

Janáček Academy of Music and Performing Arts Brno

Janáčkova akademie múzických umění v Brně

Abbreviation in Czech JAMU v Brně

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History

- The Janáček Academy is one of two academies of music and dramatic arts in the Czech Republic. It is named after Leoš Janáček, one of the most distinguished figures in modern European music, who was its spiritual father. Leoš Janáček influenced the cultural life of Brno as a teacher, critic, musical theorist and, especially, as a composer of original modern Czech music. JAMU was not founded until 1947, when many years of effort, connected at the beginning with the personality of Leoš Janáček, finally bore fruit. After the promising activities of the 60s, suppressed by the so-called normalization, significant development of the school after was achieved 1990, and JAMU won recognition with its purposeful and open approach.

The independent Music and Theatre Faculties were re-established and, besides the rehabilitated professors, people of the younger generation began to teach, new study branches were opened and foreign contacts were initiated. In the Erasmus program alone JAMU has concluded bilateral agreements with 48 partner universities from 19 countries. Brno is a city with a great tradition of theatre (the Brno National Theatre has recently seen its 120th jubilee season) and with a remarkably wide range of theatrical activities.

Structure of the Institution

- **The Janáček Academy of Music and Performing Arts consists of two faculties:**
 - Faculty of Music
 - Faculty of Theatre

The artistic work of the students is presented to the public in the Marta theatre studio, in the Chamber Opera, in concerts and also within the framework of so-called Street Theatre projects. The international festival of theatre schools - Encounter, the International Music Master Courses, the Leoš Janáček Competition, and the International Double Bass Convention, which are held annually - are renowned abroad.

Organization of Studies

- As a public university of fine arts, JAMU offers bachelor, master and doctoral study programs. Graduates of the 3-year bachelor study program are awarded the degree "bakalář" (Bachelor of Arts), in abbr. BcA. Graduates of the master study program, lasting 4 to 5 years (or, two more years after the bachelor study program), receive the degree "magistr umění" (Master of Arts), in abbr. MgA. Graduates of the doctoral study program are awarded the degree "doktor" (Doctor), in abbr. PhD. JAMU has accredited programmes not only in numerous artistic disciplines, but also in theatre and music management and, at the Theatre Faculty, in drama education and stage technology. Church music is taught at the Music Faculty. At both faculties it is possible to participate in the life-long learning program, in which there are 500 participants.

The Theatre Faculty is the only institution in Europe which successfully teaches "drama education for the deaf". Visually impaired students, graduates of the Ježek Conservatory in Prague, often enroll to study at the Music Faculty. Students are evaluated according to a credit system, which conforms to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

JAMU total number of students	638
Number of students of the Theatre Faculty	356
Number of students of the Music Faculty	282
Total number of applicants	1 019
Accepted to the study	267
Total number of graduates	191
BcA. Graduates	119
MgA. Graduates	63
PhD. Graduates	9