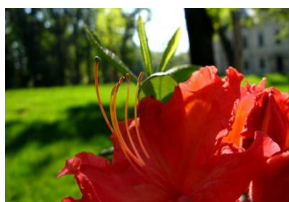




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SMETANA'S MUSIC WEEKEND

April 23 – 25

The castle will be filled with melodic tones of compositions of the world-famous, Czech music composer Bedřich Smetana. He stayed in adjacent Jabkenice and he often composed his music in Jabkenice Game Park, including part of his most famous piece, “My Country”.

PROGRAM

Program is free for our guests, who are staying with us,
as well as for our restaurant and spa guests.

Saturday, April 24

8 – 10 AM

Breakfast with live piano. Delicatessen will be completed with a chocolate fountain.
(free for accommodated guests)

10:30 AM

Guided walk in Jabkenice Game Park with visit to the Bedřich Smetana Memorial

The Smetana Memorial is housed in the age-old Gamekeeper's Lodge, close to a large fenced game park. The lodge served as headquarters for the forestry office of the Thurn-Taxis princes who owned this dominion. Starting in 1875 the forester here was Josef Schwarz, the husband of Smetana's oldest daughter Žofie. After losing his hearing, the composer moved here in 1876 and spent the final years of his life in this environment. He composed many of his most important works in the Gamekeeper's Lodge. We will secure transportation for our guests free of charge (6 km). Payment of admission at the museum.

3 PM

Classical music concert on the castle Patio in the midst of the English park – The Dante Quartet, voted by the Financial Times as one of the best in the UK - will perform Czech composers – especially Bedřich Smetana. More at www.dantequartet.org.

You can enjoy our special gourmet Smetana's Music Menu at our Piano Nobile Restaurant throughout the entire weekend. This menu in conjunction with the concert will create an unforgettable experience.

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