



Čhavorengé – Ida Kellarová
Czech Philharmonic – Marko Ivanović

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IDA KELAROVÁ, ČHAVORENGE
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Čhavorengé Roma Children's Choir, choirmaster and artistic director Ida Kellarová
Desiderius Dužda – guitar solo, music and lyrics
Czech Philharmonic, conductor Marko Ivanović
Guests: Ondrej Krajňák – piano, Lelo Nika – solo accordion, Ivan Herák – solo violin

Recorded at the Rudolfinum Prague, 16 - 20 July 2017

„What Romani children lack is the sense of being welcome in the society. Their journey out of the vicious circle of living in the settlements and city ghettos into a world where they are expected to do things, where they can find confidence and achieve, is one of the hardest imaginable. The Čhavorengé choir represents an environment motivating them to pursue their dreams and give their life paths meaning.” With this creed, Ida Kellarová has been collaborating with the Czech Philharmonic for the past five years. The result is a project that gives a number of children the above-mentioned hope. What has been achieved? Almost forty concerts have taken place in the Rudolfinum in Prague (in collaboration with Jiří Bělohlávek, Alice Nellis, Martha Issová and others). Performances and workshops have been given in other places all over the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Most importantly, however, this project has influenced lives of numerous Romani children and youngsters. By participating in it, they relate to their own cultural roots, experience self-esteem and discover their unique life paths. After several summer camps called “Romano drom” (Romani way) held in East Slovakia and the Czech Republic, Čhavorengé set out to record a CD in collaboration with the Czech Philharmonic and many guests. The catchy, extremely lively but at times also sad tunes emanate an energy that hardly anybody can resist. The generously conceived booklet features song lyrics including translations and also documents the whole project. Reflections written by participants provide hope that people of various ethnic backgrounds can not only live “side by side”, but truly together, enriching and inspiring one another.

Roma children's choir and the Czech Philharmonic – how does it go together? Listen and see for yourselves!



1/ Bari Vera	2:37
2/ Soske Mange Naphenes	3:25
3/ Amen Čhave Sam	3:48
4/ Baripen	3:37
5/ O Del Man Sikavel	2:59
6/ Suno	4:11
7/ Av Tu Av, Čhaje	2:31
8/ Aural Avľas	3:20
9/ Bařavahas Giľavahas	2:41
10/ řun Devloro	6:30
11/ Efta Čardařa	4:23
12/ Hej Romale	5:24