



WORLD WIND MUSIC FESTIVAL & WASBE CONFERENCE

SOUNDS OF ŽOFÍN

In July, WASBE members had the opportunity to meet in Prague to celebrate 100 +1 years since the birth of Karel Husa in his hometown. Fifteen Wind and Band Ensembles performed from th 19 of July to the 23. A stunning event, we hope that you enjoy the following descriptions of the bands, composers, and music that made the event one to remember.

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SINFONISCHES BLASORCHESTER BERN ^{CH}

Friday 22 July 2022, 8 p.m., Great Hall, Žofín Palace

The Sinfonisches Blasorchester Bern is a topclass wind orchestra founded in 1979 by its present conductor Rolf Schumacher. The 60 members of the orchestra are very skilled amateur or professional musicians from the Berne region. The instrumentation corresponds to the model of the American Symphonic Band. The aims and purposes of the orchestra are the cultivation of concert music, the encouragement of contemporary compositions, the performance of public concerts as well as the participation in musical events in Switzerland and abroad. Every year, various works are rehearsed and publicly performed on a project-by-project basis. The orchestra was invited for concerts in several countries such as Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Germany, Hungary, Japan, the Netherlands and the USA. Thanks to numerous participations in national and international events and competitions, the orchestra enjoys high recognition far beyond the borders of the city of Bern.



ROLF SCHUMACHER

The founder and conductor of the Sinfonisches Blasorchester Bern started his professional studies as a conductor with Albert Benz at the Lucerne Conservatory in 1980, where he successfully graduated in 1985. He participated in several international conducting seminars and was elected conductor of the renowned Feldmusik Sarnen in February 1998, which he successfully directed until 2016. From 2002 to 2018, he was a member of the Artistic Advisory Committee of the Swiss Wind Music Association. From 2005 to 2015, he was the artistic director of the Jungfrau Music Festival. In 2009, he was elected to the board of WASBE International for six years. He teaches conducting at the Hochschule der Künste Bern, where he took over the study program for conducting wind music in 2014.



PROGRAM

Zdenek JONÁK
Ciacona in E minor on an Old Bohemian Chorale

Stephan HODEL
"Happenstance" Concertino for Trumpet and Wind Ensemble

I. Devious Tango

II. Aria

III. Elegant Bossa

Giuliano Sommerhalder, trumpet

Franco CESARINI
Symphony Nr. 3 "Urban Landscapes", Op. 55

I. Wrigley Building from dawn to noon

II. Blue Silhouette

III. Cloud Gate

