

## Euclid Veterans Club



The Euclid Veterans Club was established after World War II by former Euclid mayor Tony Sustarsic and several fellow Purple Heart Veterans. The organization was founded with the goal of fostering the comradery that develops while serving one's country, and it sought to extend this feeling of comradery throughout the community.

On Memorial Day, the Euclid Joint Veterans' Council which, includes the American Legion, Polish Legion American Veterans, Euclid Veterans Club, Jewish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the City of Euclid invite all Citizens and Active Duty Military to the Memorial Day Parade and Services.

Morning Graveside Services:

7:45 am Euclid Cemetery

8:15 am St. Paul Cemetery

Memorial Services: ( Euclid Veterans Club )

9:00 am Slovenian Society Home Euclid, Ohio

10:00 am Parade:

Memorial Service: The service started at 11:00 a.m. with keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Robert P. Stall, deputy commanding officer of the 80th Training Division of the U. S. Army Reserves. Stall is the former president of Euclid Hospital, now president of Medina Hospital.



The names of Euclid servicemen who died defending this country are inscribed on the monument, including 90 from World War II, eight from the Korean War, 12 from the Vietnam War, and one from the War on Terrorism.



Photos: <http://www.cleslo.com/photos/2009-25-08.shtml>

## **Slovenian Consul General and Slovenian-Clevelanders compete in Cleveland Rite Aid Marathon; Slovenian cheerleaders rally in support.**

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Several Slovenian Clevelanders participated in this year's Cleveland Rite Aid Marathon races. Ursula Wein, Mark Srsen and Ann Zitko completed the Marathon. Stephanie Polutnik completed the Half-Marathon.

The Swetlin family walkers and runners participated in the Cleveland Rite Aid 5K on Saturday, May 16 to benefit Multiple Myeloma Cancer Reserach in memory of their late family patriarch, Ray Swetlin (Svetlin) who died in 1977 from the disease. Ray's grand-daughter, Alyssa Rae Janezic, won second place overall in the Women's division.

Finish times: Mark Srsen 3:10:23 - Ursula Wein 4:52:46 - Ann Zitko 6:46:17 (walking division)  
Zvone Žigon 4:13:09 - Stephanie Polutnik 1:49

Congratulations to Consul General Dr. Zvone Žigon, Stephanie Polutnik, Mark Srsen, Ursi Wein, Ann Zitko, Alyssa Rae Janezic and the Swetlin family!

Photo link provided by Johanna Bajc:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/JohannaMBajc/ClevelandRiteAidMarathon?authkey=Gv1sRgCNjymY-P5sLYowE>

Dear Friend of the Slovenian Cultural Garden Association:

Thank you for your support of the Slovenian Cultural Gardens throughout the years. From our beginnings in 1995, many of you have been part of a major revitalization of the Slovenian Garden.

We invite you to once again be a critical part of the rebirth of the garden. The sister cultural gardens have taken our lead, and made major investments in their gardens. Together, we have all worked to improve these wonderful city landmarks. Our Slovenian Garden is nearing completion and we look forward to your assistance in making this happen. The groundwork is being done, however we need your support to reach our goals.

You can make a difference.

- Become a member of the Slovenian Cultural Garden.
- We are a 501c3 organization,

Best Regards and Thank You to all who have supported us in the past;



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## St. Mary's Church Annual Bike Ride to Slovenska Pristava

Once again Father John Kumse pastor of St. Mary's Church in Collinwood led cyclists of all ages and abilities on a 45-mile bike ride to Slovenska Pristava in Harperfield, Ohio. This is an opportunity to experience some of the best cycling in Northeast Ohio's scenic wine country. Unlike other bike events in Ohio, you seem to magically arrive in a small slice of Slovenia. Cyclists swap stories about their adventure while feasting on an over the top Slovenska Pristava breakfast.



## Slovenian Statehood Day Celebration



Slovenska Pristava, [www.slovenskapristava.org](http://www.slovenskapristava.org) the Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, and the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame [www.clevelandstyle.com](http://www.clevelandstyle.com) welcome all to a concert by the Slovenian Railways Orchestra in honor of Slovenian Statehood Day. The concert will take place on Sunday, June 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Slovenska Pristava. Consul General Dr. Zvone Žigon will give a Statehood Day address. United States Senator George Voinovich

<http://voinovich.senate.gov/public/index.cfm> will be an honored guest. This performance will be the first stop of an extended tour for this young, 45-member orchestra. Following Cleveland, the orchestra will perform at various locations in Canada.

Slovenska Pristava, Generalni konzulat Slovenije in National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame vabijo na koncert Godbe slovenskih železnic v počastitev dneva državnosti Republike Slovenije. Koncert bo v nedeljo, 21. junija 2009, ob 3. uri popoldan na Slovenski Pristavi. Slavnostni nagovor bo prispeval generalni konzul dr. Zvone Žigon, pričakujemo pa tudi navzočnost senatorja Georgea Voinovicha. Pristavski koncert bo za godbo prvi v okviru turneje tega mladega 45-članskega orkestra, ki se bo iz Clevelanda odpravil še na serijo nastopov po Kanadi.

# 6th Annual International Folk Festival of Lake County

SLOVENIA was featured at the 6th annual International Folk Festival of Lake County held on Saturday afternoon, April 25, at Lakeland Community College. Over 350 people were in attendance. Emcee Cecilia Dolgan kept the varied program moving, opening with a colorful slide presentation on Slovenia by Dr. Zvone Zigon, Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia.



Young entertainers included the Kres Dancers accompanied by accordionist Matt Frank, the a capella singers, Mi Smo Mi, directed by Johnny Srsen and joined by several of the young ladies from Melodija. Accordionist Anthony

Culkar did a solo performance and later accompanied Cecilia Dolgan leading a lively audience singalong in Slovenian and English.

On a more cultural note, Carol Cercek presented a colorful slide show and discussion of beekeeping in Slovenia highlighting the paintings on beehive panels that are so descriptive and have become increasingly popular in recent years.

An interest in genealogy has been of much interest among Slovenians and a presentation with slides highlighted Linda Pinkava Silakoski's presentation of the Oral History project currently conducted by the Slovenian Genealogy Society.

Eighteen tables were full of colorful and informative displays from Slovenian organizations and schools throughout the community.

A Slovenian affair would not be complete without Slovenian food! Attendees enjoyed Slovenian klobase and a variety of pastries including potica, strudelj, krofi, and flancati.

Slovenians on the committee were Ivana Yuko, Lillian Centa, and Luka Zibelnik.

Pozdrav,  
Lillian Centa



Come to the Premier of Joey Tomsick's

# Polka Funhouse

The 2009 release of the Joey Tomsick Orchestra  
Celebrating the band's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**  
**Euclid Slovenian Society Home**

20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid 5pm - 10 pm

## ENTERTAINMENT:

- **Wayne Tomsic Combo** 5pm - 7pm
- **Polka Funhouse Premier: 7 PM**  
With the **Joey Tomsick Orchestra**  
and guest celebrities  
*MC: Tony Petkovsek, WELW Radio*

## ADMISSION:

**Only \$8 advance or at the door**

*(Under 16 Admitted Free!)*

*As a bonus, those attending will have the opportunity to buy the new \$15 Polka Funhouse CD at the Special Premier Rate of just \$10!*

Joey Tomsick is sponsoring this exciting premier with the cooperation of the board members of the Slovenian Society Home. Good food (come early for the light lunches and delicious sandwiches) and of course all of the usual liquid refreshments too – make an evening of it!



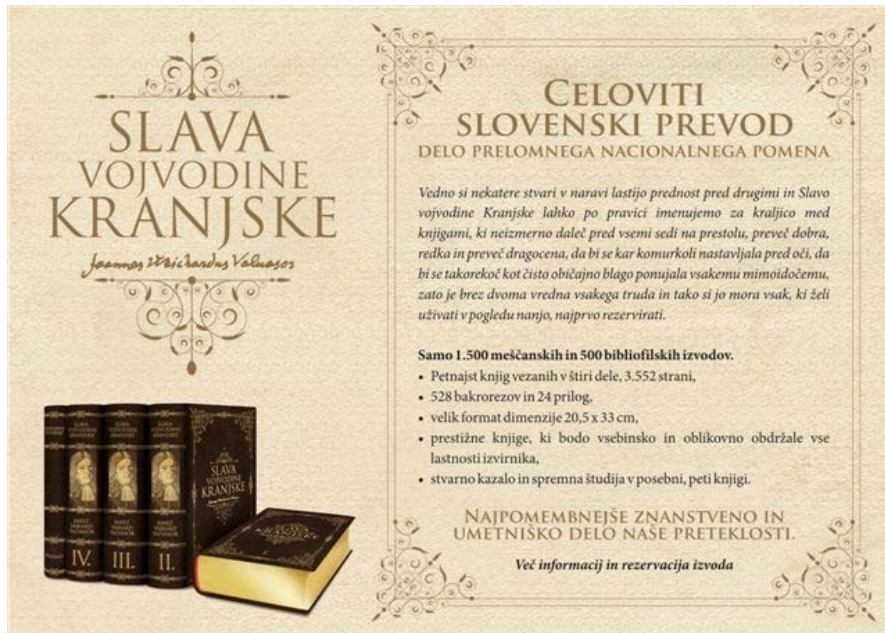
**Music for dancing all evening long!**

Advance Tickets available at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Euclid (216) 261-FAME  
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# Slava vojvodine Kranjska

Spoštovani,

V letošnjem letu mineva 320 let od prve izdaje Slave vojvodine Kranjske, te verjetno najpomembnejše knjige, kar jih premoremo Slovenci, in ki še do danes, razen posameznih odlomkov, ni v celoti prevedena v slovenščino.



V ekipi, ki se je lotila tega izredno zahtevnega projekta, so največji strokovnjaki s svojih področij, imena, ki jamčijo za vrhunski izdelek v vseh pogledih in najverjetneje za največji založniški in nadvse pomemben nacionalni dogodek v tem stoletju. Slovenski prevod Slave vojvodine Kranjske je delo prelomnega nacionalnega pomena, neprecenljivi del nacionalne kulturne dediščine, delo, ki ga že podpirajo nekateri najvidnejši predstavniki akademskega sveta, poslovne javnosti in civilnih združenj, pri strokovnih dilemah pa nam pri prevodu pomagajo tudi strokovnjaki, ustanove in posamezniki iz vse

Slovenije, tako da je to nekako že postal vseslovenski projekt, projekt, ki naj bi združil vse Slovence.

Zaradi obsega in izredno zahtevnega dela pri prevajanju bodo za celoten prevod in izid vseh štirih knjig potrebna kar štiri leta, prva izide letos oktobra. Slava vojvodine Kranjska bo izšla v prestižni izdaji v prvi nakladi samo 1.500 meščanskih in 500 bibliofilskih izvodov.

Obveščamo vas, da se je že začela rezervacija unikatnih izvodov Slave vojvodine Kranjske. Veseli bomo, če bo projekt izven meja Slovenije prav tako odmeven, kakor se je že izkazal med slovenskimi državnimi institucijami, občinami in župani, muzeji in inštituti, osnovnimi in srednjimi šolami ter fakultetami, ravnatelji, slavisti in slovenisti, zgodovinarji in geografi, muzeji, inštituti, politiki, diplomati, cerkvenimi ustanovami, kulturniki, akademiki, bibliofili in drugimi.

Za več informacij nam lahko pišete na [info@slava-vojvodine-kranjske.si](mailto:info@slava-vojvodine-kranjske.si),

sledite povezavi [www.slava-vojvodine-kranjske.si](http://www.slava-vojvodine-kranjske.si),

za vsa morebitna vprašanja pa smo vam na voljo na tel. št.: +386 1 620 77 17.

S spoštovanjem,

Tomaž Čeč, direktor  
Zavod Dežela Kranjska  
Dunajska cesta 106, 1000 Ljubljana

This is the first complete translation of the monumental historical book about Slovenia by Janez Vajkard Valvasor which was originally written in German

# POKER 777

From May 13th to 17th, the Metropol casino of Portorož, at a seaside resort in Slovenia is setting up a series of tournaments called "WSOP Madness Live". As a feature, this competition which will be held on shores of the Adriatic Sea, will grant for the winner a place for the World Series of Poker (WSOP) which will take place from May 26th to July 15th of 2009 at Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino of Las Vegas, in the United States. Intend for many players, this slovenian tournament is accessible with a buy-in of 150+20 Euro and the main tournament with a buy-in of 1000+100 Euro. During this competition, official satellites for the WSOP 2009 are also organized. For the first, second and third best players of the WSOP Madness in Live, packages for the WSOP of Las Vegas are awarded.

For these competitions which will begin at 3 p.m., a busy program is planned all along these five days of tournament. This WSOP Madness Live will start on May 13th with a 150+20 of buy-in (8000 chips / blinds 20min), then, followed the next day by the competition of 250+20 (10,000 chips / blinds 25min). On May 15th, the competition will be followed by the coming into play of the players for 400+40 (100,000chips / blinds 30 min). The Main Event 1000+100 will take place on May 16th before ending with those for 200+20 on May 17th as well as the finals of the tournament. About the players who win at this tournament and who want to register in the WSOP of Las Vegas, their travelling expenses and accommodation are included in the prize.

Source: Poker777.com Thursday, 14 May 2009

<http://www.poker777.com/20090514/wsop-madness-live-wsop-battleship-during-3-days-in-slovenia.php>



Image source:

[http://kraj.eu/slovenija/portoroz\\_obala/IMG\\_7995\\_portoroz\\_obala\\_hotel\\_kempinski\\_palace/eng](http://kraj.eu/slovenija/portoroz_obala/IMG_7995_portoroz_obala_hotel_kempinski_palace/eng)

## News from Slovenia

Source [http://www.ukom.gov.si/en/news/news\\_from\\_slovenia](http://www.ukom.gov.si/en/news/news_from_slovenia)



Hotel Kempinski Palace in Portoroz Listed among Hottest in the World

Monday, 18.05.2009

New York - The US magazine Conde Nast Traveler put the Slovenian seaside hotel Kempinski Palace in Portoroz on its list of the hottest hotels in the world. The venerable Portoroz hotel, which reopened last October after a thorough refurbishing, is the first Slovenian hotel on the prestigious list and was also listed in the spa category.

For its thirteenth annual list Conde Nast Traveler was choosing the best hotels, night clubs, spas and restaurants in 53 countries, while countries that also made their debuts on the list include Israel, Mongolia, Peru and Zimbabwe.

Kempinski Palace recently regained its dignity with a striking modern annexe, an impressive spa, two gourmet restaurants, new indoor and outdoor pools, and an inside-out renovation of all 183 rooms, the magazine writes.

According to the magazine, the hotel has one of the most magnificent dining rooms in Europe, which still exudes an aura of Hapsburg elegance. The hotel was originally built at the turn of the 19th century.

The hotel makes Slovenia a fun new alternative to the South of France, the Amalfi Coast, or even nearby Croatia, Conde Nast Traveler adds.

## Ljubljana Remembers WWII Liberation

Saturday May 9.2009

Thousands of Ljubljanians took part in a 35km hike around Ljubljana on Saturday in memory of the liberation of the capital 64 years ago. The annual hike follows the track of the barbed wire which enclosed the city during World War II.

The event culminated in a ceremony in Preseren Square in the centre of Ljubljana. In his address, Mayor Zoran Jankovic thanked to all those who fought so that Slovenians should now live in freedom.

The mayor also expressed his thanks to the young people in today's hike who he said "will carry the tradition of Partisan resistance for the years to come".

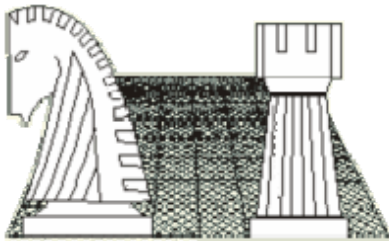
As is tradition, hikers embarked on the 53rd hike from various points around the city. The fittest among them ran in threes on 12- or 28-kilometre tracks. Organisers said more that 4,400 people registered for both races.

Ljubljana was occupied by Italian forces in April 1941, when a very strict regime was introduced, and then fenced in February 1942. During the war, the 34-km wire cut the city off its surroundings, turning it into a kind of concentration camp.



## Hungary and Slovenia lead in Mitropacup 2009

**May 15, 2009** – It is larger than Hamburg and richer than Bill Gates. The Adriatic country that is now Slovenia was at various times part of a dozen empires and states. Today it is a fully integrated European country. And the gracious host of the Mitropacup invitational team championship 2009, where the Hungarian men are in the lead, and both Slovenian teams dominating the women's section. Illustrated report.



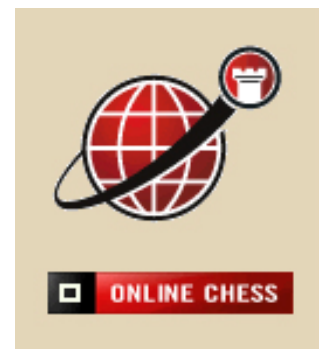
### MITROPACUP 2009

The Chess Federation of Slovenia is the organiser of the MITROPACUP 2009, a team tournament which is being held from 9 May 2009 (arrival) until 17 May (last round, closing ceremony) in Hotel Sava, Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia. Each team is composed of four players plus one reserve (in the men's section) and two players plus one reserve (in the women's section). Time controls are 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to finish the game, with 30 seconds increment after each move starting from move one.

### Results after six rounds – men

After four rounds Hungary is in the sole lead, by half a point. Italy has overtaken Croatia – but the three leaders are just half a point apart. Note that in this event the total score on all boards is critical, not the match points (teams winning individual matches). Note also who is chiefly responsible for Italy's ranking – 16-year-old Fabiano Caruana, who has scored 4.5/6 and with that the best result on board one. The best result on any board is by Jan Krejci of the Czech Republic on board four: 5.0/6 points = 83%.

Source: <http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5433>





*PAO Susan Shultz showing students where to find reporting on Tina Maze and Rašo Nesterovič in local U.S. papers.*



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## Embassy Events

Embassy Speaker Program: New Media Trends and their impact on U.S. News...and where you find Rašo and Tina in U.S. news

Through the [U.S. Embassy Speaker Program](#), Public Affairs Officer Susan Shultz visited "[Prva Gimnazija Maribor](#)" on May 14 to discuss how new media affects our news and our world, in particular in the United States. PAO Shultz and the Maribor students looked at trends in media – from print to new media; explored the role of citizen journalists and user-generated content; and reviewed reporting of issues from the Obama administration to

climate change. Slovene stories in the U.S. press were also highlighted – including in the city of Pueblo, Colorado, which is Maribor's sister city in the U.S. Speaking from her own experience, PAO Shultz also provided tips to students interested in the journalistic and public affairs professions.

Source: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov>

## Embassy Hosts Top Chef Slovenia

Although there were no challenges and no drama, some of the best cooks at the US Embassy as well as the Ambassador's personal chef shared their favorite personal recipes to create classic American dishes for the popular Slovene magazine "Odprta kuhinja". Angie Gordon, showing her Southern heritage, made a delightful banana pudding, a specialty regional dish found usually below the Mason-Dixon line. Anita Smith cooked a homemade chili and corn bread, a lethal combination against any diet. Sue Shultz enticed both the sweet and savory with her Hollywood style cheesecake and Easter pie. Vladimir Mirkovič, the resident chef at the Ambassador's residence, made the ever popular beet soup, seasonal crab-cakes, and another southern favorite, cornmeal crusted chicken with mango and black bean salsa. Unlike the TV show, no one was eliminated and everyone enjoyed the taste of homemade American dishes from all over the US.



*Vladimir Mirkovič, Angie Gordon, Anita Smith, and Sue Shultz*



## Events

Please visit the joint web site of the 27 EU representations in the U.S. for information on current EU events:

<http://www.eurunion.org/EUinUS/events>



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### Slovenian Soprano Receives Standing Ovations

**Washington, D.C., May 16 –** Sabina Cvilak, the young Slovenian soprano who was recently a recipient of Slovenia's highest recognition for achievements in arts and culture, Prešeren Award Prize, received outstanding reviews for her performance as Liù in Puccini's *Turandot*, which opened on Saturday at the Kennedy Center.

The Washington Post gives her special recognition, noting that Sabina, along with Morris Robinson, in the role of Timur (...) *were the strongest singers of the evening, he stentorian, she with a muscular roundness to her soprano.*" For the complete

review, go to the [web site](#) of the newspaper.



*Sabina Cvilak as Liù in Turandot.*

Other reviews are available at the web sites of the [Opera Today](#), [Baltimore Sun](#), [Phillip Kennicott's blog](#).

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*Dr. Žigon at mile 21, passing by the Slovenian National Home in Cleveland, OH.*

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the accordion. The Slovenian National Home was another spot where Slovenians gathered to cheer on the marathoners.

## Doing Our pART

**Kensington, MD, May 19** - "Doing Our pART" is a traditional festival at The Holy Redeemer School in Kensington, MD, which took place on May 19.

Maša Šiftar de Arzu, diplomat of Embassy of Slovenia, with the generous help of Father Peter Rožič, introduced Slovenia to 7th graders through a slide presentation, Prešeren's lyrics, and some music on accordion. The fully joyful and interactive visit was crowned by the sweetest Slovenian sweet, Potica.



*6<sup>th</sup> graders singing Slovenian songs to the accordion.*

## Florida – Case Study for Slovenian Tourism Students

Every year students from the Faculty of Tourism Studies from University of Primorska visit St. Thomas University. Dr. Rok Ovsenik organizes study excursions for students of Tourism and Hospitality management, in which they visit cruise lines, various hotels and universities to learn and compare tourism here and back home.

Dr. Chan, Slovenian Honorary Consul to Florida, and Dr. Villamil welcomed students and invited them to continue their education in the USA to increase their academic knowledge and experience in order to become more competitive later in their careers.

Various professors and the dean of admissions participated at the reception as well. They gave students a tour of campus and discussed with them about the American higher education system.

This was the tenth group of students from Slovenia visiting St. Thomas University. University of Primorska and St. Thomas University signed an agreement of collaboration between universities in 2007, which provides students and faculty an opportunity for study exchange.



*Dr. Chan with Slovenian students.*

## Slovenia Prepares for Festival Summer

*Slovenia is gearing up for another busy summer of arts events – from puppet shows to operatic performances, outdoor concerts and dance.*

The main cities of Ljubljana and Maribor will host a colourful variety of festivals, while Lake Bled and Predjama Castle in Postojna will also attract visitors with a weekend of light shows and a medieval festival respectively.

The international [Puppet Festival](#) – taking place in Maribor between **June 20th and September 5th** – is expected to be among the most popular. The event, appealing particularly to children, features puppet shows in a variety of different languages and puppet styles; plus the chance for children to participate in puppet workshops.

Following shortly behind is [Lent Festival](#) - again in Maribor, between **June 26th and July 11th**. More than 400 musical performances and half a million visitors will visit the event, which includes performances of classical, jazz, popular and ethno music staged across 30 venues including outdoor stages and notable buildings including a 400-year-old synagogue.

Maribor's Lent Festival also encompasses the [International Folkart Festival](#), the [Jazzlent Festival](#) and the [Street Theatre Festival](#).

In the capital the [Ana Desetnica](#) street theatre festival will run for the 12th consecutive year in the streets, squares and parks of Ljubljana city centre. Street artistes, clowns, circus performers, jugglers, tightrope walkers, fire eaters, musicians, provocateurs, dancers and actors from Slovenia and abroad will be amongst the attractions at the outdoors venues, with all events completely free of charge.

Established over 50 years ago, the [Ljubljana Summer Festival](#) also takes place in the capital. Highlights of this year's programme – which runs for

eight weeks from **July 6th** - include the Bolshoi Theatre of Russia performing Tchaikovsky's opera *Onegin*; Italy's Teatro alla Scala Ballet Company performing *Mythical*, a ballet featuring music by Pink Floyd; a musical theatre performance of *The Full Monty* by The Zagreb Comedy Theatre (in Croatian with English and Slovenian subtitles); a home-grown production of Verdi's *La Traviata*; and open air cinema running for three weeks at Ljubljana Castle.

Over at [Predjama Castle](#) Erasmus Knights' Tournament will take place on **July 19th**. The tournament, named after Erazem Jamski, a rebellious 15th century knight, sees re-enactors come from all over Europe to show off their fighting skills and introduce the medieval way of life at the historic Predjama castle.

Finally, one of Slovenia's most famous tourist destinations, Lake Bled, plays host to a celebration of spectacular fireworks displays and light shows between **July 24th-26th**.

**CORRECTION**

In the Embassy's Newsletter from May 15, in the article on Jure Robič's participation in RAAM, the official date of the start of the race was announced May 17. We apologize, and are correcting the information - the race begins on June 17, and ends on June 29, thus lasting 12 and not 42 days!

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