

## JARMILA NOVOTNÁ, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY OPERA STAR

Jarmila Novotná (1907 – 1994), is a Czech opera singer, a soprano<sup>1</sup>. She comes from Prague and **becomes a star** of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in her life. She sings in famous theatres in Vienna, Berlin, Salzburg and Milan.

But Jarmila must leave European theatres because of **Nazi Germany**. The Metropolitan Opera in New York is her home **for a long time**, she spends<sup>2</sup> sixteen years there. Jarmila is a big Czech patriot<sup>3</sup> even in America. After her concerts, she sings the **national anthem** to support<sup>4</sup> her country. Jarmila is also a beautiful woman. Many famous men are **in love with** her.



After the end of communism<sup>5</sup> in 1989, Jarmila goes back to Czechoslovakia. She founds<sup>6</sup> the **Jarmila Novotná Award** for young singers. She also writes a book about her own life, which is called "**I Was Happy**".

**Vocabulary:** <sup>1</sup>sopranistka|<sup>2</sup>trávit(čas)|<sup>3</sup>vlastenec|<sup>4</sup>podporovat|<sup>5</sup>komunismus|<sup>6</sup>založit

**Language notes:** become a star=stát se hvězdou|Nazi Germany=nacistické Německo|for a long time=dlouhou dobu|national anthem=národní hymna|in love with=zamilovaný|Jarmila Novotná Award=Cena Jarmily Novotné|I Was Happy=Byla jsem šťastná

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