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in Chicago

cordially invites you to the opening of the exhibition

# CZECH ART DAYS IN CHICAGO 2014

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Wednesday, February 5, 2014  
5pm

featuring the sculptures of

**PAVEL ŠPELDA**

and illustrations by

**JINDŘICH RYCHTER**

Exhibition will be held  
February 5-7, 2014



Event and exhibition will both take place at

Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago  
205 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1680 Chicago, IL 60601

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In commemoration of the Czech team's third participation in Snow Days Chicago and supported by Consul General Dana Huňátová, artists Pavel Špelda and Jindřich Rychter, will present their artwork in Chicago. The exhibition presents two acclaimed Czech artists showcasing Špelda's sculptures which are used as models for snow sculptures and the latest published illustrations of Rychter. This event also marks the third anniversary of the Snow Days competition.

## PAVEL ŠPELDA

*Born 1977 in Náchod, Czech Republic*

*1997 School of Art Crafts, Prague*

*2007 Master Academy of Art Crafts, Prague*

*1996-2008 received training in different art-hand-craft workshops in Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Italy, Australia and England.*

*In 2002, works exhibited twice with the Australian Oriental Artists Association in Sydney, Australia.*

*2011 took part in 7 exhibitions of International Sculpture Competition winners, "Luci ed ombre del legno", across Italy. Opening ceremony in Isola di San Servolo, Venezia, Italy.*

*Since 2008 Sculpture Symposium and competition in: Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, USA, Romania, Portugal and France.*

*Participated in 35 international art events in which received significant awards.*

*Pavel Špelda's chief skills include wood and stone sculptures, carving, gilding, historical fine frame making, wooden antique reproduction, original design and restoration.*

[www.pavelspelda.cz](http://www.pavelspelda.cz)



## JINDŘICH RYCHTER

*Born 1955 in Hradec Králové, Czech Republic*

*1973 Arts and Crafts School, Prague*

*1990 Technical University, Zvolen*

*2003 University of Hradec Králové, Pedagogical Studies*

*2009 Master Academy of Art Crafts, Prague*

*1999-2014 teacher of art, history of art and wood carving Technologies at Secondary School of Applied Arts, Musical Instruments and Furniture, Hradec Králové*

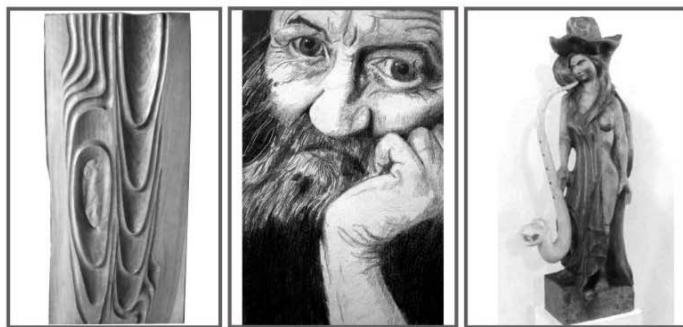
*2000 Chairperson of the Jury at the International Abilympics in the category of Wood Carving, Prague*

*1975-2014 Individual and collective exhibitions*

*Since 2010 Member of a think-tank at the Ministry of Education.*

*His artwork develops in two different directions. His figure sculptures are inspired mainly by surrealist paintings of Max Ernst and neo-classicist cubism of Fernand Léger. Rychter's non-figurative work follows the path of meditative non-constructive shaping. His sculptures come into being in an extrasensory way through a nonverbal dialog with wood.*

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## SNOW DAYS CHICAGO

February 5.-8. 2014 at Navy Pier

The International Snow Sculpting Competition involves teams of artists carving 6 ft x 6ft x 10 ft tall blocks of snow to create masterpieces. Professional teams from Illinois to China participate, as well as local high schools. In the three-day weekend thousands of people come out to enjoy the statues and give votes. The team of the Czech Republic, represented by Pavel Špelda, Marek Křišťák, Patrik Rosa and Jindřich Rychter took part in Snow days Chicago in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. In 2013 the Czech team won 2nd place with a sculpture entitled. "Stars observers".