

PROJECT – FAMOUS PEOPLE

Hello! Of course, you as a tourist here in Slovakia want to see every gallery, theatre, nature beauty. But if I were you, I would like to meet every famous person in the Presov region. You don't think it is possible? Yes, but let me introduce you few famous people.

In the picture on the left, there is **Jan Adam Rayman**. He was a pharmacist, medical doctor and author of the first variolation in Europe. He saved lives of thousands people. Yes, this is a real hero. Then, on the right, there is a writer, an author of tales, poems, historical dramas, comedies and stories. **Jonas Zaborsky**. He doesn't come from Presov, but he studied here and the whole theatre was named after him. Yes, that is true. These two men you cannot meet. Or have you got a time machine?

What about a trip to the cemetery in Bratislava? There rests in peace **Jan Borodac**, director, actor, schoolman and native of Presov. Hmm, way to Pennsylvania is too long, so you should visit Bosak bank here. It is named after **Michal Bosak**. You know this name? Probably his signature too. He was the first Slovak whose name was on 5, 10 and 20 dollar notes.

But, we have few people who are still alive. One of them is an actor and director of Theatre Arena, **Juraj Kukura**. He is from Presov, but lives in Germany. On the left, there is **Peter Nagy**. He is one of the most successful singers of pop-music in 1990s. Below is **Igor Liba**, former ice hockey player, who played with Wayne Gretzky. Another artist is on the right, **Peter Lipa**.

All these people are still alive, young and sweet. All are artists, musicians, singers. **Ivan Tasler** is front man of IMT Smile, **Katka Knechtova** is known from Peha, she studied at GJAR. **Katka Koscova** is the winner of the first Slovak SuperStar, Slovak version of Pop Idol. And **Chiki liki tu-a**, music alternative band, who plays many concerts in Slovakia but abroad too.

A huge group of famous people was born in Stropkov. For example **Lubos Michel**, former top – level Slovak football referee. Then **Marika Gombitova**, singer, songwriter, woman who is considered as the most popular female vocalist in Slovakia. And **Beata Dubasova**, another pop singer. I think the most famous person, professional ice hockey player, who was born in Stara Lubovna, is **Marian Hossa**. I disappoint you, ladies, but this gentleman, who currently plays for the Chicago Blackhawks, is married.

It is not very probable to meet these people. But I tell you a secret. We, here in Presov region, we are all smart, pretty, affectionate, sympathetic and famous in some communities. You will fall in love with us!!!

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