Prehistoric Sandberg

If you think that the issue of environmental protection is only relevant in modern society, you would be mistaken. Influenza Hennel, botanist Carolus Clusius, who in the 16th century visited the area, noted the disappearance of trees in the area and called for their protection. It is not clear how Clusius found the site, but Devilska Kobyla has since become a botanist's haven. What makes this national reserve especially interesting to both botanists and palynologists is the area known as Sandberg. Discovered when examining sand for gravel in Deviliska Novi Ves, it has since yielded one fascinating find after another. Sandberg dates back to the prehistoric Tholus stea.

Western SLOVAKIA

BRAZILIA

**CLASSICAL MUSIC:** Baroque Editions 2014 - Janota Kovalská-Pavlíková, soprano; Zoltán Medves, viola; Almir Naik, violoncello; Zdeněk Kámeřák will perform Baroque music at 11:00 on June 5, 2014; Franciscan Church, Franciscan Square. Admission: Free. More info: www.citylife.sk.

**FESTIVAL:** Festival Devínsky Vody 2014 / Water Festival 2014 - 3rd year of this unique event offers aquatic sports (surfing for €1), relaxation and various competitions and games in the white-water complex in Čunovo near Devínska Nová Ves, for spectators.

**Start:** June 5-7, 10:00; Areál Devínska Voda Čunovo. Admission: Free. More info: www.devinskyvody.sk.

**FESTIVAL:** Exhibition: Svet japoneckých bambáků / The World of Japanese Poles - Exhibition brings the 70 most common Japanese traditional poles, reflecting an everyday event and local artisan skills. Open: daily except for Mon 9:00-16:00, July 4-Aug 24; Tučkovský Squa. Admission: Free. More info: www.mlds.eu.

Slovak theatre in English

BRIDGIN’ Drama is the only theatre in Slovakia that consistently performs its repertoire in English. Putting on original plays, the team focuses on bringing Slovak classical literature and writers closer to English-speaking audiences.

Last year, the Tajovský Ruždal was run 18 times, and around 1,000 came to see it, including pupils and students.

This year, an updated version of Bystrvá Zálovica (meaning Gingerbread) by Martin Kubíček is being offered, called Kukucshees. “With Kubíček, we continue the line of humorous adaptations of Slovak classics, which we started two years ago with Zuzana Žiaková’s ‘Woman’s Law’ by J.G. Tuzovský,’ managing director Michaela Vrabová said. The core of the actors remains children from the Bridge language centre, Danu Brunt, the UK, and Greg Fabian, Kim Render and Amiľka Prustova from the US. The play was translated by Martin Sokol and directed by Peter Palko, a graduate of the Academy of Performing Arts (VŠMU) in Bratislava.

After the July 2 performance (at 20:30), in the courtyard of Zichy Palace on Ventúrska 9, the performances will continue until the summer break. Admission is €4 and more information can be found at www.thebridge.sk.

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Youths take on folk music

BRAZILIA

is offering an especially wide array of cultural events this summer, consisting of classical music, jazz, dance, foreign cultures, gastronomy and more. Folklor will also be featured, with the Slovak Folk Festival in early July, where the spotlight will shine on children and youth ensembles.

Choirs and folklore ensembles from the UK, Israel, Russia, Ukraine and Slovakia will compete among each other when presenting their skills to the public in open-air concerts, also in a church.

Between July 4 and 6, afternoon and evening performances will take place in various venues, including Vševozidoslavovoslavy and the Chránov Church will feature the Walsheim College Chapel Choir from the UK; Gittir, Yekira, Ron Holom from Israel; Russia’s Privadinka and Zadecinka; Cedovanska and Fortska from Slovakia; and Ukraine’s Allegro.

More detailed information can be found at www.choralmusic.sk/en/festival/valej+kriň/kriň/dl/kriň/lad.eu, also in English.

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Events Countrywide

**RE-ENACTMENTS of Knights’ Camp - Knights’ Mounted Tourments** at the historical site of Devín near Devínska Nová Ves include historical fencing, period dances, crafts, calvados and period food and beverage that used to be enjoyed on festive occasions. On July 4, the event organized by Boženy Umerník (Guild of Old Artful Actors and Crafts) and the City Museum Bratislava. Start at 8:00. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on site. More information can be found at www.topotab.sk.

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Central SLOVAKIA

**VÝCHOVÁNÍ FESTIVAL:** Folklor Festival Východ - The oldest folklor festival in Slovakia celebrates its 60th anniversary with a two-day program that includes Battles of folklore ensembles, competitions of soloists, a choir and the orchestra of the Lúčny ensemble playing together in a full-length performance.

**Start:** July 1, 24:00. Municipality of Východ. Admission: €4-4.24. Tel: 927-677-712, www. festivalvychod.sk.}

Banská Štiavnica

**CSS/ČL/SLV/MUSIC Festival hoboško hudby / Bachtrio 2014** - The festival of Bach music focuses on the works of this genius composer, performed by organ players from five countries (Tomáš Milek, Jančar Balba and Júra Vincenciková from Slovak; Filip Andráš and Filip Holakovič from the Czech Republic; and Štefan Srejic and Filip Holakovič from the Czech Republic). Start: July 1-5, various hours; St Catherine’s Church. Admission: €3-4. More info: www.bachtrio.sk.

Eastern SLOVAKIA

Tatranská Lomnica

**CRAFTS EXHIBITION:** Skitnário 2014 / Exhibition of craft / Current Master of Folk Crafts - Two contemporary masteres of traditional folk crafts and arts - Joanna Ráková and Cyril Horák, present accessories made of wood and metal. The exhibition offers works that are traditional, but with elements of modern design.

Open: Tue-Sat 10:00-17:00, until Sep 15. DZUJ Gallery. Tatranská Lomnica. Admission: Free. Tel: 092-44-67-322; www.skli.sk.

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