



CZECH CENTRE

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CZECH PERFORMING ARTS AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

Edinburgh, ZOO Venues 1 - 25 August 2014.

London 23 July 2014

The Czech Centre is a proud partner of three critically acclaimed successful performances: *Riders*, *La Loba* and *Six Billions Suns* that will have their UK premieres at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this August.



Following last year's Czech Dance Showcase success, crowned by two Herald Angel Awards, Czech performers are returning to the biggest theatre festival in the world with two contemporary dance pieces produced by the award winning Lenka Vagnerová & Company: *Riders* and *La Loba*.

Vagnerová, whose work *Mah Hunt* was a hit at the 2011 Fringe, received the Dance Piece of the Year 2013 Award at the Czech Dance Platform for *Riders*.

La Loba also received critical acclaim and won the Dancer of the Year Award for the magnificent Andrea Opavská. The third piece - *Six Billions Suns* produced by Eva Rysová and Coll - is a powerful and humorous play inspired by Alzheimer's disease. This vibrant showcase of Czech culture is further complemented by two solo concerts from talented singer/accordionist Jana Věbrová (who also performs in *La Loba*). All performances will be shown again in ZOO venues in the centre of Edinburgh from 1 - 25 August 2014.

Dates and Venues

RIDERS - Lenka Vagnerová & Company **UK Premiere**

1 – 6 and 8 -10 August, 5 pm ZOO Main venue - Edinburgh Fringe, Scotland

A visual contemporary dance feast depicting the magical world of birds and exploring the theme of tolerance and the ability to coexist with other organisms on our planet. Awarded Dance Piece Of The Year at the 2013 Czech Dance Platform Festival, *Riders* promises to be one of this year's festival's unforgettable experiences. "*We have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers.*" George Bernard Shaw

<http://www.lenka-vagnerova.cz>

LA LOBA - Lenka Vagnerová & Company **UK Premiere**

11 – 17 and 19 – 25 August, 5 pm ZOO Main venue - Edinburgh Fringe, Scotland

Inspired by ancient storytelling, *La Loba* combines two art genres and two remarkable artists: dancer Andrea Opavská and singer Jana Věbrová. It is based on their unbridled energy, harmony and, above all, the power and intensity of their expression. The key component of the performance is the music of Ivan Acher which springs from the sound of nature. Bones, wood, strings and animal skins are the elemental essences for building ritual moods bonded with the voice of Jana Věbrová.

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SIX BILLION SUNS – Eva Rysová and Coll **UK Premiere**

8-16 August, 2:30 pm ZOO Monkey house - Edinburgh Fringe, Scotland

A production inspired by Alzheimer's disease with original music by Pawel Passini, winner of the Total Theatre Award and Herald Angel 2011. Actors spent time were in direct contact with dementia patients in order to help shape their roles and performances. *'I spoke to a friend today, a fellow sufferer of Alzheimer's, regarding last night's performance. She was ecstatic. Seeing herself in many situations she laughed a great deal.'* (Nina Balácková, member of Alzheimer Europe).

<http://www.depog.cz/cz/>

JANA VÉBROVÁ - live accordion concert

13 and 22 August, 9 pm ZOO Southside

Claiming that she is a singer first and foremost, then a song-writer and, finally, an accordionist, Jana Vébrová has a vocal style which is unique in its genuineness. Her singing wells up through her heart, is melted into her songs and presented with the help of her accordion. She isn't dubbed the Bohmische hearth coeur for nothing.

<http://janavebrova.com/>

CZECH PERFORMING ARTS PARTY

9 August 8.30pm ZOO Main venue Edinburgh Fringe, Scotland

The Czech Centre London, ProFitArt / Lenka Vagnerová & Company and ZOO Venues invite you to an evening in the presence of Czech performing artists, with music, short sketches, photo exhibition and Czech beer and nibbles.

For further information and all press enquiries, including press tickets for the event and booking contact:

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Tickets can be booked via the [Edinburgh Festival Fringe website](#) or purchased any day of the Fringe at the [ZOO Venues](#) box office.

The Czech Centre London

The Czech Centre London is a government funded cultural agency whose mission is to actively promote the Czech Republic by showcasing Czech culture in the UK. Its programme covers visual and performing arts, film, literature, music, architecture, design and fashion. As well as hosting its own events, the Czech Centre offers support for other groups organising Czech related initiatives in the UK.

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