

## **ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)**

Jan Albrecht Music and Art Academy Banská Štiavnica gained the state agreement in January 2011 and the first academic year 2011/2012 was open in October 2011. However, the representatives (rector, vice-rectors, teachers and the staff) are rich experiences with Erasmus Programme (rector and vice-rector were Erasmus-coordinators at other academies) and teacher mobility exchanges from their previous positions. Our institution is the new private establishment in Slovak Music Higher Education Area and only one artistic private university. Staff members were active in cooperation with many schools in France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Spain, Poland, Island and Finland. There were also important activities and Projects with Universities in USA. As long term collaboration give us hope to continue and develop to this time finished bilateral projects and programs with new ideas and particular music research in Jazz area, Early Music area and Performing Art.

To the international strategy of our institution belong continuity and development of existed contacts, from which many were created within the Erasmus program, but also to create new contacts after demand of students and pedagogues. We would like to offer to our students and teacher varied possibilities to study and give the lectures abroad, especially at artistic academies and universities which are close to our study programs.

Mobility exchange programme Erasmus plays very important role in music education system and represents a very good occasion for students to enrich their study and language competences and for teachers to develop their research and artistic activities. We would like to continue in developing exchange to compare performing art level, repertoire, training methods etc. The other activity belongs to special kind of exchange to be able organize contemporary music and jazz music projects with partner institutions. The concerts play very specific role especially in performing art education and composition.

Ján Albrecht Academy of Music and Art Banská Štiavnica has establish in 2011 the Artistic and Scientific Research Centre focused on research in various artistic areas and on presentations of artistic (concerts, performance projects, workshops, multimedia, scores etc.) and scientific results (seminars, conferences, publications, books, CD, DVD etc.). This Centre collaborates with many foreign institutions as Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst, Vienna Conservatorium a Prayner Conservatorium, Ferenc Liszt University of Music, Budapest, Hungarian Academy of Science, Budapest Music Centre, Hochschule für Musik in Freiburg, Institut für Musikwissenschaft, Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg, Leoš Janáček Academy of Music in Brno, Akademia muzyczna, Bydgoszcz, Łódź, Katowice, Wrocław and Krakow, CNSMD de Lyon in France, Polytechnic University, Jyväskylä and Oulu), University of Wisconsin, and others.

International cooperation is one of the most important priorities at our Institution and we plan to realize many mutual activities in frame of Erasmus Programme.

Chamber music performance, jazz workshops and concerts, young artists live recordings and discussion in collaboration with public media institutions (Slovak Radio and Regional television), discussions with musicians and foreign students, summer music festivals as a part of City Culture activities and also activities abroad.

University Charter, the EPS and all Erasmus activities (SM, TM, placements of students, artistic and scientific activities) will be published at our web-page and in media.

Jan Albrecht Music and Art Academy uses ECTS as an internal credit accumulation system which could facilitate academic recognition of ERASMUS study mobility abroad. The great part of the subjects and curricula are already prepared in English in case of full study foreign students. All relevant information can be found at institutional website. Our Academy has already started in organizing of international educational and artistic programmes, which can be developed and improved by supporting of ERASMUS LLP programme. We are able to ensure high quality in student and staff mobility by organizing of regular seminars about the study stay at partner institutions. We also help by provision of incoming students and teachers (accommodation and other services) preparing good condition for stay and acclimatization in our milieu. On the other hand, the outgoing pedagogues are selected by their results and abilities to present their knowledge in spoken and written way in the presentable world language. The experiences gained during the stay at partner institution will be presented on seminars and special sessions in the home institution and the best results will be published in professional journals, collections and publications. The students will also after their stay at partner institution presented their experiences, learned information and knowledge.

The main goal of co-operation with the partner institution is to gain more information about our mutual study programmes and about new and modern forms of educational process in most developed European countries. This knowledge could cases a higher quality of our educational process and enhances our methods of training within our study programmes. This kind of collaboration can give more motivation for both students and pedagogues in their artistic, pedagogic and scientific work and would be a good guarantee for progressive development of our school in European space.