

## CZECH FASHION LEGEND

The 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019 is the last day when you can visit an exhibition about Hana Podolská (born Johanna Vošahlíková). She is a famous Czechoslovak **fashion designer** and businesswoman from the interwar<sup>1</sup> time. The exhibition takes place in the **Museum of Decorative Arts** in Prague.

1918 – 1938:

Czechoslovakia is very rich, it is a time called<sup>2</sup> the **First Republic**. A young dress-maker<sup>3</sup> starts to work for the most important women of Czechoslovakia. Hana Podolská (\*1880 – †1972) comes from Merzhausen in Germany. She has a nice personality<sup>4</sup> and she is an expert in fashion. All rich and fashionable<sup>5</sup> women go to her salon, for example President Beneš's wife Hana, the **automobile racer** Eliška Junkova or actress Adina Mandlová.



She has a timeless<sup>6</sup> style. She is called Czech "Coco Chanel."

Hana Podolská doesn't design the patterns<sup>7</sup>. She always starts her day at 5 a.m. and goes to every fitting<sup>8</sup>.

Podolská is **charming and elegant** even<sup>9</sup> when she is very old.

**Vocabulary:**<sup>1</sup>meziválečný|<sup>2</sup>zvaný|<sup>3</sup>švadlena|<sup>4</sup>povaha|<sup>5</sup>módní (vyznávající módu)|<sup>6</sup>nadčasový|<sup>7</sup>vzor|<sup>8</sup>zkouška|<sup>9</sup>dokonce

**Language notes:** Fashion designer=módní návrhář|Museum of Decorative Arts=Umělecko-průmyslové muzeum|First Republic=První republika|automobile racer=automobilový závodník|charming and elegant=okouzlivý a elegantní

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