



The Book of Prague
A Talk about Czech Short Stories with
Patrik Banga, Alex Zucker, and Jan Zikmund

Friday, October 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
C.S.P.S. Hall, Second Floor

Social time will follow and books will be available to purchase.

The talk. Learn about Czech literature from famous author Patrik Banga and translators Alex Zucker and book co-editor Jan Zikmund. They will discuss *The Book of Prague*, a newly translated book in English. It features ten short stories by ten Czech writers: Simona Bohatá, Jan Zábřana, Marie Stryjová, Petr Borkovec, Michal Ajvaz, Bohumil Hrabal, Irena Dousková, Marek Šindelka, Patrik Banga, and Veronika Bendová.

They will give an introduction and general overview of *The Book of Prague*; then Banga will read his story in Czech and talk about it and Zucker will read it in English. All three will talk about contemporary Czech literature in general, writers, and Prague. It will conclude with questions from the audience.

The speakers. Included in the book is Banga's story, "Žižkovite," which was translated by Zucker. Banga is a Romani musician, journalist, presenter, and entrepreneur. His autobiography, *The Real Way Out*, tells his life story from childhood in Prague to his entry into journalism as an adult. Zucker has translated a number of Czech writers into English (Jáchym Topol, Petra Hůlová, Bianca Bellová, and others). He is also an active promoter of Czech literature in the United States. Zikmund is co-editor of the book and works for the Czech Literary Centre in Prague.

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