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Slavnost – 11th Annual Heritage Celebration

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center will host a full day of activities to celebrate and to honor Czech heritage and traditions on Sunday, May 20, 2012 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The new *Czech Music Museum of Texas* located at the entrance to the Czech Center in the Kalich House will be open for tours. Highlighted in the museum are four separate genre of Czech music. They are Classical Music of Czech Composers, Spiritual/Liturgical Music, Folk Music and Dance and Czech Brass Bands and Instrumental Music.

The celebration will begin at 10:00 am in the Hanslik Hall of the Museum/Library Building. Descendants of Czech immigrants who came to Texas between the years 1896-1900 will be recognized in a special ceremony. Certificates will be presented to honor those Czech ancestors and to name their village of origin.

The full day of activities that include demonstrations in crocheting, knitting, tatting, and spinning will be featured with the Textile Exhibit in the Museum from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Following the Tribute Ceremony, a catered dinner of chicken and sausage with trimmings will be served in the Fair Pavilion at 12:00 noon followed by a dance with music by the Donnie Wavra Orchestra, a pastry booth, and a silent auction will also be held. A donation of \$15.00 will cover the activities for the day that includes the meal, tours, demonstrations and dance.

The public is invited to this celebration with tours of the Czech Music Museum of Texas and the Czech Village from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Melnar Library and the gift shop will be open.

To be recognized, submit an application form with information about your ancestors to TCHCC no later than May 3, 2012. Contact the TCHCC office at (888)785-4500 for a copy of the form or the website at www.czechtexas.org