

Open Square Attracts Thousands of Culture Fans

On Saturday, 18 October, the first Open Square culture festival was held in Jan Palach Square in Prague through the cooperation of the Czech Philharmonic, Charles University's Faculty of Arts, the Prague Institute of Planning and Development, and the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague.

The sunny weather allowed visitors to enjoy a wide range of outdoor events including commented tours, workshops or performances by student companies. The programme at the Rudolfinum was the main attraction of the day, drawing two and a half thousand people.

A number of events brought more than one and a half thousand people to the other participating institutions. For instance, the Museum of Decorative Arts invited visitors to a commented tour of its exhibits while the Faculty of Arts held a successful series of lectures marking the 60th anniversary of Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. Some events were held in the CU FA building in Celetná Street which, on that day, was also the venue for events held as part of the International Day of Archaeology. The highlight of the day was an evening concert of the Czech Philharmonic under the baton of Jiří Bělohlávek, receiving a standing ovation from the young audience.

The Open Square festival will be held annually; moreover, the participating institutions are ready to cooperate in other cultural and educational projects.

More details including pictures can be found on the Faculty's website and the event's Facebook page.