

The History of Our School:

Our school was established in the 1930's with the help and support of *The Provincial Association of Blacksmiths and Farriers*. The primary aim of the *Provincial Unity Association* is to provide for the study and practical training for apprentices in a central location. The PUA attempts to garner support from the Ministry of Education and the National Education as well as from companies and entrepreneurs. In addition, this Union requests support from the Office of the President, T. G. Masaryk.

The building permit was first issued by the building authority on 25 February, 1935. This land belonged to the Provincial Union directly. The name of the school was the basic *Vocational Blacksmith's School, Prague 9 – Vysocany*. Teaching at the school commenced in the curriculum year 1936-1937. The school was renamed the *State Master's School of Blacksmiths and Farriers* in Prague in 1951. The school was again renamed as the *Industrial and Engineering School* in 1951 by the Ministry of Education, Science and Art.

History of the School of Arts and Crafts

The long tradition of the School

The school which always gave new dimension to the trade

The Education Institute of Art Production was also established in 1951. This institute ensured teaching the most important artistic and hand crafted subjects such as Blacksmith, Locksmith, Artistic Plasterer, Carpenter, Gilder and Stonemason. Number of subjects was extended in the 1970s. There new subjects were established for example, Lacemaking, Weaving, Basket Making and other related subjects such as Scenic Dressmaker, Scenic Shoemaker or Cobbler and Textile Printing.

Later, various other subjects were introduced such as Film Laboratory Technology, Photography, Goldsmithing, Jewellery Making and Engraving.

Finally, the school was renamed yet again as *The Secondary Vocational School of Arts and Crafts*. The school was privatized in 1991 by the Educational Cooperative Association, also known as PROFUM.

Subjects of Study:

Exam Studies for Graduation:

- **Antique Dealer** (Full Time 4 year study with Leaving Certificate)
- **Arts and Crafts Work/Handicraft Work** (Full Time, 3 year Apprenticeship, 2 year study with Leaving Certificate)

Non-Exam Studies for Graduation:

- **3 year apprenticeship** (Apprenticeship Certificate/Vocational Cert.)
 - **Blacksmith and Locksmith**
 - **Artistic Carpenter and Wood Carver**
 - **Goldsmith and Jeweller**
 - **Art Pottery**
 - **Make up and Wig Maker**
 - **Artistic Plasterer**
 - **Artistic Gilder**
 - **Artistic Glazier**
 - **An Art Engraver**
- **2 Year Retraining Programme** (Apprenticeship Certificate)