

Slovenian Cultural Day



Prešeren's day or the full name Prešeren Day, the Slovene Cultural Holiday is a public holiday celebrated on 8th February. We celebrate it in honour of France Prešeren who was Slovenian biggest poet. He wrote magnificent, especially love poetry, comparable even with other world famous poets. Unfortunately his songs become famous and known after his death and one of them even became Slovenian national anthem.

He was born in a village Vrba, on December 3rd 1800. After successfully graduating in Vienna, he returned to Ljubljana, and became a lawyer only few years before he died. He was madly in love with beautiful and rich lady Primičeva Julija, but since France was poor she didn't show any interest for him. He wrote her a poem Sonetni venec and a lot of other love poems. In that time he wrote the most of his poems. He lost a lot of friends and he was not known as a poet that time. In last years of his life he was facing some health troubles because of which he also died. He passed away on the February 8th 1849.

In 1944 the Slovene National Freedom Council proclaimed February 8th as a Slovene national cultural holiday. On that day every year there are a lot of events, including National celebration.

On February 7th, the eve of the holiday the Prešeren Awards and the Prešeren Found Awards are granted. This year the Prešeren awards were given to Tone Partljič and Ivo Petrić. This holiday tells us about our rich literature and shows that even a small country can have big poets.

Prešernov dan

Prešernov dan je državni praznik, ki ga praznujemo 8. februarja. Praznujemo ga v čast Francetu Prešernu našemu največjemu pesniku. Pisal je čudovite, predvsem ljubezenske pesmi, primerljive z drugimi svetovno znanimi pesmimi. Na žalost so njegove pesmi postale znane šele po njegovi smrti in ena izmed njih je postala tudi naša državna himna.

Rodil se je v Vrbi na Gorenjskem, 3. decembra leta 1800. Po uspešno zaključenem študiju na Dunaju se je vrnil v Ljubljano in postal odvetnik le nekaj let pred njegovo smrtjo. Zaljubljen je bil v prelepo Primičevo Julijo ampak ona njega ni ljubila saj je prihajala iz bogatejše družine on pa je bil reven. Njej je posvetil pesem Sonetni venec in še veliko drugih ljubezenskih pesmi. Njegovo življenje je bilo težko, saj je izgubil veliko dobrih prijateljev. Takrat ga kot pesnika še niso poznali. V zadnjih letih njegovega življenja se je soočal z zdravstvenimi težavami in depresijo. Zaradi tega je 8. februarja 1849 tudi umrl.

V letu 1944 je Slovenski narodno osvobodilni svet razglasil 8. februar za Slovenski državni kulturni praznik. Na ta dan je vsako leto veliko prireditev in dogodkov, najbolj znana med njimi je državna proslava ob kulturnem prazniku.

7. februarja na predvečer kulturnega praznika se podeljujejo nagrade Prešernovega sklada in nagrade za Prešernova nagrajenca. Letos sta to nagrado dobila Tone Partljič in Ivo Petrić.

Ta praznik govori o bogati kulturi in kaže da ima lahko tudi tako majhna država kot je Slovenija velike pesnike.

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