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**17th International „Bohém” Ragtime & Jazz Festival**  
**March 28-30, 2008**  
**Kecskemét, Hungary, Erdei Ferenc Cultural Centre**

**BOHÉM FESTIVAL – THE EVENT OF AMBIENCE**

**casual, classy, loose, elegant, exotic, cosy – all at the same time**

greatest festival for ragtime and classic jazz freaks who like to feel at home while being away

“It was really a trip of a lifetime. You did a wonderful job of scheduling everything & herding everyone around to where they were supposed to be. The hotels, food, audiences, scenery, people were all just great!”  
(*Bob Ringwald, USA*)

“It was an experience that can never be duplicated. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed making new friends. You have a beautiful city and the festival was terrific.”  
(*Roma and Scott King, USA*)

“Thank you so much for a wonderful time in a wonderful country! I really can't say enough about how beautiful Hungary is, and how wonderful the people are!”  
(*Pat Dinneen, USA*)

These are the kind of quotes, festival organizers love to include in their brochures. Well, there are many major great festivals around with good references. But the Bohém Festival might be a little more special. Why? Probably for many reasons:

- It's in Hungary (most people have no idea where this odd country is, if they do, they have never been to East so far).
- It's one of those rare festivals that feature ragtime and try NOT to let bad or mediocre musicians play; it simply features only world-class music.
- It's reasonably priced for both tickets and other services (well, it seems extremely cheap for many).
- It offers additional programmes, so you don't just come to the Festival weekend (always last weekend of March) but get much more.

Do these things mean enough for you to sign up and give yourself a go? Well, if I were you, I'd make sure if the whole thing is well-organized indeed. You know, just one little problem can cause major damages in programmes and could ruin your enjoyment. You need to have great organizers who you can trust and good guides. Well, listen to those who have experienced how things are working at the Bohém Festival:

“Tamas, You surpassed yourself. I didn't hear a single complaint from the English group... nothing but praise for the great music, the friendly atmosphere and not least for Bogi who was absolutely wonderful.”  
(*Judy Eames, UK*)

“Thought I'd let you know that we had a tremendous time in your festival/country! Everything went like clock-work, and I'd like to thank you for the invitation to perform for your festival. Every where we performed, your fellow-countrymen were just great and appreciative! Tibi was the best guide we've ever had...great kid!”  
(*Bob Romans, USA*)

“I had a great time and hope to return to your country in the future all of the people were wonderful and you did a great job with the details very professional. All of the bands were great! I hope the festival was profitable enough for you to continue.”

*(Vince Bartels, USA)*

OK, now you may believe that you can trust us. So you are thinking on coming over. Good! But we like to help guests as much as possible and we would like to show you around. Visiting a 3-day festival in the heart of Hungary is great but it certainly makes more sense to add programmes. Everybody wants to see Budapest, so we offer you 6-day packages (Economic and Wellness) that include the Festival and activities in Budapest.

“We had a wonderful time in Hungary; thank you so much for making all the arrangements. We loved Budapest, but you only really get to meet people when you travel into the countryside and we were made to feel very welcome in Kecskemét.”

*(Judy Eames, UK)*

Judy is right, you have to go into the countryside. And anyway, there are people who have been here and have seen the Hungarian capital already. We want to offer them and other adventurous people our 7-day package. Discovery package: for those who like to discover things.

“Once again, I sure had a great time in Hungary. I'll never forget it as long as I live. Thanks for having us over and for being such a gracious host.”

*(Bob Williams, USA)*

You still want to stay at home? If you rather come to enjoy yourself at the Bohém Festival in 2008, here are the details: find the package programmes on a separate sheet. If you just want to come for the Festival weekend, read on for additional information on prices and payment.

By the way, before we go on, here is one of the most important information:

Performers of the Bohém Festival in Kecskemét, Hungary (March 28-30, 2008):

***Paris Washboard (France)***

***Antti Sarpila Quartet (Finland)***

***Bratislava Hot Serenaders (Slovakia)***

***Jonathan Russell (USA) – 12-year old jazz violinist***

***Bohém Ragtime Jazz Band (Hungary)***

***Hot Jazz Band (Hungary)***

***Little Jazz Band (Hungary)***

***Kecskemét Jazz Orchestra (Hungary)***

***Smiling Ragtime Band (Hungary)***

***Classic Chamber Brass (Hungary)***

***Zoltán Kontra (Hungary) – piano***

***Lajos Csanádi (Hungary) – piano***

See the **[www.bohemragtime.com](http://www.bohemragtime.com)** website for schedule and other information about the performers.

## **BOHÉM FESTIVAL 2008 – Kecskemét, Hungary**

information about tickets, accommodation, additional programmes and payment

### **3-day pass (all events):**

**40 USD/31 EUR/21 GBP (until Dec 31, 2007)**

**50 USD/39 EUR/27 GBP (Jan 1-Febr 29, 2008)**

### **Hotel accommodation in Kecskemét:**

Note that hotel prices include all taxes and breakfast. No additional charges apply.

#### **Aranyhomok Wellness Hotel\*\*\*\* [www.hotelaranyhomok.hu](http://www.hotelaranyhomok.hu)**

downtown on the main square, 1 min. walk from the venue

**59 USD/43 EUR/30 GBP per person based on double occupancy**

**95 USD/69 EUR/49 GBP per person based on single occupancy**

Free use of all basic wellness services (swimming pool, steam cabin, light therapy sauna, fitness room).

#### **Hotel Talizmán\*\*\* [www.hotels.hu/talizmanhotel](http://www.hotels.hu/talizmanhotel)**

downtown on the main square, 2 min. walk from the venue

**39 USD/29 EUR/19 GBP per person based on double occupancy**

**69 USD/52 EUR/34 GBP per person based on single occupancy**

### **Highly recommended additional programmes:**

– Rachmaninov/Tschaikowsky concert – Kecskemét Symphony & Elmar Gasanov, piano (March 27, 7 pm)

**tickets will be around 10 USD/8 EUR/5 GBP per person**

– Folk music trip: Puszta, horse show, folk music, dance, lunch (March 28 Fri, 11 am-4 pm)

**78 USD/60 EUR/42 GBP per person**

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**Additional hotel reservation in Budapest and other cities can be booked through us and we can also help with car rentals and would be happy to assist you in everything – just ask and let us know what you need.**

Note that all programmes for 6-day packages (Economic and Wellness) will be run only if minimum 25 people sign up, the 7-day Discovery package will be organized in case of minimum 15 attendees and there is a minimum of 20 interested people for the Puszta tour. In case of cancellation of the Festival programme, down payments will be refunded immediately. In case of not enough attendees for package or additional programmes, down payments will be either refunded or equal programmes will be offered.

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### **Payment possibilities:**

#### **PayPal:**

Use **[www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)** and send money to our **[payment@bohemragtime.com](mailto:payment@bohemragtime.com)** account.

#### **Bank transfers must be made to:**

**Tamás Ittzés festival director – 6044 Kecskemét, Hullám u. 14., Hungary**

Bank name, address: **K&H Bank, 1051 Budapest, Vigadó tér 1., Hungary**

SWIFT code: **OKHBHUHB**

Account no./IBAN (for payment in USD): **HU08 1040 8007 1809 1313 4011 0000**

Account no./IBAN (for payment in EUR): **HU08 1040 8007 1809 1313 4884 0000**

#### **Cheques/money orders must be issued, made payable and mailed to:**

**Tamás Ittzés festival director – 6001 Kecskemét, Pf. 652., Hungary**

#### **Credit card payment is available on-line through the [www.bohemragtime.com](http://www.bohemragtime.com) website:**

Accepted cards: **Visa Classic, Visa Electron, Master Card, American Express** (Check the website for payment availability and list of accepted cards. Credit card service starts as soon as the new website is up in 2008.)