

LASVIT

THE CYCLISTS OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE WILL AGAIN VIE FOR LASVIT'S CRYSTAL TROPHY

PRAGUE – This year, the winners of the Tour de France will again celebrate victory by lifting high a trophy made in Czechia. **The glass-making, designer company LASVIT has again had the honor of producing the crystal trophy, designed by**



Peter Olah every year since 2011 in collaboration with Škoda Auto, the race's long-standing partner. This year's unique cut was made by a 75-year-old master craftsman who spent a full three days in creating it.

Since 2011, the trophy has retained the same iconic shape, and has become a symbol for the race as a whole. The hand-blown art work is the same diameter on both ends, but narrows in the middle. Every year however, it changes in its cut and finish, which Peter Olah designs every year anew. This year's design was inspired by the traditional Czech craft of glass-cutting itself, and it dons a truly

challenging finish – the cutting was done by the difficult “spitzstein” method.

“It is one of the most traditional cutting methods, one which many Czech people might recognize from the glassware of our grandmothers. It consists of regular squares which are finely cut into the shape of a pyramid,” says designer Peter Olah.

The pattern which adorns the whole trophy is very challenging, and requires years of practice and a true craftsman's touch. This year's trophy was made by a master glass-cutter who is 75 years of age, and has devoted his entire life to perfecting this type of cut. Going from work station to work station, always striving for true excellence, the overall cutting process took him a full three days.



The trophy which each of the four winning riders will receive is made from one piece of hand-blown and hand-cut crystal glass, each of them weighing almost four kilograms and standing over sixty centimeters tall. Although this is the seventh time that LASVIT has worked on the trophies in tandem with Peter Olah, the decor has never repeated itself, and they remain distinct for each annual race.

ABOUT LASVIT

LASVIT is a creative hub of glassmaking talents, fresh ideas, and daring designs. This young, progressive Czech glassmaking and design company inspires the world with its breathtaking custom-made installations exhibited all over the world, as well as with its unique lighting and glassware collections made from hand-blown glass. The founder of LASVIT, Leon Jakimič, steers the company with the utmost respect for the Czech glassmaking tradition, but also with a boundless optimism for modern technologies and cutting-edge design.

In past years, LASVIT has attracted many renowned designers and artists who wanted to collaborate with an unconventional Czech company. In cooperation with LASVIT, many stars such as the Campana Brothers, Kengo Kuma, Yabu Pushelberg, Nendo or Ross Lovegrove, have created some of their most unforgettable glass collections. Ever since 2007, LASVIT has been on a mission: to bring beauty, happiness, and a piece of the Bohemian soul to clients worldwide, and thus change the world for the better. Let LASVIT in, let the changes begin.

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