



World Class Textile Art in Prague Once Again! 12th Prague Patchwork Meeting

The 12th year of the international exhibition Prague Patchwork Meeting will be held in Prague from April 6th till 8th, 2018. The event will be traditionally hosted in the 4 star Wellness Hotel Step and its Sportcentre in Prague Vysocany. More than 400 authors will be presented across 4 halls, on an area exceeding 6,000 sqm; many artists will be having a standalone gallery. More than 900 quilts will be on display including collections exhibited in the Central Eastern Europe for the very first time, few collections having their worldwide premiere. Third of the area will be dedicated to retailers. Visitors of Prague Patchwork Meeting will have the chance to attend numerous workshops with leading European lecturers, focusing not only on sewing, but also fabric printing and creative surface elaborations.

The international event Prague Patchwork Meeting is the biggest display of combined textile techniques not only in the Czech Republic, but in the CEE region. The collection comprises nearly 1,000 pieces (primarily quilts) from all over the world incl. a great selection of Czech quilts. The retailers will be offering a wide selection of fabrics, helpful tools, textile accessories, sewing machines, lighting, beads, fabric dyes and newly also an assortment of yarns.

Prague will host leading authors of art quilts:

"My Corner of the World" will present **Canada's SAQA** members. Another geographically distant countries have joined the gallery **"Crossing Oceans"** with quilts of authors living next to the world's seas. Another outstanding collection will be brought by **EPM, the 2017 contest "At the End of the Trip Around the World"**. First time in Prague, the sisters **Desedamas** will show their silk quilts, a fine example of **Spanish art quilting**. **Italian** quilt will bring to the visitors 4 members of **Fiber4 Group**. Germany is usually well represented at PPM, the 2018 selection of the best German quilts is called **From Tradition to Contemporary**. **Gröbenzeller Quiltgruppe** arrives with a special theme **Gate to Orient** incl. some kaftans. Literature mirrored in quilts show **Veronika Schlüsselberg and Marta Goldbach** based on poems of **E.M. Rilke**. Far East and Sashiko were among last year's high lights, therefore we offer a complete gallery of **Susan Briscoe** with some ancient quilts and works of her students. **Romana Černá** presents her **"Landscapes in Art Quilt"** with exclusive workshop. Smaller collections come from **Romania and Austria**. **PatchKids** present themselves with **Train Bernino** – the 2018 premiere, this year with Czech children participating for the first time.

The Czech group **Art Quilt Harbour** brings textile **Wave**, the group **TTT** will show a new collection of textile and lace. A number of domestic authors will be hosting their individual galleries.

Numerous prizes will be awarded to winners of the 2018 **challenges SEASONS** and classical **STORM AT SEA**, judged by an international jury. To inspire hand quilters, we have prepared a minor collection of mandalas and La Passacaglias. A special challenge **My country** will offer nearly 50 mini quilts.

Accompanying workshops are suitable for both advanced and beginner quilters.

Many retailers have prepared small workshops and will be presenting various techniques. The main workshops will be lectured by renowned artists from the Czech Republic and abroad. A creative area with EBRU print screens will also be available.

Traditionally, we are presenting charity, club and exchange works. An awaited exhibition is always the one by the Art Quilt Club CZ based on a material collection, this year it is the obligatory material **TWEED**. The program will be accompanied by a **fashion show** including original jewellery and a market offering fabric scraps and older books and magazines.

Special charity programme resulting in a donation of nearly **20 quilts for incubators** to help premature children will be handed over to the representatives of Masaryk Hospital on Saturday afternoon.

Prague Patchwork Meeting belongs to the most visited global textile exhibitions

The exhibition, with more than 6.5 thousand visitors ranks 4-5th in Europe, and its level is increasing every year. The leading position continues to be held by Birmingham with more than 25 thousand visitors.

Tickets will be available on the spot, either single day (180 CZK) or three day (350 CZK).

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Summary:

12th Prague Patchwork Meeting

When: 6.-8.4.2018
(6.4. from 12 to 19, 7.4. from 9.30 to 18 , 8.4. from 9.30 to 16.30)

Where : ****Wellness Hotel STEP, Malletova 1141, Praha 9

Wntry Fee: Single day CZK 180,- per person, three days CZK 350,-

Area: 5,900 sqm, of which 2,050 sqm retail area (more than 70 companies)

Vystavovatelé: more than 400 authors and groups including individual galleries

Visitors: ca. 6,500 , largest textile exhibition in CEE

Web: www.praguepatchworkmeeting.com

Magazine: monthly Newsletter PPM in Czech (available online)