Artist: **BEATA HLAVENKOVÁ**  
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**The 26th of August will belong to** *Zátopek***, both on celluloid and on vinyl, as David Ondříček’s eponymous biopic is premiered in Czech cinemas and the accompanying soundtrack Zátopek by composer, singer, pianist, producer and two-time Anděl Award winner Beata Hlavenková hits the stores.**

The soundtrack to **Zátopek** features both the grandeur of an orchestral tapestry and the intimacy of Hlavenková’s piano-playing. Guest stars who were invited to participate in the recording of the album include trumpeter Oskar Török and bassist Rasťo Uhrík.

The 14 tracks owe their final sound to the various characters’ leitmotifs, running motifs at certain tempos - BPM - based on the average speed of Zátopek on the running tracks, allusions to folk melodies, processed effects, raw piano, orchestra, voice, samples and combinations of them all.

The story as told by the LP follows a slightly different sequence than on the silver screen. Motifs have been shortened, expanded or merged so as to ensure that the soundtrack works independently as a whole.

All of the demo tracks were created at the Czechmate studio of Beata Hlavenková, who recorded the orchestral part with the sCore Orchestra under the baton of conductor Michaela Rosza Růžičková at the music studio of Czech TV; the final mix was created by sound engineer Michal Pekárek and the album was mastered by Matouš Godík.

*“Working on the album was a very beautiful task – demanding, but all the more exciting. I enjoyed touching on the folk songs that were popular with Emil and Dana, I enjoyed working musically with his running pace, I enjoyed looking for a musical expression that would befit this exceptional film – and I enjoyed the thought of sending out into the world at least a fractional sample of our musical heritage, just as Zátopek and his achievements represent us in the world. I enjoyed working with sounds, piano, sound design, orchestra, trio and combining everything together. I think that courage is the common thread for the entire plot and the characters, as well as for the creators of this film,”* says Hlavenková.

The *Zátopek* soundtrack will be released digitally and on LP by Czech publisher Minority Records. Limited editions will include a 180-gram deep-red vinyl and 16-page story booklet with large-scale photographs from the film. The album cover was designed by Aleš Najbrt and Jakub Spurný from Studio Najbrt.

*“I will admit that I have fallen in love with this perfect vinyl release alongside my movie, Zátopek. When no one is watching, I secretly cuddle with it at home,”* adds director David Ondříček.

**As part of the world premiere of *Zátopek* at the IFF Karlovy Vary, a concert starring Beata Hlavenková and Kapela Snů will take place on August 21 at the Czech Television pavilion on Divadelní náměstí in Karlovy Vary, during which the new LP with the soundtrack for *Zátopek* will be ceremonially launched.**

Hlavenková is among the foremost Czech musicians, with an unmistakable creative style that transcends and defies genres. She is a two-time Anděl Award winner – for the album *Theodoros* (2013) and as Performing Artist of the Year 2019. She wrote the soundtrack for the film *Dukla 61*, has released five solo albums to date, and will launch her latest album *Žijutě* later this year on October 29.

Beata Hlavenková has collaborated with a great number of Czech musicians and artists from abroad. Of particular note is her long-standing work with Lenka Dusilová, with whom she co-created the projects Eternal Seekers and Baromantika. She composes music for theatre and for children, works as a mentor, and teaches at NYU in Prague.

**YouTube:** Making of Zátopek Soundtrack:[youtu.be/lpaYB-BVmgM](https://youtu.be/lpaYB-BVmgM)

Official movie trailer: [youtu.be/7w4wrFem5yE](https://youtu.be/7w4wrFem5yE)

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