

A Project

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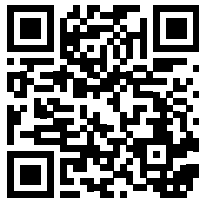


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Brundibár songs. Notes. Rights.

The notes of the songs as printed in the book are made available by the music publisher Boosey & Hawkes on their website. You find the link on: www.boosey.com/brundibar



If you want to perform the opera please turn to the music publisher who holds the rights: www.boosey.com

Brundibár and the Girls of Room 28

The book »The Girls of Room 28« also tells the story of the performances of Brundibár in the Theresienstadt ghetto. First published in 2004, the book returned in a thoroughly revised new edition in June 2025 in Edition Room 28. A timeless document against antisemitism and oblivion of history. www.edition-room28.de/maedchen-von-zimmer-28

Support and donations

Of course, a project like this requires a lot of support. Therefore, we very much appreciate your donations and help. www.room28.net/spenden



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Brundibár. Reading and gift Project for Children in the sign of Solidarity



»Brundibár«, the children's opera by Hans Krása and Adolf Hoffmeister, and a book that tells the story on which the opera is based to children aged four and over, inspired to our project. Because the story of Aninka and Pepíček and the organ grinder Brundibár is a story about the power of friendship and solidarity. Therefore, the NPO Room 28 and Edition Room 28 have created a Ukrainian and a Hebrew edition of the book written by Hannelore Brenner and illustrated by Maria Thomaschke. It was first published by Boosey & Hawkes in 2023. As part of readings or other events, we give books as a gift to children.



Story

»Brundibár« by Hans Krása (music) and Adolf Hoffmeister (libretto) is a jewel of children's opera literature and a resounding monument to the memory of the children in the Theresienstadt ghetto. The adventure of Aninka and Pepíček, who defeat the evil organ grinder Brundibár with the help of a sparrow, a dog, a cat and children from their town, is a parable about the importance of humanity and solidarity. What its creators experienced and hoped for in their Czech homeland in 1938, the year the opera was written, they transformed into the realm of a fairy-tale utopia.

For the children in the Theresienstadt ghetto, the opera symbolised the triumph of good over evil. On stage, they defeated the villain Brundibár. This gave them strength and hope. Hope for victory over Nazi Germany, for peace and for a life in freedom.

Motives

Today children again experience the horrors of terror and war. When opera director Mstislav Pentkovsky held the German edition in his hands, his first thought was: *I think it would be wonderful if there was a Ukrainian edition to give to Ukrainian children as a sign of solidarity. Because the message of the opera is as important today as it was back then in the Theresienstadt ghetto: friendship, justice, humanity and solidarity is the source of our strength.*

That was the initial impetus. The Federal Foreign Office supported our project. Then came 7 October 2023. We set to work on a Hebrew edition.

Thanks

We are very grateful to the Federal Foreign Office for supporting the Ukrainian and Hebrew edition. In his greeting to the Hebrew edition, Ambassador Christian Heldt says:

With the help of this book, children can be encouraged and see that they are not alone and can achieve good things together.



Auswärtiges Amt

Patronage

We are delighted that **Vladimir Jurowski**, General Music Director of the Bavarian State Opera, has taken on the patronage of our project. He explains it with these words:

The messages of the wonderful children's opera by Hans Krása and Adolf Hoffmeister are universal and timeless: only together are we strong. We must trust in our strength, in friendship and humanity. I am very happy to support the important task of communicating these messages to Ukrainian children and to children of all nations.

Programme Offer

We offer readings with music and songs for children. Our artists are concert pianist Katarzyna Wasiak, singer Andreas Jocksch, chanteuse Maria Thomaschke, a multitalent, who is also the illustrator of the children's book. Andreas sings the songs of Brundibár and turns the crank of a lovely barrel organ that we can use thanks to a member of Room 28.



Organisational Team and Artist Pool

We will set up a pool of artists and an organisation team. If you are interested, please contact us!

