



Jennifer Salva Miss Czech Slovak US 2012-2013

National Tour Newsletter (Number 1)

During her reign, Jennifer will be attending Czech and Slovak festivals and events throughout the United States. This Newsletter has been created to keep you informed of Jennifer's travels as she wears the crown of Miss Czech-Slovak US and represents the National Pageant and her heritage.

National Pageant Recap



Miss Czech-Slovak US 2012-13
Jennifer Salva (Center) Representing Kansas
1st Runner-Up, Caitlin Orsak (Right) Representing Texas
2nd Runner-Up, Allie Knouse (Left) Representing Nebraska

The **2012 Miss Czech-Slovak** pageant drew bright young women from ten states to compete for the national title. I was honored to represent the state of Kansas in the national pageant, alongside girls from the states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.

There were so many beautiful kroje from Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, each with a fascinating story to accompany the dress. Each of the girls demonstrated talent of oratory, dance, song or instrumental performance.

It was wonderful to meet so many girls passionate about their heritage, and excited to integrate the Czech and Slovak cultures into their busy lives.

Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Festival

The **Ethnic Enrichment Festival** (held on Aug. 17th and 18th) was different than any event I have previously attended as a Czech queen. Instead of being surrounded by Czechs, Slovaks, Kielbasa and Kolace, I found myself surrounded by food, dance and costume from countries around the world.

The first day I attended the festival I had the chance to visit booths representing India, Egypt, Malaysia, Germany and everything in between! It was a wonderful experience to share the Czech and Slovak cultures with representatives from these countries, and learn about their cultures too! On the Sunday of the festival, I was invited to model my kroj in the All-Country Fashion Show. Not only did I expose individuals from countries around the world to the Czech and Slovak cultures, but also spread awareness of the Miss Czech-Slovak pageant!

(Photo right: Modeling of my Native Kroj)



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I share a moment with Christy Dowling (2011 National Pageant Queen) and the Ethnic Dance Troup

The first weekend of October, I traveled to Yukon, Oklahoma to attend the annual Oklahoma Czech Festival. I enjoyed spending the day becoming acquainted with the people of Oklahoma and loved spending time with the newly crowned Oklahoma Czech Royalty. Katie Holman was crowned Miss Czech-Slovak Oklahoma 2012, and is preparing for her competition in the national pageant in August of next year. The Miss Czech-Slovak US 1st runner-up and Miss Czech-Slovak Nebraska 1st-runner up also attended the event. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Kessler family who spent their weekend showing me all that Yukon and Oklahoma City have to offer!

Celebration of Slovak Constitution Day

On September 22nd, I attended the Slovak Constitution Day Celebration. The event was in recognition of Slovak Constitution day on September 1st. Honorary Consul to the Slovak Republic, Ross Marine, opened his home to share Slovak customs, foods and stories. I enjoyed speaking with members of the Czech and Slovak Club of Kansas City, friends, family and a guest officer from Bratislava.

(Photo right: Charlie Herak, Officer from Bratislava)



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