



*Tribute to Antonio Vivaldi*  
*in Gabriela Demeterová's original rendering*

- The programme of this exclusive concert tour will be devoted solely to the Italian Baroque composer, master of Italian composition Antonio Vivaldi (1678 -1741) to mark the 330<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth celebrated in 2008.
- Few people realize today that it was Antonio Vivaldi who was the first to introduce the musical form of the solo instrumental concerto and who brought it to absolute perfection during his lifetime. Due to his engagement in Venice, in the Ospedale della Pieta, Vivaldi composed - in addition to operas - primarily violin concertos. Vivaldi's contemporary, world famous German composer J. S. Bach, had been so enchanted and influenced by Vivaldi's instrumental concertos that he himself began to compose them. This gave rise, for instance, to his famous violin concertos, now known all over the world.
- That is why Gabriela Demeterová has decided to pay tribute to Vivaldi, the genius of Baroque music, by staging a unique concert tour throughout the Czech Republic, performing with her exclusive

ensemble called Gabriela Demeterová's Collegium. Her prime goal is to introduce the broadest sections of the Czech public to the unique character of Antonio Vivaldi's music and to present his concerto cycles, which were of key importance for the emergence of the genre of the instrumental concerto. The programme features Vivaldi's three most important opuses: No. 3 L'estro armonico, No. 4 entitled La Stravaganza, which has not yet been performed in the Czech Republic, and No. 8 Il cimento dell'armonia e dell'invenzione.

- For many years now Gabriela Demeterová, partnered by Gabriela Demeterová's Collegium, has devoted herself to the interpretation of Vivaldi's extensive works. The highly unique interpretation of the well-known cycle of Vivaldi's violin concertos from Op. 8 Le quattro stagioni - The Four Seasons, which will be part and parcel of the programme of the VIVALDI TOUR, has brought to Gabriela and her Collegium justifiable stormy ovations from audiences all over the world.

- The highlight of the concert tour will be Gabriela Demeterová's performance in Prague's Žofín on February 22, 2009 as a gift to all fans in and around Prague.

- In the section KONCERTY kindly search for topical data on the concerts given as part of GABRIELA DEMETEROVÁ'S VIVALDI TOUR and possibilities for booking tickets.

DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE CONCERTS TO BE GIVEN  
WITHIN GABRIELA DEMETEROVÁ'S VIVALDI TOUR

○ **Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) – Op. 3 L'estro armonico**

Concerto No. 12 in C major for violin, strings and b.c.  
Allegro. Largo. Allegro

Concerto No. 3 in G major for violin, strings and b.c.  
Allegro. Largo. Allegro

○ **Antonio Vivaldi ( 1678-1741) – Op. 4 La stravaganza**

Concerto No. 4 in a minor for violin, strings and b.c.  
Allegro. Grave e sempre piano. Allegro

Concerto No. 5 in A major for violin, strings and b.c.  
Allegro. Largo. Allegro (moderato)

Intermission

**Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) - Op. 8 Il cimento dell'armonia e dell'invenzione**

**Le quattro stagioni – The Four Seasons**

Concerto No. 1 "La Primavera" in C major  
Allegro. Largo. Allegro

Concerto No. 2 "L'Estate" in g minor  
Allegro non molto. Adagio e piano. Presto

Concerto No. 3 "L'Autunno" in F major  
Allegro. Adagio. Allegro

Concerto No. 4 "L'Inverno" in f minor  
Allegro non molto. Largo. Allegro