

# BRNO KULTURNÍ

## Background of the organization:

Brno kulturní is an association of persons from cultural, artistic, non-profit, social and educational organizations in Brno. As a movement, it was established as a public initiative for a systematic change of cultural financing in November 2011. Its most immediate goals lie in the cultural sphere.

We understand the term “culture” in its full sense as a system of principles and services which contribute to social cohesion and peculiarity. **Culture and art are the source and form of knowledge, material and spiritual wealth, and binding heritage. They contribute to the general social development. They are an important economic factor and help to enhance quality of life. This view has led us to call our initiative “Brno kulturní” (Cultural Brno) and to formulation of our goals.**

## THE GOALS

Our initiative has the following goals:

- to implement **expert and public consultation** of strategic documents as a binding part of the approval procedures, which makes The Brno City Council and The City Board.
- **to submit proposals of particular systematic measures** regarding the grant-funding system, consultative bodies and public finance control in culture, and to implement them into documents related to conceptions of cultural politics in Brno.
- **to pursue links between expert public and representatives of all areas of culture and art that are active in Brno.**
- **to remind the elected representatives of their political responsibility within the the state to subsidize and support culture.**

Brno kulturní represents a community of independent (i.e. not city-established) cultural organizations in Brno. On May 22, Brno kulturní held a public election (with 154 voters) where three representatives were elected to become members of the Coordinating group for cultural politics in Brno. In this group, there are representatives of the community together with the city representatives, academics and people from city-established organizations.

The public initiative was transformed into a civic association in April 2012.