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The Slovene Library-Museum MEGA Quiz

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Slovenia is one of the European countries



- **capital: Ljubljana**
- **language: Slovene**
- **population:**
2,021,435
- **currency: Euro**
- **area: 20,273 km²**

- There are about **450 primary schools** in Slovenia, they have a well-organized network of school libraries (each primary school has its own library).
- In the schoolyear 2008/2009 there were **185.500 schoolchildren** (there are nine classes in our elementary school).

- There are 58 main public libraries with 231 branch libraries in Slovenia and 12 mobile library services.
- All together they offer about 1.000 lending and borrowing possibilities.

- **The Slovene Library-Museum MEGA Quiz** is organized by all 58 main public libraries in collaboration
- with elementary schools and school libraries
- and other actors in the community (local media, different firms, etc.)

Some history

- The International Book Quiz (1992-1997)
- The Slovene Book Quiz (1998-2005)
- The Slovene Library-Museum MEGA Quiz (2006 -)

The Quiz is MEGA because

- It is abbreviation from **M**useums, **E**thnology, **G**alleries,
- it deals – every schoolyear - with five famous Slovenian people and their memorial houses.



MEGA Quiz can be solved

- with the questionnaire in a printed version,
- online: <http://www.koz.si/megakviz>,
- via mobile telephones 3 G.

The Quiz is promoted

- in the special emisisions on the Slovene First National TV programme,
- in the youth newspaper PIL.

MEGA QUIZ is a modern form of library - information literacy programme

= nuclea of multimedia and interactive model of library-information literacy programme:

- making the elementary schoolchildren use libraries and information sources,
- promoting reading,
- developing modern reading and writing,
- motivating inovative and creative ways of learning and teaching,
- dealing with cultural heritage,
- visiting memorial houses, libraries, museums and galleries,
- developing cultural tourism etc.

MEGA Quiz is dedicated

- especially to schoolchildren
(up to 15% of Slovene elementary schoolchildren participate in it),
- their teachers,
- but also to their parents,
- to tourists,
- other grown-up people.

- It is especially important to people in provinces, far from galleries in towns,
- with the TV emission on the Slovene First National TV programme it comes nearly to all Slovene homes,
- it may be an easier way for taking part in the Quiz on internet for the children of the Slovene minorities and the Slovene emigrants in Europe,
- hypothetically everybody in the world can take part in the Slovene Book Quiz,
- it makes possible an intercultural communication and interaction.

Every year we print

- 25.000 – 40.000 questionnaires
- 1.000 posters

- The action is started in the first days of October, in the Week of the Child March,
- it is finished about 2nd April - International Children's Book Day,
- the national concluding performance by the TV emission on the Slovene First National TV programme is at the end of May.

Children have to solve at least one part of the quiz (about one famous person) – they can solve all five parts, of course!
and visit at least one museum (the memorial house, gallery etc.)

- the Quiz is prepared by Centre for the Children's Literature and Librarianship,
- organized by all 58 main public libraries in collaboration with elementary schools,
- children solve the Quiz in the school (school subjects), in the school or public library, in museums etc.,
- the action is concluded in every main public library (some children are awarded)
- the national concluding performance is organized by Centre for the Children's Literature and Librarianship (some children are awarded by one-week holidays at the sea-side or in the mountains; they are decided by lots).

Funds:

- Ministry of Culture,
- some main public libraries in Slovenia,
- The Reading Badge of Slovenia,
- The Slovenian section of IBBY,
- The Reading Association of Slovenia,
- some Slovene publishing houses.

On the home page <http://www.koz.si/megakviz>

- questions to solve,
- pictures, AV material (music, films etc.),
- suggestions for excursions (“vagabond”) and exploration (“explorer”),
- the whole questionnaire in pdf,
- “all about the famous Slovenian”,
- list of information sources, links etc.

We have to improve the Quiz:

- to make it visually more attractive
- to make archives of all quizzes online
(money!)



Primož Trubar (1508-1586), a Slovene protestant reformer, the founder and the first superintendent of the Protestant Church of the Slovene Lands, a consolidator of the Slovene language and and the author of the first Slovene printed book.



Janez Vajkard Valvasor (1641–1693), a Slovenian nobleman, scholar, and polymath, member of the Royal Society. His most important work remains the monumental [*The Glory of the Duchy of Carniola*](#) (*Die Ehre deß Herzogthums Crain* in German, *Slava vojvodine Kranjske* in Slovenian), published 1689.



- <http://www.bogensperk.si/index.php?lang=si&url=6>



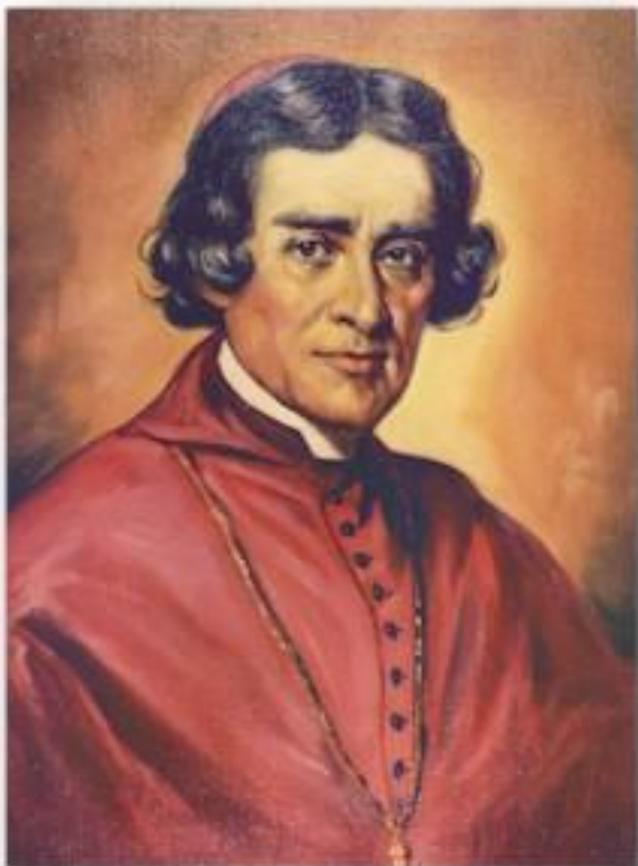


Jože Plečnik (1872-1975), a Slovene architect who practised in Vienna, Belgrade, Prague and Ljubljana:

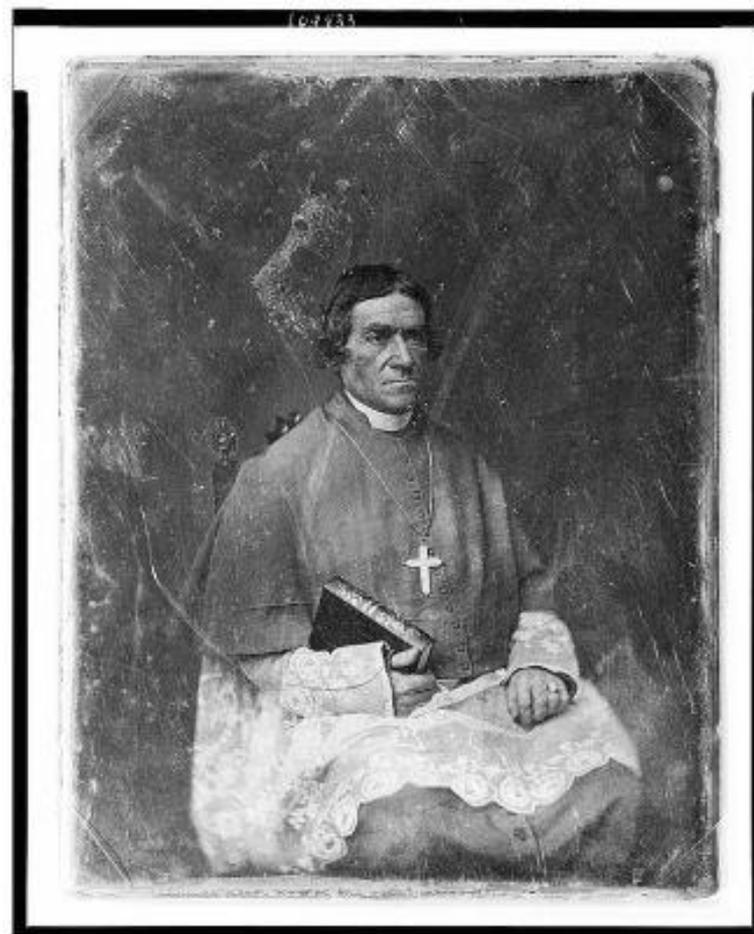
<http://www.burger.si/Plecnik/uvod.html>

Frederic Baraga(1797 - 1868), a [Slovene American Roman Catholic missionary](#), [bishop](#), and [grammarian](#).





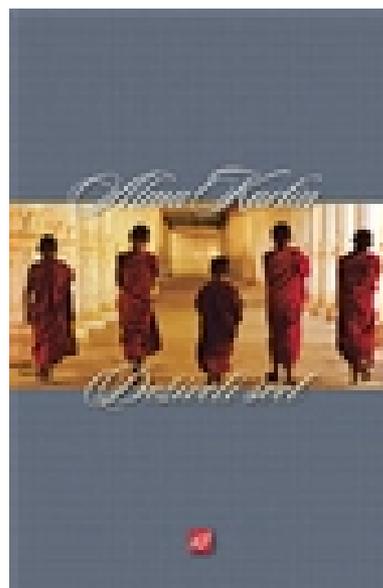
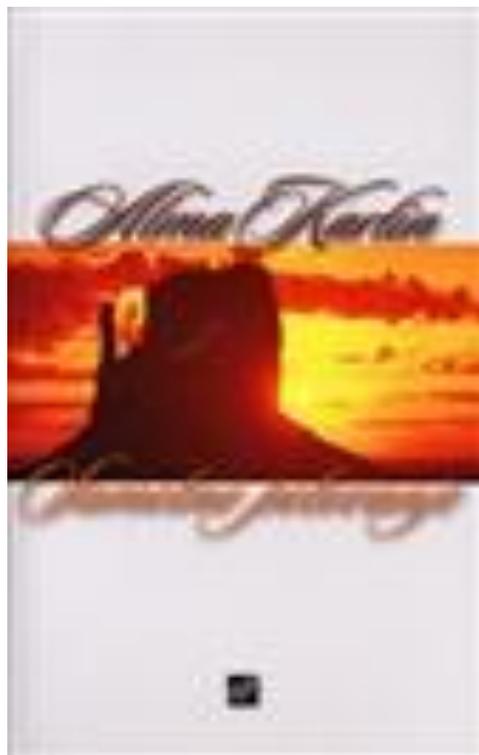
Bishop Frederick Baraga





Alma Maximiliana Karlin
(1889 – 1950), a Slovene-
Austrian traveler, writer,
poet, collector,
hyperpolyglot and
theosophist.

<http://www.almakarlin.si/index.php?lang=en&cat=3>



Giuseppe Tartini (1692 – 1770), an [Italian composer](#) and [violinist](#). He was born in [Piran](#), a town on the peninsula of [Istria](#), in the [Republic of Venice](#) (now in [Slovenia](#)).

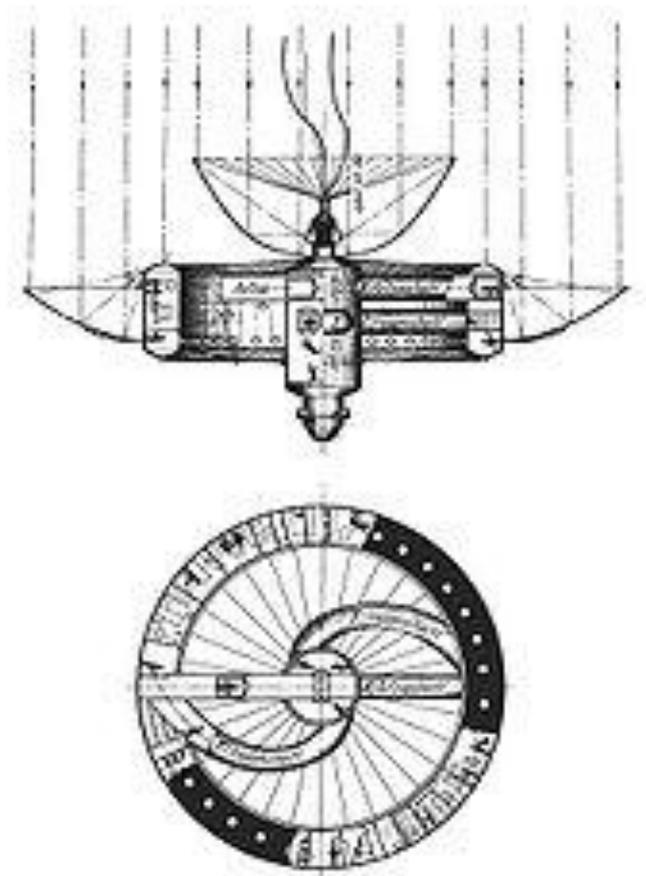


Tartini - Sonata in G Minor - Devil's Trill - Part One

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YonqEbar8cM>

Herman Potočnik
(pseudonym **Noordung**)
(1892 - 1929), a Slovene
rocket engineer and
pioneer of cosmonautics
(astronautics).





He published his sole book, *The Problem of Space Travel - The Rocket Motor* in Berlin (1928).



Ita Rina (1907 –1979), a Slovene actress of the 1920s and 1930s. She started her acting career at the age of 20 in *Erotikon* directed by [Gustav Machaty](#) and in 1930 she was a star in the first talking Czech movie . She was most successful in [Weimar Germany](#).

Janez Puh (1862 – 1914), a Slovene inventor, mechanic who went on to become a very significant vehicle producer in Europe.

