

## **Permoník, choir (CZE)**

The Permoník preparatory choir is the last preparatory phase of the Permoník Choir Studio, attended by children of 9-13 years of age. The choir rehearses two times a week separately and once a week as a whole. The singers get acquainted with the works of contemporary Czech as well as foreign composers, the basic four harmonic voices, simple polyphony, and last but not least with the basics of correct voice technique. They devote their time to preparing Christmas, spring, final and educational concerts and competition performances alike. A change of pace is offered in the form of the beloved musical dramas like the mini-operas Komárek's Wedding (F. Trnka), Pork Feast (J. Málek) or Let's Play Opera (L. Juřica). The choir has even performed the Dobře placená procházka (J. Suchý, J. Šlitr) comical opera in the Prague Semafor Theatre. The choir undergoes two weekend-long rehearsals and one professional summer rehearsal, where the children also learn to respect and understand each other through play. The choir also regularly participates in competitive festivals of child choirs, goes on tours (Wroclaw, Bílá Voda) and exchanges concerts with similar ensembles such as the Opava Crickets or the Little Devils in Nový Jičín. Martina Juríková is the choirmaster, supported by Eva Dziadziová on piano.