.

As you drift further from the center, Western-style bars diminish in popularity; still, each district has their own favorite local hotspots. **Fraktal** in Prague 7 is an immensely popular hangout amongst the Letná crowd; around the corner there's also the decadent **Andaluský pes**. In Prague 3, **Hapu** is a favorite cocktail bar that caters to the local Žižkov crowd as opposed to the more tourist-centered bars in Prague 1.

Music Clubs

As opposed to the bars, most of the popular late-night clubbing venues exist outside of the city center. Prague 2's **Radost FX** (not only a club, but also a vegetarian restaurant and DVD shop) is one of the favorites, with specially themed nights Thursday through Saturday and a mixture of local and international DJ talent. Prague 7's **Mecca** is another immensely popular venue with a similar mixture of DJ talent.

Palác Akropolis in Žižkov is another extremely popular venue, but more so for the acts they bring in than for casual nights of clubbing. The same goes for **Abaton** in Prague 8 – both venues, however, will bring in some big names once or twice a month. **Klub 007 Strahov** in Prague 6, recently saved from extinction, brings in international bands each week.

Prague 1, of course, has its fair share of clubs, the most famous being **Roxy**, a daily late-night clubbing hotpot that will also bring in some occasional big-name international acts. Many of the other music clubs in Prague 1 are centered in and around Wenceslas Square. **Duplex**, at the very top of a historical building overlooking the square, skews towards the upscale clubbing crowd. **Rock Café** and **Vagon** are popular venues for local and international bands.

Lucerna Music Bar is wildly popular on Friday and Saturday for their 80's and 90's nights, complete with Michael Jackson and Madonna music videos projected on the big screen. Lucerna's sister club, **Futurum Music Bar** in Prague 5, leans more toward the local crowd and features the same 80's and 90's nights.

Normal entry for clubs is usually 100 – 200 CZK; special events and musical acts, of course, will go for more.

After-after hours:

Though most of the popular clubs (and some bars) will stay open till the wee hours of the morning, occasionally that's not enough. **Blind Eye** is a well-liked expatriate venue in Žižkov; given its proximity to **Palác Akropolis**, it remains a popular venue for after-concert drinks and more. **Le Clan**, in Vinohrady, is another low-key but popular joint among those in the know. **Studio 54** offers some of the most hardcore after-hours action, with DJs going strong all night (and morning) long. Few would recommend **Batalion** as an ideal venue, but it is open 24-hours, and located in the very center of Prague 1.

See www.expatz.cz/clubs for full event listings and more.

Concerts

Major international acts typically play at large-scale arenas like **02 Arena**, **T-Mobile Arena**, or the **Prague Congress Center**. Tickets

for major acts at these venues usually run cheaper than might be expected in other countries, typically ranging from 1000 – 1500 CZK. During the summer, outdoor concerts can be expected for major acts around the Czech Republic; in Prague, at least a few can be expected at **Letná** and **Stromovka** parks. Major outdoor music and dance festivals, spanning several days and featuring numerous international and local acts on multiple stages, flood various cities and towns throughout Bohemia and Moravia during June, July and August.

Jazz Clubs

Though not as hot as it may be in other major cities around the world, the jazz scene in Prague is continuing to grow in popularity, especially in the center of the city – Prague 1 features about 10 jazz clubs all within close proximity. In general, a large stable of local artists will play at a variety of venues, with the odd international musician or band thrown in to keep things interesting. Occasionally, an artist or band will make a particular venue their home: famed guitarist **Juboš Andršt** and his band play weekly at Old Town's **Ungelt Jazz & Blues Club**, while Stan the Man, Rene Trossman, and Ondřej Pivec do the same at Malá Strana's **U Malého Glena**. Other popular local musicians include Roman Pokorný, Petr Zeman, Jamie Marshall, Josef Vejvoda, Miriam Bayle, David Dorůžka, Robert Balzar, and Matěj Benko. Other noted jazz & blues clubs in Prague 1 include **USP Jazz Lounge**, **Reduta**, **Akord**, and **AghARTA Jazz Centrum**. Tickets to most of these venues are generally 100 – 200 CZK. **The Jazzboat** offers nightly rides around the Vltava with live music for 590 CZK.

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Major Annual Events

Prague has events for all tastes, at all times; once you've explored what's available you may find it difficult to stay home. Keep an eye out on the street – the guys with backpacks full of posters plaster many entertainment options on walls and lamp posts – and check Expats.cz for daily calendar listings. The following are some of the annual events that continue to keep the Czech Republic on the cultural map.

January

Prague Winter: An annual festival of opera, ballet, and classical music which began under communism in 1972. Venues include Prague's National Theater, Prague Castle and more.

www.praguewinterfestival.com

Days of European Film Festival: This film festival – showcasing current European film, most of which is playing in Prague for the first time – usually starts up every year in Prague in mid-to-late January before moving on to Brno in February. Most films are shown with English subtitles and can be seen at the Lucerna, Aero and Světozor cinemas.

www.eurofilmfest.cz

February

Masopust: The Czech Mardi Gras festival, literally translated as ‘goodbye to meat’, combines Czech and international cultures (Carnival). Outdoor and indoor celebrations, especially in Prague 3's Žižkov, culminate with a parade and music on Fat Tuesday (also known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday).

March

FebioFest: Prague's largest film festival is FebioFest, which usually takes place in late March. Current films from around the globe are showcased, along with some in-depth retrospectives on renowned films and filmmakers. The festival takes place at Village Cinemas Anděl.

www.febiofest.cz

April

Jeden Svět/One World: Documentary film festival centered on human rights, which takes place at various cinemas in April/May. The festival gives the public a rare chance to see documentary films at Prague cinemas. www.jedensvet.cz

Witches' Night: April 30th is Pálení čarodějnic, an outdoor witch-burning event celebrated in various parts of Prague and the Czech Republic. Find or build your own fire – although it is illegal to light fires within Prague city limits, the event is unofficially celebrated on Petřín hill.

Májáles: this festival of student life brings music and more to a variety of Czech towns throughout April and May

May

Book World Prague: An international book fair that takes place each May. Some events are limited to industry professionals, but others are open to the public.

www.bookworld.cz

Prague International Marathon: Although there are numerous smaller events throughout the year, the full marathon usually takes place in May, with concurrent music concerts. Be warned, the center of Prague is cut off to all traffic (including trams) while the marathon is on.

www.pim.cz

International Tattoo Convention: The tattoo fair hits in late May for a weekend at the large SK Slavia Praha complex at Strahov.

www.tattoo-convention.cz

Mezi Ploty: A theater and music festival at the Bohnice psychiatric facility, usually taking place over a weekend in late May.

www.meziploty.cz

Khamoro: A world Roma festival which features musical performances at Roxy and other venues in May.

www.khamoro.cz

World Festival of Puppet Art: Marionette theater festival taking place at various venues throughout May.

www.puppetart.com



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Prague Spring: A major international classical music festival which takes place at various venues, including Obecní dům, throughout May and June. www.festival.cz

Prague Fringe: The increasingly popular and quirky fringe theater festival takes place at various venues in May/June. Many performances are in English or have no language barrier. www.praguefringe.com

Czech Beer Festival: "the largest gastronomic event in the Czech Republic" calls attention to the wondrous varieties of Czech Beer in late May.

June

Prague Food Festival: Prague's top restaurants deliver a daily selection of specialties during this popular June food fest.

Czech Folklore Festival: Large celebration of folk music and Czech culture and heritage that takes place in various towns across the Czech Republic throughout the summer. www.folkcountry.cz

Prague Writers' Festival: Taking place in June, the writers' fest features acclaimed authors from around the world at various Prague venues. www.pwf.cz

Museum Night/ Muzejní noc: From 19:00 to 01:00 on one night in June, the city opens the doors of many museums for free and provides color-coded bus routes to facilitate travel between the venues. <http://praha.muzejninoc.cz>

Tanec Praha: Major dance festival taking place in Prague and other cities throughout June. www.tanecpha.cz

Český Krumlov Chamber Music Festival: Famous festival of chamber music which has been taking place in this beautiful town every June and July since 1987. www.auviex.cz

Střelecký ostrov Open-Air Cinema: From late June till early September, Prague 1's Střelecký Island showcases outdoor cinema, including many Czech films with English subtitles. Screenings usually begin shortly after sunset.

July

Ameropa: Large festival of chamber music held at a variety of Prague concert halls throughout July and August. www.ameropa.org

Karlovy Vary International Film Festival: The biggest film festival in the Czech Republic, and one of the oldest in Europe. Numerous foreign celebrities can be expected to attend each year in early July. www.kviff.com

Prague Proms: Classical music festival brings foreign and domestic talent to Prague throughout July.

Musica Sacra Praha: International festival of sacred music held three times per year. The main celebrations take place during the height of the summer at various Prague concert halls. There is also an autumn event in October and one at Christmas too. www.choirs.cz

Summer Shakespeare Festival: From June to September, check out classic Shakespeare plays being performed in the courtyard of Prague Castle. Most of the performances are in Czech, but the backdrop is stunning and it's still Shakespeare. www.shakespeare.cz

August

Mystic Skate Cup: International pro-skateboarding cup held in the specially designed Mystic Skate Park on Štvanice Island. Held over a long weekend with concurrent concerts and parties. www.mysticsk8cup.cz

Prague Horn: International horn music festival. www.praguehorn.cz

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Young Prague: An international music festival whose aim is to help young artists who are starting careers in classical music. www.mlada Praha.cz

International Organ Festival: Concerts from a variety of European organists in St. James' Basilica every August/September. www.auditeorganum.cz

September

Wine Festivals: In late August/early September, wine harvesting begins and a number of wine festivals are held throughout the country. Burčák is the sweet tasting young wine which is only partially fermented. One of the largest wine harvesting celebrations in Prague is Vinohradské vinobraní, usually held in late September, in Prague 2's Vinohrady district.

Vejvoda's Zbraslav: Brass band festival presented by the sons of Jaromír Vejvoda, the world-famous brass musician and composer of the "Beer Barrel Polka". Held on the outskirts of Prague in Zbraslav every September. www.orfea.cz

Prague Autumn: Large international festival of classical music held at various concert halls throughout September, which effectively ends the summer-long European classical festival season, begun by the Prague Spring. www.pragueautumn.cz

October

Strings of Autumn: Major international music festival held at the National Theater and other venues throughout the season. www.strunypodzim.cz

International Jazz Festival: Large jazz fest held at various Prague jazz venues throughout October. www.jazzfestivalpraha.cz/jazz

International Student Orchestras Festival: Youth orchestra festival organized by the Prague Student Orchestra every October. www.praguestudentorchestra.cz

November

Prague German-Language Theater Festival: Theater performances presented in German put on by various performance groups from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in October/November. www.theater.cz

FAMU Festival: Student film fest from the young filmmakers at FAMU, one of Europe's oldest film schools. www.famufest.cz/2006/index.html

December

International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music: Held from the first Advent weekend in Prague, this festival features a variety of concerts of Advent and Christmas music. www.orfea.cz

The Bohuslav Martinů Festival in Prague: Classical music festival held in December each year since 1995, celebrating the music of the famous Czech composer. www.martinu.cz

Prague Christmas: Competition festival held in Prague during Christmas celebrating a variety of Christmas music and carols, along with Czech Christmas traditions. www.choirs.cz

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