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Second Effect: Petr Zuska and Jen Shyu

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Czech Center New York's flagship project in 2016 is entitled **Prague-New York Effects** and it epitomizes our mission towards creating enduring transatlantic collaborations. This project brings renowned Czech and American artists together, unifying them in the common dialogue of the creative process to birth original performance duets. These performances have their world premieres in both countries. The project is supported by Petr Gandalovič, Czech Ambassador to the United States and Andrew Schapiro, United States Ambassador to the Czech Republic who endorse this vibrant cultural exchange.

Prague-New York Effects, First Effect, featured Tendayi Kuumba and Lenka Dusilová who garnered impressive media coverage in both New York and Prague. **On April 21, 2016, 7PM the World Premiere of the Second Effect will feature the phenomenal talents of Petr Zuska – Artistic Director of Czech National Ballet and Jen Shyu – multi instrumentalist, jazz vocalist, composer & dancer.**

Jen Shyu will create an original musical dialogue with Petr Zuska's dance solo. It has been two years since Zuska officially ended his career as a classical ballet dancer and this initiative brings him back on stage in a contemporary dance expression. He will be briefly putting aside his role as Artistic Director of Czech National Ballet to engage in this project as an independent choreographer and dance experimenter. Jen Shyu, with her knowledge of classical music as well as classical ballet, has segued into the contemporary arena as an inspirational artist and will act as a guide to Zuska in the territory of the avant-garde.

Under the guidance of the program director of Czech Center New York, Miřenka Čechová, they will perform their ground breaking collaboration in the transformed Ballroom of the Bohemian National Hall after their residency at Czech Center New York in April as part of the Thomas M. Messer Bohemian Creative Hub.

The *Third Effect* features Helga Davis – actress, singer, radio host and Jiří Bartovanec – Czech dancer & choreographer. The *Fourth Effect* boasts the artistry of film star, dancer and choreographer – Tami Stronach and the Wizardry Czech multi-media artist Tomáš Dvořák aka FLOEX.



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