Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) Local Chapter, Brno

From **8 to 17 April 2015** at Dům U Tří knížat (The House of the Three Princes) (Jánská St. 12, Brno)

A multiple event **The Light in Pictures**

Opening times Monday – Friday 3-7pm, Saturday – Sunday 1-5pm The performances start at 5pm.

This cultural event will be introduced by a vernissage with an exhibition of paintings by **Alice Kaufmann**.

Born in Prague, Alice Kaufmann now lives and works in Hamburg. She studied painting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Hamburg and then in Paris at the Académie Julian. She held numerous exhibitions in various cities of northern Germany. In 2012, she exhibited her works in the Atrium gallery, Prague, under the title "Mythos - Nature". The inspiration for her paintings arose from visual impressions of landscapes enjoyed on her travels.

The festival will include lectures on cultural and historical topics.

On Friday, the author reading will take place, dealing with the relationship between van Gogh and Gauguin based upon the book *Van Goghs Ohr – Ein neuer Blick auf das Drama von Arles* (Berlin, 2008) written by Hans Kaufmann together with Rita Wildegans.

Dr. Jitka Sedlářová, the art historian, in her lecture entitled *Erich Wolfgang Korngold and Emil Pirchan* will take you back to the early 20th century in Brno.

The young dancers Anita Glosova, Katerina Novackova and Emilia Vuorio will introduce you the world of contemporary dance using current technological aids, such as video art and lighting, to create scenes and illustrate the overall perception. The project was designed and carried out in cooperation with Matej Slama and Luciana Kvapilova, students of the School of Arts and Crafts.

During the festival, Alexey Aslamas jr. (violin) and Lukas Svoboda (cello) will perform compositions by J. Halvorsen. The guitarist, Lubomir Kopkas will also give a recital. The finale will be performed by Prof. Vladislav Blaha, the internationally renowned classical guitarist.