## Casual, classy, loose, elegant, exotic, cosy (all at the same time)

# Greatest festival for ragtime & 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 [...] Every where we performed, your fellow-countrymen were just great and appreciative! Tibi was the best guide we've ever had!" (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!" (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 (F) Antti Sarpila Quartet (SF) Jonathan Russell (USA) & Bohém Ragtime Jazz Band (H) Bratislava Hot Serenaders (SK) Hot Jazz Band (H) Little Jazz Band (H) Kecskemét Jazz Orchestra (H) Classic Chamber Brass (H) Zoltán Kontra (H) Lajos Csanádi (H) Smiling Ragtime Band (H)



See the **www.bohemragtime.com** website for schedule and other information about the performers.

#### PACKAGE INFORMATION

## 7-day "DISCOVERY" package (arr. March 27 Thu, dep. April 2 Wed)

709 USD/529 EUR/349 GBP (double occupancy) 879 USD/659 EUR/439 GBP (single occupancy) Package prices includes:

- All ground transportation (incl. airport pick-up)
- 3-day Festival pass
- Folk music trip Puszta, horse show, folk music, dance, lunch (min. 20 persons)
- 3 nights accommodation in Kecskemét in Wellness Hotel Aranyhomok\*\*\*\* incl. breakfast
- 1 night accommodation in Eger in a \*\*\*downtown hotel incl. breakfast
- Dinner in a wine cellar in Eger
- 1 night accommodation in Lillafüred (Miskolc) in Hotel Palota incl. breakfast
- Jazz concert and dinner in Miskolc
- 1 night accommodation in Budapest in a \*\*\*downtown hotel incl. breakfast
- Farewell dinner in Budapest

## 6-day "WELLNESS" packa (arr. March 27 Thu, dep. April 1 Tue)

729 USD/539 EUR/359 GBP (double occupancy) 919 USD/689 EUR/459 GBP (single occupancy) Package price includes:

- All ground transportation (incl. airport pick-up)
- 3-day Festival pass
- Folk music trip Puszta, horse show, folk music, dance, lunch (min. 20 persons)
- 3 nights accommodation in Kecskemét in Wellness Hotel Aranyhomok\*\*\*\* incl. breakfast
- Sightseeing tour in Budapest (min. 20 persons)
- 2-hour dinner cruise on the Danube with a jazz band aboard (min. 20 persons)
- 2 nights accommodation in Budapest in a \*\*\*\*downtown hotel incl. breakfast

# 6-day "ECONOMIC" package (arr. March 27 Thu, dep. April 1 Tue)

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599 USD/449 EUR/299 GBP (double occupancy) 779 USD/579 EUR/389 GBP (single occupancy) Same as "Wellness" but 3 nights accommodation in Kecskemét in Hotel Talizmán\*\*\* and 2 nights accommodation in Budapest in a ' \*downtown hotel



Eger, Hotel Flóra

Eger, wine cellar





Lillafüred, Hotel Palota



#### TICKET INFORMATION

3-day pass (all events) 50 USD/39 EUR/27 GBP (deadline 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

downtown on the main square, 1 min. walk from the venue 59 USD/43 EUR/30 GBP pp. (double occupancy) 95 USD/69 EUR/49 GBP pp. (single occupancy) Free use of all basic wellness services (swimming pool, steam cabin, light therapy sauna, fitness room).

Hotel Talizmán\*\*\* www.hotels.hu/talizmanhotel downtown on the main square, 2 min. walk from the venue 39 USD/29 EUR/19 GBP pp. (double occupancy) 69 USD/52 EUR/34 GBP pp. (single occupancy)

## 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, folk dance, lunch (March 28 Fri, 11 am-4 pm) 78 USD/60 EUR/42 GBP per person

#### IMPORTANT!

There is a 20% non-refundable down payment is necessary upon reservation. Final payment due to Febr 29, 2008. 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

### **PAYMENT POSSIBILITIES**

### INTERNET – PayPal

Use www.paypal.com and send money to our payment@bohemragtime.com account.

#### **BANK TRANSFER**

Recipient: 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

IBAN no. (for USD): HU08 1040 8007 1809 1313 4011 0000 IBAN no. (for EUR): HU08 1040 8007 1809 1313 4884 0000

## **CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER**

Must be issued, made payable and mailed to: Tamás Ittzés festival director 6001 Kecskemét, Pf. 652., Hungary

## **CREDIT CARD**

On-line payment on the 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.)