

# FRANCE PREŠEREN

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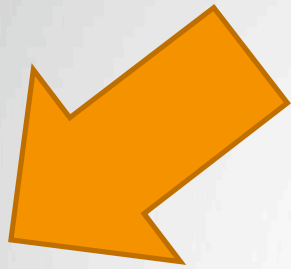


## ABOUT PREŠEREN

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# His Legend based on



**Clear, independent and  
eternal poetry**

**High talent**

**Unhappy life**

**Rebellious spirit**

- born in the village of **Vrba**,
- attended elementary schools in Grosuplje and Ribnica and the State Gymnasium in Ljubljana
- In 1821 enrolled at the University of Vienna and studied law.

## SCHOOL YEARS



Prešeren transformed **Julija Primic**, the unfulfilled love of his life, into a poetic figure, reminiscent of Dante's Beatrice and Petrarch's Laura.



# MASTER OF THE SONNET

His “**Sonetni venec/Wreath of Sonnets**” has a very special format ; the last line of one sonnet becomes the first line of the next one, making all fourteen sonnets of the circle an intertwining "garland". The first lines of all the single fourteen sonnets form in turn another sonnet, called the "**Master Theme**" or the *Magistrale*.

# A MASTERPIECE

- The first letters of every line of verse form the words *Primicovi Juliji*, meaning "to Julija Primic".



## Sonnets of Unhappiness

### *Sonetje nesreče,*

a group of six sonnets expressing the poet's despair over life, are the most pessimistic of Prešeren's works.

- The first sonnet, in which Prešeren debates about what his life could have been like had he never left his home village, **Oh, Vrba!** became extremely popular during the late 19th century.

## Zdravljica

- In 1844, he wrote the **patriotic poem Zdravljica** ("A Toast"), the most important achievement of his late period.
- His collected poems ***Poezije dr. Franceta Prešerna*** ("Poems of Dr. France Prešeren") published in 1847.





# A LAWYER IN KRANJ AT LAST



**In 1846 moved with his family to Kranj , finally allowed to open his own law firm.**

# Prešernov gaj

- **Struck with liver disease he died on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1849. He is buried in Kranj.**



# Still a leading Poet in Slovenian Literature

- In 1905, his monument was placed in the central square in Ljubljana, now called **Prešeren Square**.



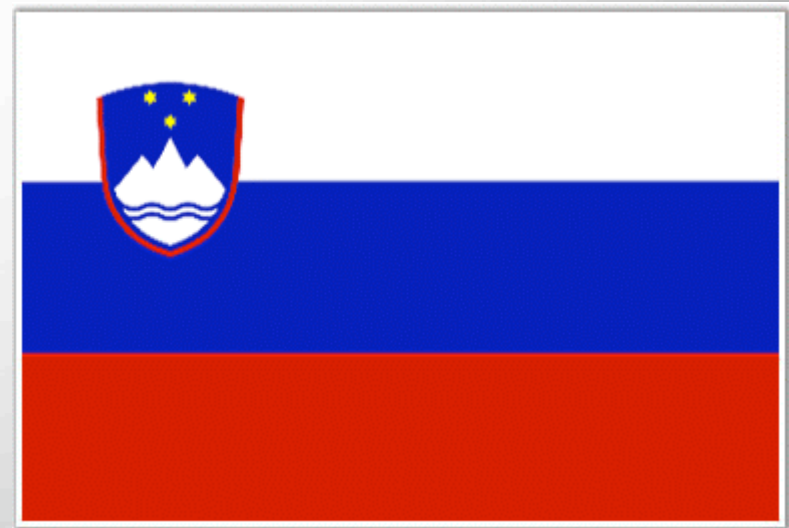
# NO SCHOOL ON PREŠEREN DAY

Since 1944  
8th February  
has been  
celebrated as the  
Slovenian Cultural  
Holiday, a public  
holiday in Slovenia.



# NATIONAL ANTHEM

The seventh stanza of his  
*Zdravljica /A Toast*  
declared the national  
anthem of Slovenia in  
1990.



Žive naj vsi narodi,  
ki hrepene dočakat' dan,  
da koder sonce hodi,  
prepir iz sveta bo pregnan,  
da rojak  
prost bo vsak,  
ne vrag, le sosed bo mejak.

HE WAS THE  
PROPHET OF THE  
NEW  
BROTHERHOOD  
OF MEN

God's blessing on all nations,  
Who long and work for that bright day,  
When o'er earth's habitations  
No war, no strife shall hold its sway;  
Who long to see  
That all men free  
No more shall foes, but neighbours be.

# HIS IMAGE

In 1992 portrayed  
on the Slovenian 1000  
tolar banknote.



Since 2007 on the  
Slovenian two-euro coin.



# PREŠEREN AWARD

- The highest Slovenian prize for artistic achievements is named after him.



**2011, MIROSLAV KOŠUTA  
SLOVENIAN POET FROM TRIESTE**



# WE ARE VERY PROUD OF PREŠEREN

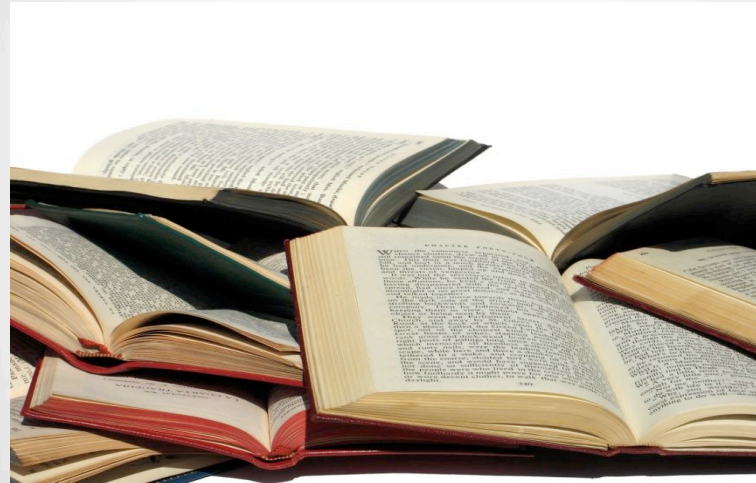
- he elevated Slovenian literature complying with the standards of developed European literatures... although he still lacks the recognition accorded to some other poets of his rank ...



**And thankful to his muse**



**because she inspired the man  
and  
made the poet immortal**



**“As long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee. “**

**Sonnet 18, Shakespeare**