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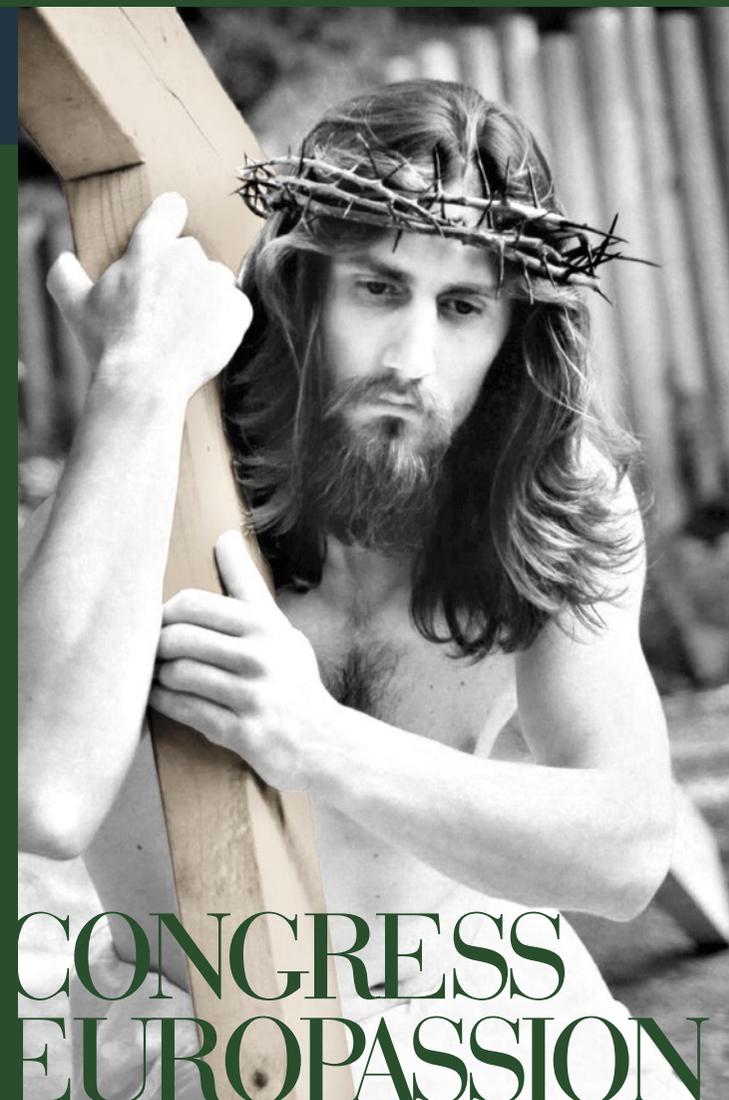
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FOR THE PRESERVATION  
OF THE HOŘICE PASSION PLAYS

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# CONGRESS EUROPASSION

Hořice na Šumavě / CZ  
8.–11. 6. 2023

## THURSDAY June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

- 20:00 welcoming the participants
- Accommodation (*Wellness Hotel Frymburk*)

## FRIDAY June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

- 10:00 opening ceremony of the congress (*Natural amphitheater Hořice na Šumavě*)
- 13:00 free accompanying program (*Český Krumlov*)
- 18:00 concert Musica Bohemica (*Monasteries Český Krumlov*)

## SATURDAY June 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

- 10:00 congress – delegates (*Hořice na Šumavě Cultural House*)
- other guests: accompanying program
- 15:00 grand opening of the new Museum of the Hořice Passion Plays
- 19:30 service and handover of the statue of the Virgin Mary
- 20:30 performance of passion games
- 22:00 closing ceremony

## SUNDAY June 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

- departure of the participants

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The first written mention is from 1272. The dominant feature of the town is the Gothic church of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

One of the most valuable sights is the stone pillory from 1549, which is one of the oldest in the Czech Republic.

Another rare rarity is a unique system of seven interconnected fountains from the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1897, the first film in Central Europe was made in Hořice.

## PASSION PLAYS IN HOŘICE



At the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Hořice Passion Plays represented a significant cultural event in Šumava. The all-day performance with 300 actors, live animals, an orchestra and a choir took place in the building of a modern wooden theater for 1,554 seated spectators.

In the pre-war period, tens of thousands of spectators from all over the world attended the Hořice Passion Plays. Among the guests were members of the imperial family (eg Francis Ferdinand d'Este) and other important personalities.

In 1897, an American company recorded a performance of the Hořice Passion Plays on a film-strip. This created the first film made in Central Europe.

## 30 YEARS SINCE THE RENEWAL OF THE HOŘICE PASSION PLAYS



After the expulsion of the Hořice Germans, the settlers tried to restore the original tradition in the Czech version. After 1948, however, the Communists stopped their efforts.

The post-February liquidation of the passion area was connected with the effort to erase this important tradition from the collective memory of the Czech society. In 1966, the last remnants of the Passion Theater were blown up, including the adjacent pilgrimage chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows.

In 1993, after long 45 years, the Hořice Passion Plays came to life again. The local amateur ensemble in the Hořice natural amphitheater has been reminding of the former glory of the Šumava mystery for 30 years.