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20<sup>th</sup> International TV Festival Bar 2015  
Best Visual Identity Award  
in the feature film category

10<sup>th</sup> Seoul International  
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Jury's Special Prize

23<sup>rd</sup> Czech Lion 2015  
Best Television Film or Miniseries

# The American Letters

TOUCHING STORY ABOUT THE SECRET LOVE  
OF THE FAMOUS CZECH COMPOSER ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

 **Česká televize**

# The American Letters (Americké dopisy)

The film offers the viewers an insight into the family life of the famous Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. His wife Anna has endowed him with nine children and a perfect creative environment, but Dvořák's Muse and secret, unfulfilled love is her sister, Countess and actress Josefina Kounicová. Shortly after his New World Symphony was premiered in 1894, Dvořák returns from America. He is fifty-three years old, and at the peak of his fame. He feels his creative strength, and perceives the gift of God thanks to which ever new ideas worthy a genius are bring born in his head with sincere respect. Yet deep in his heart, he is fear-stricken. In the pocket of his vest is a well-thumbed letter which arrived to America from Bohemia, and only he – and "the other one" – know about its existence. Josefina writes in it that she is seriously ill, and perhaps not much time is left... And so Dvořák loses no time and heads for home. Hasn't he been living only mechanically for all those years? Shouldn't he at last break all ties and obey his heart? And what would the price be? Because everything in life has to be paid for... Is he really prepared to pay for the decision which will disrupt the divine order of his private universe?

HD, 102', m/e track, © 2015



Directed by: Jaroslav Brabec  
Screenplay by: Petr Zikmund  
Director of Photography: Tomáš Sysel  
Editor: Filip Issa  
Sound: Václav Vondráček  
Music: Antonín Dvořák, Josef Suk,  
Josef Haydn, Jan Jirásek, Václav Vondráček  
Costume Designer: Simona Rybáková  
Art Designer: Václav Vohlídal  
Producer: Czech Television

Starring:  
Hynek Čermák, Petra Špalková,  
Soňa Norisová, Igor Bareš,  
Vladimír Javorský, Sabina Rojková,  
Petr Šmíd, Tomáš Havlínek, Oldřich Vlach,  
Jan Novotný and others

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