

*The  
Academy  
of  
Performing  
Arts  
in  
Prague*





The Academy of Performing Arts in Prague is a leading educational art institution in Central Europe. Its three independent faculties offer opportunities to specialise in unique artistic endeavours: Theatre Faculty (DAMU), Film and TV School (FAMU), and Music and Dance Faculty (HAMU). Students can choose from accredited study programmes in English as well as short-term individual internships, exchange programmes, specialised courses, and study abroad options.

Through a unique individual approach, AMU offers practical knowledge and experience under the tutelage of active professionals of Europe's cultural and intellectual scene, ranging from top-ranking filmmakers, theatre dramaturges and stage performers, musical virtuosos, and master dancers. Our students frequently achieve prestigious awards at domestic and international festivals and events, showcasing the high standards of education offered at AMU.

All of AMU's faculties are located in the heart of Prague's historical centre. Surrounded by famous cultural monuments and icons, Prague is a great base for artistic inspiration and exploration of the rest of Europe. The city is known as one of the best destinations for students around the world, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> on the list of 100 safest cities in the world. Come and experience the beauty of Prague, which has inspired artists for centuries.



↖ Practice of the Dance Department of HAMU.

← Editing room at FAMU.



## *Discover Your Stage at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague*

AMU gives students the right foundation to turn their dreams into reality. We value and draw from traditions in the arts while providing a modern environment for aspiring artists to develop their creativity.

In addition to an individual approach that develops the unique abilities of each student, AMU fosters collaboration and shared innovation through a dynamic platform for teachers, academics, researchers, and artists. With a strong culture of interdisciplinary exchange, professionals are also encouraged to enrich their practice, engage in cutting-edge research, and make their name in the artistic community of Prague.

Here's why you should choose AMU:

- I Wide Portfolio of Diverse Programmes: Choose from a diverse range of programmes that suit your interests, whether it be theatre, film, music, dance, or multimedia arts. With a blend of theory and practical experience, you'll be well-equipped for success in the global entertainment industry.
- II Heritage and Prestige: With a legacy spanning over 80 years, AMU is a beacon of excellence in performing arts education. Our esteemed faculty comprises industry professionals who foster a learning environment where tradition meets innovation.



✎ Bohuslav Martinů Hall at HAMU. With a capacity 250 seats, the hall is equipped with an organ and two Steinway concert grand pianos.

← Studio FAMU reference screen. Even nitrate films can be screened here.





- III Opportunities for Growth: Showcase your talent and build your professional network through many of AMU's opportunities for real-world experience, from performances to industry collaborations.
- IV Cultural Epicentre: Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, serves as the perfect backdrop for any artistic journey. Immerse yourself in the history and beauty of Prague and explore its vibrant arts scene to inspire the artist in you.
- V International Community: Join a diverse community of students and teachers from around the world, fostering cross-cultural exchange and collaboration. Our supportive environment encourages creativity and artistic exploration, enriching your learning experience.
- VI Open, Friendly, and Inclusive Environment: We celebrate diversity and build an inclusive environment where students from all backgrounds feel welcomed and supported. At AMU, everyone's voice is valued and we aim to create a harmonious atmosphere conducive to artistic growth and personal development.

*Embark on your journey to artistic excellence at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.*

- ↖ DISK Theatre at DAMU, its variable space allows for different stage and auditorium arrangements.
- ← The Gallery of HAMU used for smaller concerts, conferences, and workshops.





*Triomphez* performance, supported by the AMU Interfaculty Competition, May 2023.





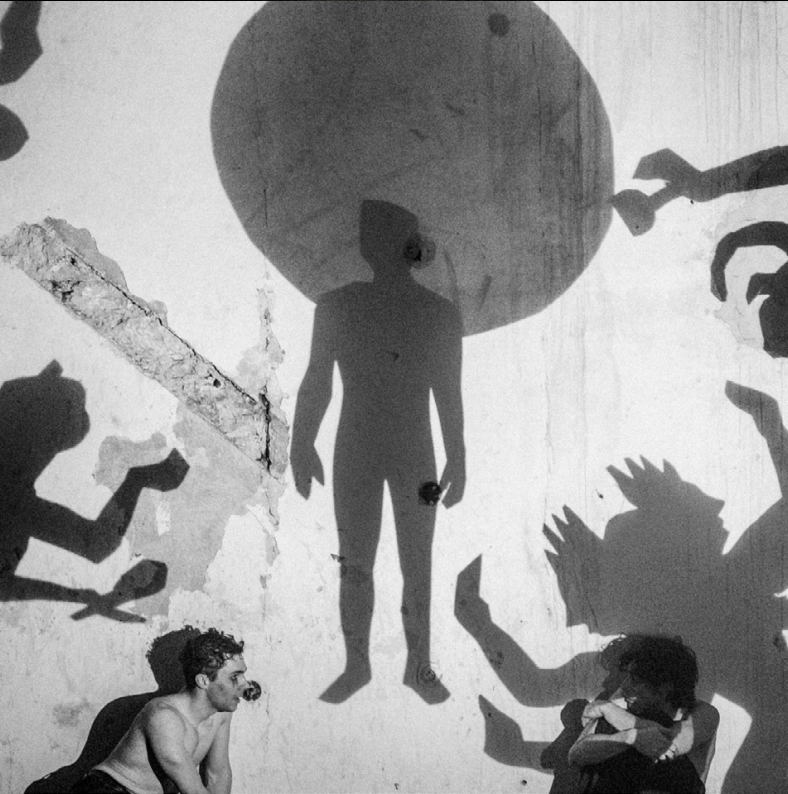
## DAMU *Study Theatre Differently*

Theatre Faculty (DAMU) provides top-tier performing arts education in a modern environment. It draws artistic personalities with a broad cultural perspective and an intense desire to integrate theatrical knowledge and skill with creative experiments.

Students can opt to pursue various branches of theatre: acting, directing, dramaturgy, scenography, theory and criticism, theatre management, authorial creativity and drama in education in the fields of regular and alternative theatre, performance studies, and puppetry. Alumni from DAMU have gone on to obtain prestigious positions at the foremost theatres, establish or act in independent companies, as well as work as freelance theatre artists, theatre reviewers, producers, teachers, and authors.

At DAMU, students learn from the most prominent personalities of Czech theatrical life, as well as a number of distinguished foreign experts who come as guest professors. The school also has strong connections abroad and actively encourages placements at various European universities.





DAMU offers modern theatre facilities in the centre of Prague, including a 150-seat school theatre, a 40-seat black box theatre, 8 small studios, a recording studio, computer rooms, a school library, and students' club.

The school has 7 departments, which teach 26 study programmes in Czech and 6 study programmes in English. Courses include bachelor's, master's, and doctoral-level studies. In addition, DAMU offers short-term courses in English and Erasmus exchange programmes.

DAMU's departments:

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Dramatic Theatre

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Alternative and Puppet Theatre

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Scenography

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Arts Management

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Drama in Education

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Authorial Creativity and Pedagogy

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Theory and Criticism

↖ *Picturam* performance, the AMU Interfaculty Competition, April 2023.

← *Vysoká hra*, the AMU Interfaculty Competition, January 2024.





Filming of Accompaniment, directed by Vojtěch Konečný, supported by the AMU Interfaculty Competition, 2022.



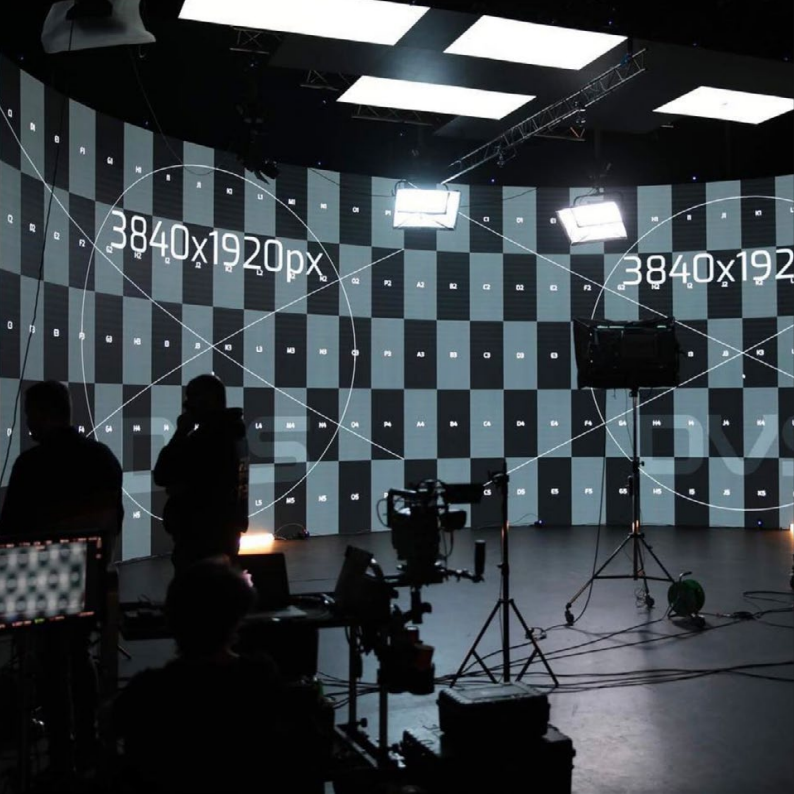


## FAMU *Get Seduced by Film Storytelling*

Film and TV School (FAMU) is the fifth oldest film school in Europe. Its students' films are recognized with dozens of awards at film festivals around the world every year.

FAMU's study programmes combine both practical and theoretical approaches, giving students a comprehensive set of skills and knowledge needed to work in all professions of film, television, photography, and new media. Students have access to Studio FAMU in the centre of Prague, which is well-equipped with professional film and television technology, shears, a mixing hall, and a post-production department. In addition to these is a new screening room—available for screenings and the post-production of video and sound—which has become an important basis to ensure the coordination and cooperation in the digital restoration of Czech cinema films.

Moreover, FAMU provides classic film technology (16mm and 35mm) as well as modern digital scanning and post-production equipment. There are also several photo studios in the main buildings of FAMU and in locations outside Prague.



FAMU has 12 departments, which offer 36 programmes in Czech and 4 programmes in English. Courses are offered at bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. In addition, FAMU offers short-term courses in English, summer courses, CIEE and CET programmes, Erasmus exchange programmes, and various gap year options (one-year programmes).

FAMU's departments:

Directing

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Documentary Film

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Cinematography

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Editing

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Photography

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Sound

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Animated Film

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Scriptwriting and Dramaturgy

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Center for Audiovisual Studies

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Producing Department

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Game Design

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FAMU International

↪ Students from the FAMU Cinematography Department in a workshop of the first virtual production in the Czech Republic.

← Director Béla Tarr mentoring students of FAMU.





Concert of Academic Chamber Soloists, Bohuslav Martinů Hall HAMU.





## HAMU

### *Express Yourself in Music and Dance*

Music and Dance Faculty (HAMU) explores the boundaries of musical and dance experience with a wide range of study programmes. Its graduates are successful soloists on prominent world stages, and are also found in orchestras, theatres, and educational institutions around the world.

Students can pursue various music study programmes, including composition; conducting; voice and opera directing; keyboard, wind, string and percussion instruments; chamber music and jazz interpretation; and sound design and music management. In the art of dance programme, instruction is provided in choreography, dance science, dance pedagogy, and non-verbal theatre. For most fields, students can also earn a teaching credential if they decide to pursue a career in music and dance education.

HAMU seeks to give its students the best space to grow and exhibit their talents, such as through public performances or seeking cooperation with domestic professional partners that come from prominent orchestras, theatres, or media organisations. The campus is located conveniently in Prague's historical town centre, with facilities spread throughout several buildings, including music halls, practice rooms, an open-air stage, a library, club stage, research facility, and recording studio.





HAMU has 13 departments, offering 72 accredited programmes in Czech and 12 programmes in English. Courses include bachelor's, master's, and doctoral studies. The school also offers short-term courses in English and Erasmus exchange programmes.

HAMU's departments:

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Percussion Instruments

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Woodwind and Brass Instruments

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Conducting

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Music Management

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Music Theory

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Jazz Interpretation

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Keyboard Instruments

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Nonverbal Theater

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Composition

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String Instruments

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Dance

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Voice and Opera Directing

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Sound Design



↖ *Entropy* (Department of Dance, HAMU) annual performance, Spring 2023.

← Recording film music at HAMU's sound studio.



## NAMU *Publishing House*

AMU Publishing House (NAMU) is one of the leading Czech academic publishers in the fields of film, television, photography, media studies, theatre, music, and dance. It publishes a range of publications from academic monographs and study texts to original books by contemporary Czech visual artists. It serves the needs of the professional community and the interested public. View our full range of English language books on our website.





↑ Partita for 8+ voices at third AMU Environmental Day (H)AMUFest.

→ Honorary Doctorate Agnieszka Holland (FAMU).

↑ Honorary Doctorate Martin Huba (DAMU).

→ AMU rector Ingeborg Radok Žádná lays flowers at the statue of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk on the occasion of the Czech National Day.





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← Three main campuses in the centre of Prague:  
1 HAMU (Liechtenstein Palace)  
2 FAMU (Lazansky Palace)  
3 DAMU (Karlova st.)  
Satellite photo by NASA Earth Observatory (CC).



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