Summary

The diploma paper presented concerns „*Music Traditions of the Lanškroun Region*". In the first part it is aimed at introducing the town of Lanškroun and its neighbouring villages together forming the above mentioned region. The town of Lanškroun is rich in history, significant places, historic sites and personalities. But this is barely all. Its music-related history reaches back as far as to the fourteenth century. However, not much has been left from this time as for the musical repositories and collections. The development of music was similar to that of other surrounding towns, though bearing its own specific features, because it took place in the multicultural Hřebečsko region. The music of the seventeenth century is mostly connected with the St. Vitus Church in Lanškroun. The following two centuries were marked by a tremendous lack of written testimonials about any local music activities. It is only said that the members of the Erxleben family were enthusiastic admirers of music. Namely, it was their nephew Karel Langer who established a society for singing, music and theatre. Owing to this act many operas of cardinal importance could take place at the local Střelnice stage. Further, the attention is focused on contemporary chorales, musical bodies and groups which the town of Lanškroun abounds with. A not-to-be-left-out part of the music tradition is also organ that a music life has been connected with since immemorial. The biggest attention is given to the most significant person on the music field of the Lanškroun region - the violinist, composer and conductor Jindřich Praveček who devoted most of his life to music. An integral constituent of this paper is also a picture gallery with a range of photographs of the Lanškroun region sites, monuments, noted personalities, chorales and musical groups, and - last but not least - illustrations regarding Master Praveček himself. Finally, a DVD about the Lanškroun region and CD containing records of compositions of chosen chorales, musical bodies and groups is enclosed.