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ŠKODA AUTO supports eminent cultural institutions in the Czech Republic

- › The Czech Philharmonic, the National Theatre and the National Gallery in Prague are among the internationally renowned partners of ŠKODA AUTO's cultural sponsoring
- › The new ŠKODA OCTAVIA is being unveiled in Prague's Trade Fair Palace; the building, home to the National Gallery's Modern and Contemporary Art collection, is a prime example of functionalist architecture

Mladá Boleslav/ Prague, 11 November 2019 – The world premiere of the latest-generation ŠKODA OCTAVIA is taking place today in the Prague Trade Fair Palace. The functionalist building from 1928 is a prime example of the pioneering architecture of the time and houses the 19th-, 20th- and 21st-century art collections of the National Gallery. Choosing this venue for the world premiere, which is being broadcast around the world, underlines ŠKODA AUTO's commitment to supporting prestigious cultural institutions in the Czech Republic. In addition to the National Gallery, the car manufacturer also supports the Czech Philharmonic and the National Theatre.

Cultural sponsoring is an important pillar of ŠKODA AUTO's social commitment; the company has been supporting some of the Czech Republic's most important cultural institutions for decades. The carmaker has been collaborating with the internationally renowned Czech Philharmonic for an impressive 20 years. The orchestra is considered one of the best in Europe and the partnership was extended only recently. In addition to its undertaking as a mobility partner of the Philharmonic, ŠKODA AUTO also supports special concerts such as the orchestra's traditional open-air concert at the end of the concert season. At the unveiling of the fourth-generation ŠKODA OCTAVIA, more than 50 musicians from the Czech Philharmonic are performing 'Opus Octavia' together with the world-famous instrumental trio Time for Three. Acclaimed composer Jesse Milliner created the piece especially for this occasion.

The venue for the world premiere also emphasises the significance of the brand's bestselling model: as part of its collaboration with the National Gallery in Prague, ŠKODA AUTO chose the inspiring ambience of the Trade Fair Palace in Holešovice, Prague's creative district, for the event. The generous, timeless architecture of the building, which was constructed between 1925 and 1928, is considered a prime example of functionalism. These days, the building houses the National Gallery's Modern and Contemporary Art collections. However, for the unveiling of the new OCTAVIA, the Trade Fair Palace is once again symbolically fulfilling its original purpose: presenting an industrially manufactured product.

Just like the collaboration with the Czech Philharmonic and the National Theatre, the support of the National Gallery is also characterised by a spirit of partnership. The car manufacturer financially supports the cultural institutions and provides vehicles, in return ŠKODA AUTO employees can enjoy exhibition tours or popular interactive workshops for their children.

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Other cultural highlights supported by ŠKODA AUTO include the Smetana's Litomyšl opera festival and the film festival for children and young people in Zlín, which is considered the world's largest event of its kind.

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For the world premiere of the new OCTAVIA, ŠKODA AUTO chose the Prague Trade Fair Palace, the location of the National Gallery and a prime example of functionalist architecture. The car manufacturer supports the renowned museum as a committed partner.

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ŠKODA AUTO

- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car companies in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.25 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2018.
- › has been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 39,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.

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