



STRINGS

European heritage

E S **2016**
T A Ljubljana
string teachers conference

Tuesday 26th April -
Saturday 30th April 2016

**Conference venue:
Slovenian Philharmonic**

**Booking begins
on 16th November 2015**

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String instruments have been a major part of our European musical heritage for over a thousand years. Slovenia has always been at the crossroads of Slavic, Romance and Germanic culture. What could be more eloquent and appropriate than to describe the theme of the Conference as “the common heritage of all European peoples”?

The Slovenian branch of ESTA was established in 1998 by leading Slovenian string pedagogues at the Academy of Music in Ljubljana. The Association brings together students of stringed instruments and a number of string teachers at all levels of music education, from primary, secondary and up to university.

Ljubljana ranks among medium-sized European cities, and preserves the attractive ambience of a small town. It also offers all the facilities of a modern capital. It is the political and cultural heart of the Slovenian nation, an important centre of European trade and business, a congress and fair centre, as well as the transport, scientific and educational centre of Slovenia. Located between Northern and Southern Europe, Ljubljana is naturally set to be a place where traders and warriors, as well as negotiators would meet. Peace has been negotiated in Ljubljana several times. In this quiet place where paths cross and people have met since ancient times, the winners of the Napoleonic wars fittingly convened the Congress of the Holy Alliance of 1821, which for some time sealed the fate of European political geography.

The 44th International ESTA conference will be held in the most prestigious area of the Slovenian capital. Congress Square is the meeting point of the University of Ljubljana, the Slovenian Philharmonic and “Casino” Dancing hall. The Slovenian Philharmonic is Slovenia’s central musical institution with a rich European tradition. It runs both the Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Slovenian Chamber Choir. The original predecessor of the Slovenian Philharmonic was founded in 1701, the “Academia Philharmonicorum Labacensis”. It was inspired in the 18th century by similar Italian academies, occurring as early as the 16th century, to become a professional association of Ljubljana musicians. Slovenian and Austrian (German) members from different ranks of the nobility, and middle-class intellectuals were its members. Its aim was to cultivate the love of music, and it gave special attention to the orchestra, which played at provincial ceremonies, religious holidays, and so on.

Fee

As agreed at the delegates’ meeting in 2014 three different conference fees will be charged according to the country you come from. There may also be a possibility for a contribution towards your travel costs. It can be found on your registration form. The organiser will also provide daily tickets.

Accommodation

Ljubljana offers numerous possibilities for cheap accommodation from hotels to hostels. The organiser has agreed to give a particularly favourable offer for members of ESTA in the nearby Grand Hotel Union (from 89€ single room/night), Hotel Lev (from 65€ single room/night), Central Hotel (from 54€ single room/night) and Hotel Slon (from 82€ single room/night). For the full range of rooms and prices, see the conference website.

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