

Kateřina Pařková, clarinet (CZE)

graduated from the clarinet class of Petr Bohuř. The number of her performances during the five years of her studies has climbed to almost a hundred. The cooperation with the Smetana trio (2015), Trio Amadeus (2016), or the performance with the pianist Ivo Kahánek and cello player Jiří Hanousek (2017) belong to the highlights of her musical life so far. She was twice offered the opportunity to perform at the prestigious concerts titled *Pocťa klarinetu (An Hommage to the Clarinet)* in 2015 and 2017, in 2016 she performed at a concert during the International Festival of *Beethoven's Hradec*. She has been successful in many national competitions, be it as a solo player or a member of a chamber ensemble. In international competitions her successes include the 2016 prize in Jastrzebie, 2017 *Pro Bohemia* (2nd prize and the Bohuslav Martinů Foundation Prize). She was also part of the *Jeunesses musicales* cycle in February 2018, when she appeared as a soloist in front of the Janáček Philharmonic Ostrava. Her further significant successes include a double victory at the Bohuslav Martinů Competition in Polička (2013, 2014), 1st prizes at the Karel Ditters competitions (2014, 2015), 2nd prize at the Pardubické dechy competition (2015) and many other awards and prizes. She has become the very first clarinet player at the Ostrava Conservatory to have been accepted as a student of the prestigious *Akademia muzyczna w Katowicach*, all before having finished her conservatory studies.