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An Evening for Czech Glass

Discussion dedicated to the history and future of Czech glass

9th of December 2015, 7pm

at the Czech Centre Berlin, Wilhelmstraße 44



Glass from the Czech lands has gained worldwide recognition for its quality and originality. The traditional artistic craft is an important part of the Czech cultural heritage. Various branches of glassmaking always played a central role in the country's export trade whether mass-produced or handcrafted. Made solely out of domestic resources and supported by the unique infrastructure of specialized glass schools, applied arts academies, and glass museums Czech glass became a household name internationally. This phenomenon, which has successfully survived the economic, political, and social upheavals from the industrial revolution to the foundation of an independent state, the German annexation, and the communist regime is today struggling for direction. Public and private initiatives are challenged by numerous obstacles in providing a platform for contemporary glassmaking and in securing the space for inventiveness and skill. Four speakers will discuss the future potentials of Czech glass.

After the discussion we will visit the glass works of art located in the Czech Embassy Berlin.

Speakers:

Tulga Beyerle / Director, Museum of Decorative Arts, Dresden (Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Kunstgewerbemuseum Schloss Pillnitz)

Helena Koenigsmarková / Director, Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague (Uměleckoprůmyslové muzeum v Praze)

Ladislav Pflimpfl / Director of ZIBA, Glass Experience Museum, Prague

Verena Wasmuth / curator and conservation consultant, author of the publication *Tschechisches Glas. Künstlerische Gestaltung im Sozialismus*, Berlin

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