Useful links:

Prague map: http://www.mapy.cz is a link to an electronic map of the Czech Republic with a very good search system. Just type the name or address of your hotel and it should find it.

Train and bus: http://www.idos.cz is a very useful link to find your train, bus and public transport connection. Although it is Czech, it can find most of European railway stations and bus terminals. Note: click the little English/German flag in the lower right corner to use the English/German version

Airport shuttle: http://www.cedaz.cz/about-transport-services.php

GPS coordinates of the conference venue: N 50°05'17.42", E 14°24'13.28"

Prague transport: http://www.dpp.cz Prague public transport

Prices:

- one-way with the possibility to change tram/bus/underground: CZK 26,-
- non-limited 5-days ticket 500,- CZK (one ticket included in the fee)

ONE-WAY tickets can be purchased from vending machines in the underground stations, newspaper shops, specialized public transport shops, at the airport or at railway stations, some supermarkets.

Comment on safety: The public transport is highly recommended. It is quite reliable and safe - safe to the extent as any Capital City may be, but certainly not safer. Please beware of <u>pickpockets!</u> They are in action in the most frequented places as the Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí), the Main Railway Station (Hlavní nádraží) and on metro stations and metro trains in the city centre. Also, some tram lines have a bad reputation – No. 22 going through the centre. Always try not to be alone when using trams at night.

Arrival by air:

There is only one international airport in Prague, the Ruzyně airport (code: PRG). It is located on the west side of the city.

Czech Airlines fly to Prague from all over the world, including overseas destinations (JFK/EWR, Montreal, Toronto), most of the major European cities (London, Paris, Milan, etc.) and even Seoul, Dubai, Cairo and Tel Aviv. Czech Airlines is a member of the Skyteam alliance. To see all the possible destinations, go to http://www.csa.cz/en/czechia/cz_destinace/destinace.htm.

The airport is divided into two terminals, North-1 ("Sever 1" in Czech) and North-2 ("Sever 2") (there is another old terminal, South ("Jih"), but it is not serving the general commercial flights anymore). Flights from the Schengen countries arrive at North-2, others on North-1. There is no monorail or other "local" transport, even though the walk between the terminals is quite long.

The way from the airport to the venue and the discounted hotels

- either take an airport taxi (it should cost about CZK 600,-).
- or use the CEDAZ airport shuttle, which you will find in front of the North-1 arrival hall, to get to any hotel around the centre of Prague. It should cost about CZK 480,-., for group of 4 peope approx 700,- CZK
- or rent a car. The usual car rental companies (Avis, Hertz, Budget, Europear, Sixt) and many other national ones are in the ground floor of the North-1 terminal building, and also in the Parking garage "C" (again, closer to North-1).
- Or take the 119 bus to the Dejvická station. Be careful about the direction, yours is Dejvická. Otherwise you might end up in the middle of nowhere. Then
- either take the underground line A (green), 2 stops to "Malostranská" and then any of the tram lines 22, 20, 12 to "Malostranské náměstí" (1 stop),
 - or take the tram line 20 and go directly to "Malostranské Náměstí" (5 stops).

By train:

Trains from Western Europe usually arrive at the Holešovice railway station, others on the main station

The way to the venue and all the discounted hotels

From the Main railway station:

Take the underground line C (red, direction "Háje") to the "Muzeum" station (1 stop). Then change lines to A (green, direction "Dejvická") and go 3 stops to "Malostranská" and then take any of the tram lines 12, 20, 22, 23 to "Malostranské náměstí" (1 stop).

From the Holešovice railway station:

Take the underground line C (red, direction "Háje") and go 4 stops to "Muzeum". Then change lines to A (green, direction "Dejvická") and go 3 stops to "Malostranská" and then take any of the tram lines 12, 20, 22, 23 to "Malostranské náměstí" (1 stop).

By bus

Most buses arrive at the Florenc bus terminal

<u>To the venue and all the discounted hotels</u> From Florenc take the underground line C (red, direction "Háje") and go 2 stops to "Muzeum". Then change lines to A (green, direction "Dejvická") and go 3 stops to "Malostranská" and then take any of the tram lines 12, 20, 22, 23 to "Malostranské náměstí" (1 stop).

By car

Note: There aren't almost any parking lots near the Music Academy and the discounted hotels in the neighborhood of the venue. In fact, there is only one within walking distance from the hotels, and it is very limited (50 places). The price is CZK 40,-/hour (EUR 1,- = cca. CZK 24,-) However, some of the hotels might have cheaper parking service (but only vallet, no self-parking there for sure). Please contact the hotels directly and ask.

From the west: (e. g. Germany, France, Switzerland,...)

Take the E50 westward (no. 6 highway from Nürnberg) and cross the border at the Rozvadov - Waidhaus border crossing. Then follow the D5 highway via Pilsen all the way to Prague. (see map)

To the venue and all the discounted hotels:

Follow the D5 all the way to the end, crossing the beltway. It will get you to a four-lane connection road northwards (direction Motol, Veleslavín, Střešovice, Hradčany). Cross the next intersection (on an overpass) and on the next one (large intersection with traffic lights) take a right turn (direction Centre, Veleslavín, Střešovice, Hradčany, Holešovice - about 4000m from the end of D5). The street is called "Bělohorská" (Rt. no.6). On the next large crossing the tram will cross your way to the right, but keep going straight ("Patočkova", still Rt. no.6). Soon, it will become "Milady Horákové" but the route's number (6) will stay. Then, after going through many red lights, just before entering a wide open space with two stadiums (if you are already there, it is too far) and just before the Israeli embassy turn right to "Badeniho" (about 5000m from joining Rt. no.6 - "Bělohorská"), which will soon change to "Chotkova" and make a double bend. Enjoy the view of Prague on the left. After the double bend take the first (small) street to the right (1100m from the last crossing). It will bring you to Malostranské náměstí (300 m).

From the <u>north:</u> (e. g. Berlin,...)

Once in Dresden, take the E55 southward, passing the Czech border at the Zinnwald - Cínovec border crossing. Then continue along the E55 via Teplice and join the D8 highway near Lovosice. It will take you all the way to Prague

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Follow the D8 all the way to the end, when it becomes "V Holešovičkách" (after crossing a highway-like intersection). Then continue on "V Holešovičkách", later crossing the river. Then, when you come to the river once more (3500m from the end of D8), take a right turn and follow the tram ("nábřeží Edvarda Beneše") along the river. Then, when you come to a tram station (2500m from the right turn to the river), turn right and almost immediately left again, to avoid going on the double bend the road makes. Then follow this one-way road to "Malostranské náměstí" (300 m). Then, according to the map on the accomodation page, find your hotel.

From the northeast: (e. g. Wroclaw, Warsaw,...)

From Wroclaw take the E67 southward and follow it all the way via the Náchod and Hradec Králové to join the D11 highway near Chlumec nad Cidlinou. This will take you to Prague.

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The D11 ends on the beltway. Follow the beltway southward (direction Brno, Plzeň, Strakonice). Exit it towards Centrum, Nusle (after about 12000 m). Follow it until it splits into two one-way streets (about 5000m from the exit). Then, on the third red light turn left (Anglická, Žitná, also one-way). Then, at the fourth red light, turn left (again one-way) and on the next one right to cross the river after the next one. Then, on the fourth light after the bridge turn right ("Štefánikova") with the tram. Follow it, crossing many red lights (about 1500m), to "Malostranské náměstí".

From the east: (e. g. Krakow, Slovakia, Hungary)

Use any suitable border crossing to get to Brno. Once there, take the D1 highway to Prague.

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When the D1 kind of splits at the "km 0.0" marker, choose the "Centrum, Nusle, Krč" direction. Cross the beltway and follow the street until it splits into two one-way streets (about 5000m from the exit). Then, on the third red light turn left (Anglická, Žitná, also one-way). Then, on the fourth red light, turn left (again one-way) and on the next one right to cross the river after the next one. Then, on the fourth light after the bridge turn right ("Štefánikova") with the tram. Follow it, crossing many red lights (about 1500m), to "Malostranské náměstí". Then, according to the map on the accomodation page, find your hotel.

From the southeast: (e. g. Vienna)

Use the Chvalovice border crossing on the E59, then follow it all the way to Jihlava and join the D1 there. It will take you to Prague..

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From the <u>south:</u> (e. g. Linz,...)

Once in Linz, take the E55 northward, crossing the border at Dolní Dvořiště. Then follow to České Budějovice, Tábor, Benešov to join the D1 highway close to Mirošovice. It will take you to Prague.

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