

Erasmus+ in Luxembourg 2023

Three selected students of Jan Deyl Conservatory (Marie Apolena Stamberg, Kateřina Korbelová and Dmitriy Chuyashov) took part in the Erasmus+ music project in Luxembourg in the second half of July 2023. Every year more than 50 musicians from all over Europe participate in this unique project of the European Union. In the Czech Republic, in previous years, only the Gymnazium Jiřího z Poděbrad was involved, however, this year our conservatory was the second czech participant in this project.

The entire stay took place from 21/07/2023 to 31/07/2023. The students spent it in the luxembourg city of Esch sur Alzette and, in addition to students from the Gymnazium Jiřího z Poděbrad, they also formed a group with students from e.g. Spain, Lithuania, Germany, Croatia or France.

The main goal of the stay was to deepen knowledge in one's field, whether it was playing the cello, trumpet or violin, to gain experience playing in an international orchestra, to establish international relations and also to improve language skills.

The program of the 10-day stay was very busy, and despite the fact that our school was a newcomer, we did not fall behind in any activities. During the day, students practiced either with a symphony orchestra, had split rehearsals or played chamber music in smaller ensembles or a chamber orchestra. The string players rehearsals were led by the orchestra conductor and cellist, Mr. Jean Halsdorf, who is also the director of the local conservatory. All the musicians sang in a mixed choir under the direction of the lithuanian choir master. In the evenings, individual countries were presented in the form of presentations, photographs and traditional snacks tastings.

A visit to the capital city of Luxembourg and also to the town of Echternach near the border with Germany was a matter of course.

The final three days were devoted to concerts. The first concert took place on Friday 28/7, where the students made their first public appearance in the city center at the Belval Plaza shopping centre in Esch sur Alzette. On Saturday, the official concert was traditionally held in the hall of the local conservatory, and the third and last concert took place in the square in the capital of Luxembourg. As for the repertoire, this year, for example, compositions by Johannes Brahms or Antonín Dvořák were performed, whose selection pleased the entire czech group. The string orchestra performed, for example, the Pizzicato Polka.

Within these 10 days, an international orchestra was created and was able to rehearse world-famous piece of works in such a short time. For a musician, the experiences from such concerts and rehearsals are irreplaceable and very valuable for the further professional career of an instrumentalist.

For all students, the whole Erasmus project was a great experience, not only for the professional side, but also for the language side. We are very grateful we could involve three gifted young musicians to the Erasmus+ project and we hope to involve other students next year.