

BCBSA'S ANNUAL

# CZECH & SLOVAK FESTIVAL

AT BOHEMIAN HALL & BEER GARDEN



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
SATURDAY MAY 24  
SUNDAY MAY 25  
DOORS OPEN AT NOON

FREE ONE HOUR DANCE LESSON BOTH DAYS!  
(NO DANCING PARTNER OR SPECIAL SHOES REQUIRED)



MUSICAL  
PERFORMANCES

AUTHENTIC CZECH & SLOVAK CUISINE  
RAFFLES AND PRIZES

FREE ADMISSION

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FAMILY SINGERS

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JOZEF "DODO" IVASKA  
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# Welcome!

On behalf of the Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria L.I.N.Y., Inc. and our 235 members and volunteers, we welcome you to celebrate our annual Czech and Slovak Festival.

# Vítáme Vás

Srdečně Vás všechny vítáme na českém a slovenském festivalu jménem našeho spolku Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria L.I.N.Y., Inc. a jeho 235 členů.

## History of Bohemian Hall and Beer Garden

In the late 1800's, many Czechs (Bohemians) and Slovaks fled the oppression of Austria-Hungary and made their way to America. Many such people found a home in Astoria, Queens. In 1892, the Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria was formed, named after the medieval Kingdom of Bohemia in the Holy Roman Empire.

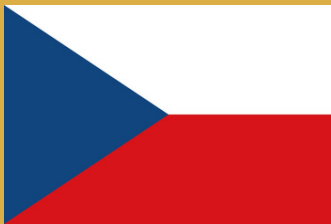
The Society began raising funds for a home for the Czech people in our community. It was to be a haven where the traditions of the homeland would be maintained.

Two adjacent lots, part of a farm, were purchased on October 1, 1910 and the cornerstone of Bohemian Hall was laid. Older people of the Society remember hearing stories of raising funds at a penny a brick! Members who were masons, plumbers and electricians volunteered their services to build Bohemian Hall. These men transformed a patch of Long Island farmland into an authentic European Beer Garden.

Bohemian Hall was actually built in three sections. What is today the entrance, was the first Hall. It soon became obvious that more space was needed. In 1919, the Main Hall, currently known as Josef Voves Hall, was added. The outside Bar and Garden were also completed the same year. As fate would have it, Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden was finished just in time for prohibition, which banned the sale of alcoholic beverages in America for over a decade!

Despite prohibition, Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden survived. At one time, there were three beer gardens in Astoria and over 800 beer gardens in New York City. Only Bohemian Hall survives to carry this proud tradition into the next century.

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### SMALL PLATES

**HOT DOG & FRIES** 7

**MAC & CHEESE** 13

ADD BACON +3

**CAESAR SALAD** 14

ADD CHICKEN +6

**WINGS** 16

PLAIN | BBQ | BUFFALO | THAI

**CHICKEN TENDERS & FRIES** 15

**BOHEMIAN GIANT PRETZEL** 16

WITH PILSNER BEER CHEESE SAUCE

### CZECH & SLOVAK CLASSICS

**POTATO PANCAKES** 14

**BOILED OR FRIED PIEROGIES** 16

POTATO & CHEDDAR | JALAPEÑO & CHEDDAR | SPINACH & FETA

**FRIED CHEESE** 18

CHOICE OF SIDE DISH

**CAULIFLOWER FLORETS** 21

BREADED & CRISPY

CHOICE OF SIDE DISH

**SPECIALTY SAUSAGES & FRIES**

1 FOR 12 OR 2 FOR 21

CHOICE OF KLOBASA | BRATWURST | ANDOUILLE

RYE BREAD | PRETZEL BUN | HOT DOG BUN

**PILSNER BEEF GOULASH** 26

WITH DUMPLINGS

**SEGENDINSKY GOULASH** 26

WITH DUMPLINGS

**ROASTED PORK** 28

WITH DUMPLINGS

**BEEF IN VEGETABLE SAUCE (SVICKOVA)** 28

WITH DUMPLINGS

**SCHNITZEL** 24

CHICKEN OR PORK

CHOICE OF SIDE DISH

### FROM THE GRILL

CHOICE OF FRIES, FIELD GREEN SALAD; TRUFFLE FRIES +2

**BOHEMIAN SIGNATURE BURGER** 18

ONION, BEEFSTEAK TOMATO, PAPRIKA AIOLI

ADD MUENSTER CHEESE, CARAMELIZED ONION +1 | BACON +2

**VEGGIE BURGER** 18

MUSHROOM, BEEFSTEAK TOMATO, LETTUCE, PAPRIKA AIOLI

ADD MUENSTER CHEESE, CARAMELIZED ONION +1

**GRILLED CHICKEN WRAP** 17

ROMAINE LETTUCE, FETA, RED ONION, TZATZIKI

**GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH** 17

ONION, BEEFSTEAK TOMATO, PAPRIKA AIOLI

ADD MUENSTER CHEESE, CARAMELIZED ONION +1 | BACON +2

**GRILL PARTY MIX** 39 (2-3 PEOPLE)

KLOBASA, BRATWURST & ANDOUILLE SAUSAGES

PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM, FRIES, SAUERKRAUT & PICKLES

### SIDES

**CHILLED POTATO SALAD** 7

**CHILLED SAUERKRAUT OR COOL PICKLES** 6

**FIELD GREENS SALAD OR BEET SALAD** 7

**GRILLED SEASONAL VEGETABLES** 6

**BEER BATTERED ONION RINGS** 8

**FRENCH FRIES OR SWEET POTATO FRIES** 7

**CHEESE FRIES** 8

**TRUFFLE & PARMESAN FRIES** 9

A 20% GRATUITY WILL BE ADDED TO PARTIES OF 6 OR MORE - FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM FOR ALL EVENT UPDATES

CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEAT MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOOD - BORN ILLNESS

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## DRAFTS, BOTTLES, CANS, COCKTAILS & WINES

### DRAFT BEERS 8-0.5L | 15-1.0L | 24-PITCHER

#### PILSNER URQUELL

PILSNER, CZ (ABV 4.4)

#### CZECHVAR

LIGHT LAGER, CZ (ABV 5.0)

#### SAM ADAMS

SEASONAL, USA (ABV 5.3)

#### MODELO

LIGHT LAGER, MX (ABV 4.4)

#### BITBURGER

LAGER, DE (ABV 4.8)

#### HOFBRAU ORIGINAL

LAGER, DE (ABV 5.1)

#### HOFBRAU

DUNKEL, DE (ABV 5.5)

#### HEINEKEN

LAGER, NL (ABV 5.0)

#### BOHEMIAN HALL HOUSE LAGER

HACKER PSCHORR MUNICH GOLD, DE (ABV 5.5)

#### RADEBERGER

ZWICKELBIER (UNFILTERED PILSNER), DE (ABV 4.8)

#### SPATEN OKTOBERFEST

MARZEN, DE (ABV 5.9)

#### GAFFEL

KOLSCH, DE (ABV 4.8)

#### CONEY ISLAND MERMAN

IPA, USA (ABV 5.8)

#### LAGUNITAS

IPA, USA (ABV 6.2)

#### PAULANER

HEFE-WEISSBIER, DE (ABV 5.5)

#### WEIHENSTEPHANER

HEFE WEISSBIER, DE (ABV 5.4)

#### SCHOFFERHOFER

GRAPEFRUIT HEFEWEIZEN, DE (ABV 2.5)

#### ERDINGER

HELLES, DE (ABV 5.1)

#### GUINNESS

STOUT, IE (ABV 4.2)

#### BEER FLIGHT 19

SELECTION OF 6 DRAFT 0.25L BEERS

### BOTTLES & CANS

KRUSOVICE (ABV 5.0) 8

BROUCZECH (ABV 5.0) 8

AMSTEL (ABV 3.5) 7

BUDWEISER (ABV 5.0) 7

CORONA (ABV 4.6) 7

ESTRELLA DAURA GLUTEN FREE (ABV 5.4) 7

DUVEL (ABV 8.5) 12

MICHELOB ULTRA (ABV 4.2) 8

PAULANER GRAPEFRUIT RADLER (ABV 2.5) 8

FLENSBURGER PILSENER (ABV 4.8) 10

STIEGL HELL (ABV 4.5) 10

KÖSTRITZER SCHWARZBIER (ABV 4.8) 10

MONTAUK SEASONAL (ABV 6.4) 19.2 OZ 11

BITBURGER 0.0 7 N/A

HEINEKEN 0.0 7 N/A

MICHELOB ULTRA 0.0 7 N/A

REED'S GINGER BEER 7 N/A

WHITE CLAW (ABV 5.0) 19oz 13

BLACK CHERRY | GRAPEFRUIT | MANGO

1911 CIDER 9

ORIGINAL (ABV 5.5) | RASPBERRY (ABV 5.5) | ROSE (ABV 6.7)

NUTRL (ABV 4.5) 10

PINEAPPLE | BLACK CHERRY | WATERMELON

SUN CRUISER (ABV 4.5) 10

SPIKED ICED TEA | ICE TEA & LEMONADE

VELVET LLAMA 14

ESPRESSO MARTINI | MOSCOW MULE | SPICY MARGARITA

HOUSE WINE 12 GLASS/ 46 BOTTLE

PLEASE INQUIRE WITH YOUR BARTENDER OR SERVER ABOUT THE  
CURRENT SELECTION OF RED, WHITE AND ROSÉ WINES AVAILABLE

#### CRAFT COCKTAILS 15

MYKONOS MULE

FIGENZA FIG VODKA, PASSION FRUIT PUREE, GINGER BEER, LIME

OCEAN BLUE

TITOS, MALIBU, BLUE CURACAO, COCONUT PUREE, PINEAPPLE JUICE

BUMBU PUNCH

RUM, PINEAPPLE JUICE, OJ, CRANBERRY JUICE, MINT

ROSA MARGARITA

TEQUILLA, COINTREAU, MONK FRUIT SYRUP, MINT

PASSION MARGARITA

TEQUILA, PASSION FRUIT PUREE, COINTREAU, LIME

HENNY COLADA

HENNESSY, CREAM OF COCONUT, PINEAPPLE JUICE

### ALL NIGHT SPECIALS

DRAFT & HOUSE SHOT 13

GRAPEFRUIT MIMOSA 14

16oz MICHELOB ULTRA 6 CAN BUCKET 36

CORONA 6 BOTTLE BUCKET 36

16.9oz PAULANER GRAPEFRUIT RADLER 4 CANS 26

NUTRL 5 CAN BUCKET 40

19.2 OZ MONTAUK 5 CAN BUCKET 42

ALL DRINK PRICES INCLUDE TAX - A 20% GRATUITY WILL BE ADDED TO PARTIES OF 6 OR MORE

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# **SATURDAY** *PROGRAM*

**12:00 PM**  
Doors open

**12:30 PM**  
The Pilsner Brass Band

**2:00 PM**  
Opening Ceremony

**2:15 PM**  
Czech and Slovak Language Center Limboracik

**3:00 PM**  
Jozef Ivaška Sr. and Jozef “Dodo” Ivaška

**4:30 PM**  
Vanda Polakova - Dance Lesson

**5:30 PM**  
Raffle Prizes Drawn

**6:00 PM**  
Pajtasi





# **SUNDAY** *PROGRAM*

**12:00 PM**  
Doors open

**12:30 PM**  
The Pilsner Brass Band

**2:00 PM**  
Opening Ceremony

**2:15 PM**  
Stefanik and Dzadik Family - Children's Folk Songs

**2:45 PM**  
Jozef Ivaška Sr. and Jozef "Dodo" Ivaška

**3:30 PM**  
Roman Lewkowitz with Pajtasi - Dance Lesson

**4:30 PM**  
Pajtasi

**6:00 PM**  
Raffle Prizes Drawn

**6:30 PM**  
BG Express Band





# About the Performers

## Pajtáši

A Slovak folk acoustic band, founded in New York City in 1998-99, when two former colleagues, folk musicians from Slovakia, met at the Slovak street festival in Manhattan. Andrea Levrinc – Valcuha on a viola-contralto/violin and Brano Brinarsky on a bass/bandleader. At that time, they were also joined by Maros Kocerha on accordion/later on cimbalom and by the vocalist, Maria Lazurova -Dvořák and later, by the accordionist, Michal Salak. In 2007, Pajtáši released their CD, "The Devil's Craft". Since its inception, the band has been performing with the prominent Slovak-American dance ensemble Limbora, in NYC. For the past few years, a new generation of very talented young musicians have joined the band, Isabella Valcuha and Stefan Valcuha Jr., both on violins. The authentic sound of the folk instruments and folk music, continues to enrich the traditional folk dance performances.

## BG Express Band

Most of its members are of Czechoslovak origins. The BG Express band was established in New York in 1993. Its repertoire is wide, covering pop and folk music not only from Eastern Europe but also playing modern American and European popular music. The BG Express band is performing mostly in the Tri state area.

Maros Kocerha.....keyboards, vocals

Marek Soltis.....guitar, vocals

Brano Brinarsky.....bass guitar, vocals

Maria Lazurova Dvorak.....vocals

Martin Valihora.....drums

## Pilsner Brass Band

The Pilsner Brass Band has been delighting audiences in New York since 1976 with traditional music from Bavaria and the Czech and Slovak Republic. Their repertoire includes a wide range of folk music, from lively polkas and graceful waltzes to popular tunes spanning from the early 1900s to the present day. Under the direction of Susan Lopez, the brass band specializes in marches, polkas, and waltzes originating from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Bavaria.

## Vanda Polakova

Vanda began dancing at age 9 in Bratislava, Slovakia, becoming a two-time Amateur Latin Champion. She later won the National Professional Latin title in the Czech Republic. After moving to the U.S., she transitioned to Rhythm in 2012 and became a three-time U.S. Nationals finalist, as well as a two-time finalist at the World Championships, U.S. Nationals, and Ohio Star Ball. She also earned the title of World Salsa Vice-Champion. Beyond competition, Vanda has consulted on productions like the Radio City Rockettes' Summer Spectacular with Mia Michaels. In 2011, she appeared in the film Musical Chairs and performed at the 2015 Paralympic Games in Toronto. In 2022, she won the Mirror Ball Trophy on Slovakia's Let's Dance! and starred in two hit seasons. Most recently, in 2024, she was a principal dancer in Grand Hotel at 54 Below.



# About the Performers

## CONTINUED

### Jozef Ivaška Sr. and Jozef "Dodo" Ivaška

Jozef Ivaška Sr., a highly acclaimed international singing star from Slovakia, often referred to as the "Man of A Thousand Songs." With a remarkable career spanning 30 countries across four continents, Jozef Sr. spent approximately 20 years performing at the Baden Operetta Theatre before embarking on a global journey to share his diverse repertoire, which includes opera, folk, rock, and pop. For over four decades, he has also performed and recorded numerous well-known songs and duets with his son, Jozef (Dodo) Ivaška Jr.

Jozef Ivaška Jr., known as Dodo, is a Slovak Multilingual Tenor. His career highlights include his debut role as Vašek in Smetana's Bartered Bride at the State Opera in Slovakia, as well as performances in prestigious opera houses such as the Grosses Festspielhaus in Salzburg, the Jugendstiltheater in Vienna, and the Amato Opera in New York. He was also a regular performer at the ISNY Opera Festival in Germany. Dodo Ivaška is a familiar figure within the Czech and Slovak communities in the United States, frequently performing at various events. Additionally, he has shared his expertise by teaching music and singing at the Children's Czech and Slovak Language Center in Astoria.

### Roman Lewkowicz

Roman Lewkowicz, born in Binghamton, NY, began dancing at age 3 with the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox dancers and later trained in ballet at the Roberson School of Ballet. From 1991 to 2007, he attended intensive dance camps across Upstate New York. In 1994, he received a scholarship to join the Duquesne University Tamburitzans in Pittsburgh, and from 1998 to 1999 danced professionally with PUL'S in Prešov, Slovakia—becoming the only American-born member in the company's history. He also choreographed for PUL'S and the Karpatanin Folk Ensemble, performing at the Svidník Rusyn-Ukrainian Festival. Upon returning to the U.S., he founded a semi-professional folk dance group in NYC and served as artistic director of the Limbora Slovak Folk Dance Ensemble (2003–2007), later teaching for the Slovak Folk Music Society and choreographing in Slovakia. From 2014 to 2019, he led the Limboračik Slovak Youth Dancers in Queens and continues to perform and teach, including annually at the CZ/SK Festival in Maryland.

### Stefanik-Dzadik Family

Twelve-year-old Vladimír and ten-year-old Nicholas Štefaník were born in Pennsylvania to Carpatho-Rusyn parents originally from northeastern Slovakia. The boys regularly participate in music competitions, where they have earned top honors for their accordion performances. Six-year-old Ninka Dzadik, from New Jersey and also born to parents from northeastern Slovakia, loves to sing and dance. Vladko, Niki, and Ninka share a close-knit bond as both family and friends. They sing, laugh, and play together, celebrating their cultural heritage with joy and pride. May the melodies of the accordion and the heartfelt tones of folk songs bring a joyful tear to your eye.





# Czech and Slovak Language Center

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Serving to ensure that the Czech & Slovak language and culture remain an important part of our children's lives. For further information on the Czech & Slovak Language Center, please, contact [school.info@bohemianhall.org](mailto:school.info@bohemianhall.org).

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