



Embassy of the Czech Republic
Washington, DC

STARSTRUCK

Celebrating Czech Athletes and Sports Diplomacy

The Embassy of the Czech Republic invites all from around the United States to submit a photograph or a video of themselves or their child(ren) with or celebrating their favorite Czech sports star!

For example, photographs or videos could show a child or adult excited at a game or in their favorite star's jersey, talking about their favorite sports star, showing a skill or deed they admire from their favorite athlete, etc. With each submission, please include the name of the Czech athlete and write a one sentence description of why the athlete inspires you or your child(ren).

The Czech Embassy will collect the videos and photographs in honor of *Věra Čáslavská*, the most decorated Czech Olympic gymnast in history, and share them with the public during its fall *Mutual Inspirations Festival 2021 - Věra Čáslavská*.

Mutual Inspirations Festival 2021 - Věra Čáslavská

The Mutual Inspirations Festival (MIF) is an annual initiative spearheaded by the Embassy of the Czech Republic, focusing on the mutual inspirations between Czech and American cultures and featuring each year in September through November an extraordinary Czech personality who has greatly influenced and inspired others through his or her work. In its twelfth year, the festival will highlight sports diplomacy and celebrate the Olympic champion Věra Čáslavská and those inspired by her and other great Czech athletes' feats. More information will be made available at www.mutualinspirations.org.

Věra Čáslavská

Věra Čáslavská (1942 –2016) was an incredible athlete, winning a total of 34 medals, including 22 gold medals, at the Olympic Games and at the World and European championships in the 1950s and 60s. She was a strong advocate of democracy in former communist Czechoslovakia. Despite her absolute dominance at the 1968 Olympic Games, she was penalized for her subtle act of defiance upon the podium against the Soviet invasion of her nation. With the fall of the totalitarian regime in 1989, she was able to reclaim her stardom status as well as become an advisor to late President Václav Havel.

The Submissions

The Embassy of the Czech Republic reserves the right to use its discretion to select, edit, and utilize any and all submitted photographs and recorded videos. The Embassy will utilize and post the best photographs and recorded videos on its website - www.mutualinspirations.org - and social media outlets, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, during its celebration of the fall *Mutual Inspirations Festival 2021 - Věra Čáslavská*. Photo credit will be duly accredited to each photograph and/or video whenever it is posted or published.

Contact Information

The Embassy of the Czech Republic is located at 3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA. Its Public Diplomacy Department may be reached via czechembassypr@gmail.com.



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SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS

- The photograph or video must be sent to the email address at czechembassypr@gmail.com. Deadline is no later than **April 30, 2021**. For larger files, please send via dropbox. Only one photograph or video may be submitted per participant.
- Please put “Starstruck” in the subject line of your email. Please include your first and last name and contact information. Please include the first name only of your child(ren) and his or her age(s). Please include the name of the Czech athlete and write a one sentence description of why the athlete inspires you or your child(ren).
- Please submit digital, high resolution photos, preferably in JPG format. For smart phone photos, please submit at the highest quality possible.
- Videos must not be longer than one minute and must be recorded horizontally at the highest resolution possible for submission. Each participant’s voice must be heard clearly, preferably with minimal background music or noise.

TERMS OF SUBMISSION

- All photographs and/or videos and other content or information submitted to the Embassy of the Czech Republic shall become the property of the Embassy of the Czech Republic, and the Embassy shall have no obligation to preserve, return, or otherwise make available any photographs and/or videos or information so submitted.
- The individual understands that because the Embassy of the Czech Republic becomes the owner of all submitted photographs and/or videos, the Embassy of the Czech Republic and its diplomats, employees, successors, and assigns may use, reproduce, edit, display, transmit, modify, publish, and otherwise make use of the submitted photographs and/or videos and descriptions in any and all print, internet, media, and media social outlets, without compensation to the individual of any kind.
- By submitting any photograph, video, text, or other content or information to the Czech Embassy, the individual hereby represents and warrants that the submitted photograph(s), video(s) and description(s) do not infringe on any copyright or trademark, any rights of privacy or publicity of any person, or any other right of any third party. The individual hereby represents and warrants that he or she has the right to transfer the photograph(s), video(s) and description(s) to the Embassy of the Czech Republic free and clear of any claims or encumbrances.
- The individual hereby agrees to hold the Embassy of the Czech Republic and its diplomats, employees, successors, and assigns harmless from and against—and hereby waive any right to pursue—any claims of any nature arising in connection with the Czech Embassy’s use of the submitted photograph(s), video(s) and description(s).