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Czeching is revealing nominations and inviting you to a gala concert in the garages

Meet the nominees for music export competition powered by Czech Radio's youth station Radio Wave.

For the fourth year Radio Wave's music export project Czeching has been helping progressive Czech musicians to reach the airways of foreign radio stations and the stages of countries abroad. Six music publicists nominated bands with the potential to break abroad. The nominations were revealed on August 29 on the Czeching radio show on Radio Wave. The winner will get the opportunity to record and release new EP and to perform at Eurosonic Noorderslag, the biggest European showcase festival. The nominees will be judged by an international committee comprised of the representatives of more than ten European radio stations associated in EBU including BBC, FM4, Radio France, Puls, OFF Krakow and others. The second winner will be decided by the Radio Wave listeners voting via the internet application.

The bands nominated for Czeching 2016 are:

Zabelov Group

Mayen

Ba:zel

Orient

February

Himalayan Dalai Lama

The profiles of the bands are [here](#).

The voting application is available [here](#).

Marie Čtveráčková, the coordinator of Czeching stated: "Our motto 'Beyond the ordinary pop' leads us to search for bands creating current and distinctive music; they do not represent tedious pop clones. At the same time they are already somewhat successful domestically."

This year's winners will be announced on September 27 at a special Czeching showcase. For this occasion the public will have access to the unusual space of the radio's garages for the first time. The event will include all the nominated bands and the audience will get the chance to vote during their performances. There will also be a special guest performance by Sevdaliza, the Dutch singer and producer with Iranian roots whose captivating voice and sound bordering between jazz and progressive minimalistic electronic music swept the audience of this year's Pohoda festival off of their feet.

At 5 PM, before the showcase performances, a public discussion on the topic of music export will be held at the radio station's S1 studio. The panel includes: Jonas Vebner representing the Norwegian music export office Music Norway; Jiří Moravčík, organizer of showcase festival and conference Czech Music Crossroads; and Jan Sneum, Danish music expert and a member of the Czeching committee.

During the highlight of this year's music export project, the Czeching showcase, the fans will be introduced to Wave Moon for the first time. According to the Radio Wave's editor-in-chief Iva Jonášová, "Wave Moon is a special edition of a magazine published in collaboration with Full Moon magazine for the 10th anniversary of Radio Wave offering a look back at the ten years of operation of this youth station and an exclusive content created by the authors of our programs."

Previous winners of Czeching include the project called Never Sol by singer and composer Sára Vondrášková; punk trio Wild Tides or electronic music producer Aid Kid. Last year's Czeching winners VR/NOBODY had great success with their EP Now which they recorded in the radio station's studio. Almost all the 300 vinyl copies released by Czech Radio were sold out within a month. In the program of the Eurosonic festival the name VR/NOBODY was supported by two recommendations by foreign media outlets.

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