

BOHEMIAN HALL & BEER GARDEN PRESENTS
BCBSA'S ANNUAL



CZECH-SLOVAK FESTIVAL



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
SATURDAY MAY 23
SUNDAY MAY 24
DOORS OPEN AT NOON

2026



**FREE ONE HOUR
DANCE LESSON**

**AUTHENTIC CZECH &
SLOVAK CUISINE**

RAFFLES & PRIZES

PAJTASI

**JOZEF IVASKA SR AND
JOZEF "DODO" IVASKA
PILSNER BRASS BAND
BG EXPRESS BAND
THE CZECH AND SLOVAK
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LIMBORACIK
VANDA POLAKOVA DANCE**



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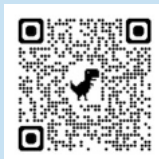


VIT HOREJS & HIS CZECHOSLOVAK-AMERICAN MARIONETTE THEATER

**MENU &
PROGRAM**



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Welcome!

On behalf of the Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria L.I.N.Y., Inc. and our 225 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 225 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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CZECH - SLOVAK FESTIVAL 2026

ENJOY OUR DELICIOUS CZECH, SLOVAK & AMERICAN CUISINE

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SMALL PLATES

HOT DOG & FRIES 10

MAC & CHEESE 14

ADD BACON +3

CAESAR SALAD 15

ADD CHICKEN +6

WINGS 16

BBQ | BUFFALO

CHICKEN TENDERS & FRIES 16

BOHEMIAN GIANT PRETZEL 17

WITH PILSNER BEER CHEESE SAUCE

CZECH & SLOVAK CLASSICS

POTATO PANCAKES 16

BOILED OR FRIED PIEROGIES 16

POTATO & CHEDDAR | JALAPEÑO & CHEDDAR | SPINACH & FETA

FRIED CHEESE 19

CHOICE OF SIDE DISH

CAULIFLOWER FLORETS 21

BREADED & CRISPY

CHOICE OF SIDE DISH

SPECIALTY SAUSAGES & FRIES

1 FOR 15 OR 2 FOR 25

CHOICE OF KLOBASA | BRATWURST | ANDOUILLE

RYE BREAD | PRETZEL BUN | HOT DOG BUN

PILSNER BEEF GOULASH 27

WITH DUMPLINGS

SEGENDINSKY GOULASH 27

WITH DUMPLINGS

ROASTED PORK 29

WITH DUMPLINGS

BEEF IN VEGETABLE SAUCE (SVICKOVA) 29

WITH DUMPLINGS

SCHNITZEL 25

CHICKEN OR PORK

CHOICE OF SIDE DISH

FROM THE GRILL

BOHEMIAN SMASH BURGER 19

SHREDDED LETTUCE & ONION,

AMERICAN CHEESE, PAPRIKA AIOLI

BACON +2

VEGGIE BURGER 19

MUSHROOM, TOMATO, LETTUCE, PAPRIKA AIOLI

ADD CHEESE, CARAMELIZED ONION +1

GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP 19

ROMAINE LETTUCE, PARMIGIANO

CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH 19

TOMATO, LETTUCE, TARTAR SAUCE

ADD 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 7

SWEET POTATO FRIES 8

CHEESE FRIES 9

TRUFFLE & PARMESAN FRIES 10

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

CASH AND CREDIT SAME PRICE

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DRAFTS, BOTTLES, CANS, COCKTAILS & WINES

DRAFT BEERS 9-0.5L | 17-1.0L | 26-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)

MICHELOB ULTRA

LIGHT LAGER, USA (ABV 4.2)

STELLA ARTOIS

LEUVEN, BE (ABV 5.0)

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)

MAGNERS

CIDER, IE (ABV 4.5)

BOTTLES & CANS

KRUSOVICE (ABV 5.0) 9

BROUCZECH (ABV 5.0) 10

AMSTEL (ABV 3.5) 8

HEINEKEN (ABV 5.0) 8

BUDWEISER (ABV 5.0) 8

CORONA (ABV 4.6) 8

ESTRELLA DAURA GLUTEN FREE (ABV 5.4) 8

DUVEL (ABV 8.5) 12

MICHELOB ULTRA (ABV 4.2) 8

PAULANER GRAPEFRUIT RADLER (ABV 2.5) 9

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 9 N/A

HEINEKEN 0.0 8 N/A

MICHELOB ULTRA 0.0 8 N/A

REED'S GINGER BEER 8 N/A

WHITE CLAW (ABV 5.0) 19oz 14

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 | ORANGE

SUN CRUISER (ABV 4.5) 11

SPIKED ICED TEA | PINK LEMONADE

VELVET LLAMA 14

ESPRESSO MARTINI | MOSCOW MULE | SPICY MARGARITA

HOUSE WINE 13 GLASS/ 46 BOTTLE

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

CRAFT COCKTAILS 16

PASSION MARGARITA

TEQUILA, PASSION FRUIT PUREE, COINTREAU, LIME

MYKONOS MULE

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

OCEAN BLUE

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

ALL NIGHT SPECIALS

DRAFT & HOUSE SHOT 15

GRAPEFRUIT MIMOSA 14

16oz MICHELOB ULTRA 6 CAN BUCKET 40

CORONA 6 BOTTLE BUCKET 40

16.9oz PAULANER GRAPEFRUIT RADLER 4 CANS 26

NUTRL 5 CAN BUCKET 45

19.2 OZ MONTAUK 5 CAN BUCKET 45

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

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12:00 PM
Doors open

12:30 PM
The Pilsner Brass Band

2:00 PM
Opening Ceremony

2:15 PM
Czech - Slovak Learning Center with Limboracik

3:15 PM
Dodo and Jozef Ivaškovci

3:30 PM
Vít Hořejš & his Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre

4:30 PM
Vanda Polakova Dance Lesson

5:30 PM
Raffle Prizes Drawn

6:00 PM
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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 - Slovak Language Center in Astoria.

Tales With Strings

Vít Hořejš, an award winning master puppeteer and an émigré from Prague who founded Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre in New York in 1990, performs a medley of stories from the Czech and Slovak folk traditions with over twenty marionettes of many sizes, some century old, for good folks ages 2-102.



Czech - Slovak Learning Center

Učíme se česky a slovensky v Bohemce
We are learning Czech & Slovak at Bohemian Hall

Chceme, aby se český a slovenský jazyk a kultura staly důležitou součástí života našich dětí. Další informace o Českém a Slovenském jazykovém centru můžete získat na adrese school.info@bohemianhall.org.
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.

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Monika Kovalcik

Učitelé/Teachers

Janette Parvakis, Magda Heller, Sylvia Zavacka-Novotny, Klara Zikova-English, Irena Michalcik, Lenka Brinkman, Maria Vasko, Dana Podzuban.

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