



Scottish Rock Garden Club

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cc: Marika Divišová, Petr Diviš and the Mayor of Roztoky

Dear Dr. Goll,

We feel we must write to you to express our delight in the musical evening provided for us recently by the MARIKA SINGERS from Roztoky at a conference held at the Hotel Dvořák in the beautiful old town of Tábor.

We were not expecting such a musical extravaganza to entertain us and we could not have been more surprised or happy to experience such an evening of choral excellence as we were given by the Marika Singers, lead by the vivacious Mária Divišová. It would be impossible to pick out any one person for praise, since all the soloists were so talented and the choral work of the large group so polished.

The programme was varied and had an exciting mixture of song styles and origin. The presentation was immensely professional and the enjoyment of the singers for their work was infectious as they clearly revelled in their performance and were adept at giving their soul to their singing, drawing their audience into their complete immersion in the stories told by the music.

It is clear that the choir is well trained and this level of professionalism in an amateur group is a pleasure to see. The skills of the singers to convey the atmosphere of the various songs was often very moving, even to those who were quite unfamiliar with the music.

The joy of the singers in their craft and their capacity to draw us all into the depth of feeling for the songs is not something that is given to all singers and their audiences – the Marika Singers succeeded on all levels to entertain, engage and entrance the listeners.

The audience in Tábor was made up of people from twenty different countries – we were all by turn, moved by the pathos, excited by the energy and carried along on the tide of musicality and sheer exuberance from the singers. The programme for the evening was expertly put together and flawlessly performed by the large and happy group of singers. The performance has been commented on most favourably in the SRGC Forum, for instance and the International Rock Gardener.

The evening was a tremendous success, full of verve and accomplishment in equal measure – we had a wonderful time and would recommend this talented group to any audience. We hope to experience their work in the future.

With our thanks to all the singers and kind regards,

J. Ian Young and Margaret Young

(Former President SRGC and Hon. Vice President SRGC)