



Newsletter  
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# CROATIAFEST RETURNS IN A BIG WAY

## CroatiaFest 2023

**Saturday, Sept. 30th**

***Dance and Sing-Along***

Time and Venue TBD

Music by Trubaduri

**Sunday, Oct. 1st**

***CroatiaFest***

12 pm

Seattle Center Armory

305 Harrison St., Seattle

*Music & Dance Performances,  
Historical Exhibits, Lectures,  
Art Gallery, Cooking Demos,  
Crafts, Croatian Food Booths,  
Vendors, and Much More!*

Look for updates at  
[www.croatiafest.org](http://www.croatiafest.org) and at  
[facebook.com/CroatiaFest](https://facebook.com/CroatiaFest)

Unless otherwise specified,  
CroatiaFest activities are FREE and  
open to the public.

## 2022 IN-PERSON FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

After an extensive two-year absence, we were thrilled to gather once again at the Seattle Center Armory for our in-person festival. Rejoicing in the vibrant live performances all day on the main stage, lining two floors with food, vendors, and exhibits old and new, and seeing friends reunite at the donor brunch and wine cellar brought back all the feelings that make CroatiaFest so unique and special. A Seattle tradition for 19 years, CroatiaFest is the only festival of its kind in North America where masses gather not only from the Pacific Northwest, but from all over the country to celebrate our rich Croatian culture and traditions.

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## TRUBADURI TO HEADLINE 2023 FESTIVAL

Trubaduri, the well-known, well-traveled band from Pittsburgh, will be returning to Seattle to headline the main stage at CroatiaFest 2023.

Formed in 1969 as a tamburitza combo, Trubaduri transitioned to a “zabavna” band after hearing rock and pop music while on a visit to Croatia in 1970. But, after trading most of their tamburas for guitars and keyboards and adding drums to the mix, they continue to play both traditional as well as contemporary Croatian music. Whether it’s an old-time favorite, a Trubaduri classic, a kolo, rock song, or new tune from Croatia, they put their “Trub” signature on each arrangement.

Performing continuously for more than 53 years, Trubaduri has never abandoned its mission of presenting their fans with the latest music coming out of Croatia. While the line-up has varied through the years,

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# TRUBADURI

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each change has resulted in renewed focus to adapt to the strengths brought by new band members; however, a constant has been their unwavering dedication to unique, passionate, and high energy performance.

The “Trubs” have recorded 7 albums of traditional and popular music from Croatia. Their “The Good Old Songs” album, also released on the Jugoton label (now Croatia Records), was the Trubs’ modern take on “starogradske (old city)” songs, while their latest recording, “The White Knight” is an inspirational song about the siege and liberation of Dubrovnik during Croatia’s War of Independence. The poignant yet powerful ballad is available on the newly launched Trub website



[www.trubaduri.com](http://www.trubaduri.com) for digital download, along with their other music and merchandise.

Trubaduri will be the featured band at the Saturday night kick-off dance and sing along on September 30th and the headline band on the main stage at the Seattle Center Armory for CroatiaFest 2023. Details will be posted on the CroatiaFest website at [www.croatiafest.org](http://www.croatiafest.org) and on Facebook as they are finalized.



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*CroatiaFest is produced by the local Croatian-American community and is part of Seattle Center's Festál, a year-long series of cultural events that honors the richness and diversity of our region.*

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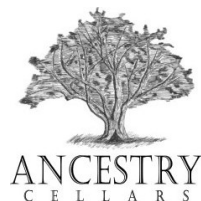
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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As we get ready for CroatiaFest 2023, there is a lot to feel good about. Although a young country on the world stage, Croatia is an ancient nation, with over a thousand years of history. Croats first settled in present-day Croatia in the early 7th century; by the late 8th century, historical records are inscribed with the names of Croatia's rulers. In the 10th century Croatia was a formidable kingdom, ruled by Tomislav, the most famous of Croatia's kings.

Today Croatia is once again a sovereign state — a proud member of the United Nations, NATO and the European Union. On January 1st Croatia joined the Eurozone, replacing the kuna with the euro. Croatia is also a newly minted member of the Schengen Area, which guarantees free movement to EU citizens and tourists within 27 European countries.

On this side of the Atlantic, Croatian citizens no longer need a visa to visit the United States. It is fitting, with 2022 marking 30 years of bilateral ties between Croatia and the United States, that Croatia was welcomed in October 2021 as the 40th member of the U.S.' Visa Waiver Program.

CroatiaFest has become one of the premier events of the Croatian American community. With your support, we will continue to promote Croatia's culture, heritage and history to the Pacific Northwest community.

We look forward to another great day at this year's CroatiaFest — Živila Hrvatska!

Frank Brozovich, Honorary Consul, Republic of Croatia



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## STAY UP TO DATE ONLINE

While we distribute the CroatiaFest newsletter twice a year to keep you informed of the entertainment, festival in October, previous newsletters, and archived activities, and vendors for the upcoming festival, there are times between newsletters that we would like to make you aware of other upcoming events and activities in the Croatian community.

To stay up to date, we invite you to subscribe to the CroatiaFest eNews mailing list. To sign up, go to the Contact page on the CroatiaFest website at <http://www.croatiafest.org/contact>.

The CroatiaFest website has a calendar of events that will

include detailed festival information as we approach our festival in October, previous newsletters, and archived photos and videos of past festivals.

To not miss a beat, also follow CroatiaFest on Facebook and YouTube:

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<https://www.facebook.com/CroatiaFest/>

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[https://www.youtube.com/@croatiafest\\_seattle](https://www.youtube.com/@croatiafest_seattle)

## 2022 FESTIVAL RECAP

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Over the past two years, our planning committee quickly and enthusiastically learned how to produce two virtual festivals with interesting cultural and modern content. The productions that audiences were able to enjoy virtually will continue to be available to be viewed online.

With our in-person festival goals in place for 2022, we decided to continue filming in towns in our area where Croatian immigrants have settled to capture history, interviews, and stories. In the upstairs loft, two screenings were shown of our 2022 production, "From Gorski Kotar to the Cascades," highlighting Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ronald. Also featured in the loft, special guest Renee Pea, Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in Los Angeles, provided useful information about Croatian citizenship. Renee brought representatives from the Consulate Office for our very popular Consular Days, where those seeking Croatian citizenship could submit their applications.

Travel agents from Adriatic Travel provided helpful tips about traveling to Croatia. New to our interactive booths, our young attendees enjoyed a scavenger hunt where they were to find a series of hidden Croatian flags for stamps in a passport provided at the information booth. When completed, satisfied participants were rewarded with a Kraš Croatian chocolate treat for a job well done.

Headed by John Morovich, the art gallery was once again brimming with costumes on display from his personal collection and that of the Seattle Junior Tamburitzans, highlighting garments, accessories, and instruments from villages where many Croatians in the Pacific Northwest emigrated from. Also featured in the art gallery was Washingtonian and Croatian-by-marriage artist Alcena Woods, who presented six of her favorite original watercolor paintings. Art lovers were able to enjoy

Alcena's sense of story by bringing shapes and colors to life with joyful conversations and works for purchase.

Main floor merchants offered a variety of treasures including Croatian souvenirs, imported foods, apparel, handmade wooden bowls and platters, olive oil, and photography. Familiar savory smells of sarma and salmon filled the air both indoors and outdoors as happy diners also enjoyed povitica and palačinke for dessert.

Crowd favorites Marija Mataja and Antonija Stipetić graced our cooking stage by preparing and demonstrating the art of making Košnice od Oraha – a delicious walnut dessert. Marija and Antonija have also opened their home to us over the past two years, demonstrating other recipes for our virtual festival, which can be viewed on our website at [www.croatiafest.org](http://www.croatiafest.org).

For a break from the action, our wine cellar was buzzing with activity where friends gathered, enjoyed live music, and sampled wines from Ancestry Cellars, Vinbero, and Balkan Market. An addition of Croatian liquors and boxed snacks brought new flavors to an already popular attraction.

Outstanding Croatian and Young Croatian awards were presented to Marija Mataja and Madison Mustach to acknowledge their great achievements and contributions to our Croatian community.

As our festival day came to a close, our own Seattle Sinovi and other tamburaši filled the Wing Dome restaurant on the main floor for a jam session, which continued at the after-party celebration at Murphy's Pub in Wallingford.

In closing, as this was our first in-person gathering since 2019, we had absolutely no idea what to expect. Our hardworking and dedicated planning committee was completely humbled by your participation, generosity, and extraordinary turnout. Without you this would not be possible. It is GREAT to be back and to have you here with us then, now, and for years to come!



## CROATIAN SUCCESS IN SPORT

Croatia has historically overachieved in sport for a country with a population of 4 million. From individual accomplishments to international championships, athletes have certainly helped put Croatia on the map and introduced the small country to the world. There has perhaps never been a period filled with as much success for athletes in Croatia and those of Croatian descent as these last few years.

Any discussion of Croatian sport achievements has to start with the Croatian national football team. The Vatreni, as they're affectionately known, captured the hearts of millions during their 2018 World Cup run. Led by Luka Modrić, the team bested Nigeria, Argentina, Iceland, Denmark, Russia, and England on their way to the silver medal. In 2022, the team once again made a deep run in the World Cup, including an exhilarating win against tournament favorites, Brazil. On December 17th, 2022, the team beat Morocco by a final score of 2-1 to take home the bronze medal. Throughout the tournament, many Croatians cheered the team on at watch parties hosted by 5 Spot, a Seattle restaurant and bar that became the unofficial home of the team.

Some of the biggest names in American football coaching also have Croatian roots. Nick Saban, head coach at the University of Alabama since 2007, has won six National Championships during his tenure with the team. His grandfather, Stanko Saban, immigrated to the United States from Gospić. Bill Belichick, with eight Super Bowl rings as head coach of the New England Patriots of the NFL, is the grandson of immigrants from Draganić, near Karlovac. Even Seattle's own Pete Carroll is a Croatian-American – his maternal grandparents came to the United States from the Šibenik area.

Pete Carroll isn't the only Croatian professional sports figure in the Seattle area either. Raúl Ruidíaz, striker for

the Seattle Sounders and star of the Peru national team, has Croatian roots as well – his full name is Raúl Mario Ruidíaz Misitich. Seattle's WNBA team, the Storm, recently signed point guard Ivana Dojkić from Rijeka. Jarred Kelenic, outfielder for the Seattle Mariners, has acknowledged his Croatian heritage in multiple interviews. In Jarred Kelenic's MLB debut, he faced none other than Zach Plesac – a pitcher of Croatian heritage. Last year, the Seattle Mariners even hosted their first annual Croatian Heritage Night on August 5th, with over 300 community members attending to celebrate Croatian culture and enjoy each other's company over a baseball game.

The list goes on – UFC fighter Stipe Miocic is widely celebrated as the greatest heavyweight of all time and holds a number of UFC records. Boxer Filip Hrgović is an undefeated 15-0 in his professional career and his resume continues to grow. The NBA has three current Croatian stars in Bojan Bogdanović, Dario Šarić, and Ivica Zubac. Croatia has also fared well in international water polo, tennis, and handball tournaments.

For a nation with about the same population as the Seattle metropolitan area, Croatia and Croatians around the world have certainly seen their fair share of successes. As the famous song by the late Dino Dvornik and Boris Novković goes – Malo Nas Je, Al Nas Ima!

**The Seattle Mariners are hosting the 2nd annual Croatian Heritage Day at T-Mobile Park on Sunday, July 16th! Buy tickets and learn more about the event at: [mariners.com/Croatia](https://mariners.com/Croatia)**



# CROATIAFEST 2023 IN PICTURES



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## SPEND THE WEEKEND FOR CROATIAFEST

This year, two hotels are eager to be your overnight host during CroatiaFest weekend.

The Maxwell Hotel, located at 300 Roy St., is one block north of the Seattle Center. The hotel is offering a 15% discount off their best available rate, good between September 26th and October 6th, 2023. Book online at [www.staypineapple.com](http://www.staypineapple.com) or via phone at 866-866-7977.

Use Promotion Code CRF.

The Mediterranean Inn returns this year to offer CroatiaFest attendees a 15% discount off their best available rate, good from mid-September to mid-October. Please use the code CroatiaFest23 when booking online at [www.mediterranean-inn.com](http://www.mediterranean-inn.com) or by calling 206-428-4700.



# ADVERTISE IN THE 2023 CROATIAFEST PROGRAM

You can support CroatiaFest by placing an ad in the 2023 CroatiaFest Souvenir Program. Your advertisement will be seen by over 1,000 people at the festival on October 1st at the Seattle Center Armory. All money raised through our souvenir program advertising supports CroatiaFest, a non-profit cultural organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the Croatian culture.

Ads are available as follows:

Full Page (8 ½" x 11") \$500, Half-Page (5.5"x8.5") \$300, Quarter page (4"x5") \$200, Small Ad (2"x2") \$75.00

In addition to being in the printed program, the full color advertisement will appear for one year on the CroatiaFest website at [www.croatiafest.org](http://www.croatiafest.org).

If you have been a previous advertiser, you can let us know if you would like to use last year's ad. We can also create an ad for you if you would prefer. New artwork should be submitted to [programads@croatiafest.org](mailto:programads@croatiafest.org) by August 1st in PDF, JPG or EPS format @ 300 dpi.

If you have any questions or if you want to submit an ad, email Priscilla Lisicich at [michi@rainierconnect.com](mailto:michi@rainierconnect.com).

Payment for ads is due August 30th. Checks should be made payable to CroatiaFest and mailed to: CroatiaFest, P.O. Box 58490, Seattle WA 98138.

Please submit your intention to place an ad no later than August 1st.

## CROATIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16th	SABS Daffodil Dinner, Slavonian Hall, Tacoma
May 6th	Kavana, Kennedy High School, Burien
May 19th-21st	Western Canadian Croatian Folklore Festival, Edmonton, CA
May 26th-29th	NW Folklife Festival, Seattle Center, Seattle
July 1st	Ronald 4th of July Heritage Festival, Hawthorne Hall, Ronald
July 6th-9th	ACAP Conference, Zagreb, Croatia
July 15th	Roslyn Croatian Picnic, Roslyn
July 16th	Seattle Mariners Croatian Heritage Day, T-Mobile Park, Seattle
July 29th	CFU Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
September 30th	CroatiaFest Kick-Off Dance, TBD
October 1st	CroatiaFest, Seattle Center Armory, Seattle
October 4th-8th	Tamburitza Association of America Extravaganza, Cleveland, OH
November 10th-12th	CFU Adult TamFest, Pittsburgh, PA
January 7th, 2024	Festa Tri Kralja, Holy Rosary, West Seattle

# ŽIVJELI TAMBURAŠI!

The Seattle Jr Tamburitians (SJT) was founded in 1970 by Richard L. Major and the late Thomas J. Krmpotich. Based on what Dick witnessed at the Croatian Fraternal Union Junior Cultural Federation Festival in Pueblo, Colorado, SJT was organized to mirror other Junior Tamburitza Orchestras across the USA and Canada. In just three short months, the group was organized, starting with a dozen youngsters with begged and borrowed instruments and costumes, and the group began working in earnest. Soon, the group added a dance section under the direction of Tom's brother Louie Krmpotich and Gloria Barelo, a graduate of the Duquesne University Tamburitians of Pittsburgh, PA. The group soon grew to 40 members.

Within their first ten years, the SJTs performed at the 1974 World's Fair in Spokane, made trips to Vancouver and Nanaimo, BC, Canada and Butte, Montana, and in 1977 recorded a live LP in Roslyn, WA. In the 1980s, the group participated in four CFU Junior Festivals, two of which were held in Zagreb's Vatroslav Lisinski Hall, and performed at the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver, giving SJT the distinction of being the only Junior Tamburitza Ensemble to perform at two World's Fairs. In 1990, SJT and CFU Lodge 439 co-sponsored the CFU Junior Festival at the 5th Avenue Theatre and Westin Hotel in Seattle.

With the untimely passing of Tom Krmpotich in 1989, the next generation of directors led the group to much success. They include Larissa Sandalić, Tim Jovanovich and today's directors, John Morovich, Brenda Huber, and Joanne Abdo; all of whom are SJT alumni. Under this new leadership, the group went on to take four more trips to Croatia and participated in festivals across the USA, Canada, and Croatia. The most prized honor for the group was in 2005, when John Morovich was selected Guest Conductor of the CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival held at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, where he conducted a record 1,000 tamburitza musicians.

Over the past 30 years, the SJT artistic team, consisting of John, Joanne, and Brenda, has created several unique



choreographies and musical arrangements representing the areas where Washington State Croatians trace their roots, including Gorski Kotar, Susak, Metkovic, Zlarin and Dugi Otok, being the only Junior Tamburitza ensemble to do primary folklore research and oversee the sewing of authentic costume replicas. The authentic replication of the Zlarin costume was showcased when the group performed on the Croatian TV program "Dobro Jutro Hrvatska" (Good Morning Croatia) in Zagreb in 2018. Through the generosity of community members, the group has acquired dozens of museum-quality costumes, a research and music library, and dozens of instruments. Brenda and Joanne have gone to great lengths to create authentic beaded jewelry, preserving traditions which are now being lost in the homeland.

No tamburitza organization in the area has had the impact that the Seattle Junior Tamburitians has to the Pacific Northwest folklore and Croatian communities. Over 500 youngsters have passed through the SJT ranks, and many alumni are leaders in our community today.

SJT will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on May 6th with KAVANA 2023 at Kennedy Catholic High School. The evening will feature performances by SJT, along with Kisobran and Sinovi, who are made up of many SJT alumni, along with a menu of traditional Croatian cuisine. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting <http://www.seattlejuniortammies.org>. Doors open at 4:30 pm, with dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by performances at 7pm and dancing afterwards.



## CROATIAN CONSULAR DAYS

CroatiaFest is honored to partner with Renee Pea, Consul General of Croatia in Los Angeles, to once again host Croatian Consular Days at CroatiaFest this year on Sunday, October 1st at the Seattle Center Armory.

Bring your applications, documents to have notarized, certify or renew your Croatian documents, passports, fingerprints, visas, or citizenship. To prepare for your appointment, please check the Consulate General's website at [www.us.mvp.hr](http://www.us.mvp.hr) and ensure you bring all documentation and materials necessary for processing.

PLEASE NOTE! Croatian citizenship applications require an extensive amount of paperwork, which needs to be

gathered and prepared in advance. Review the website, and start putting documents together now in preparation for October. You must also bring your own copies, as there is not a way to make copies on-site.

On September 1st, the Consulate in Los Angeles will begin taking appointments for CroatiaFest. To schedule your appointment or if you have questions, please contact the Los Angeles Consulate by phone (310-477-1009 ) or email ([crocons.los-angeles@mvep.hr](mailto:crocons.los-angeles@mvep.hr)). There are limited time slots available, so be sure to schedule as soon as possible around the beginning of September.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Consul General Renee Pea and the Consular Staff for this wonderful opportunity for our community!

## NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING CROATIANS

Do you know someone in the Pacific Northwest who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving and celebrating the culture, heritage, and traditions of Croatia? We invite you to nominate them for consideration for the Outstanding Croatian of the Year award. Each year, the CroatiaFest Board selects an adult and a young person to receive this award and be honored during the annual CroatiaFest celebration at the Seattle Armory. Past honorees have been selected for preserving aspects of Croatian heritage including music, dance, food, history, and traditions.

Submitting a nomination is easy – please provide (in essay form) the name of your nominee and why you think they deserve this award. Include information about the nominee's contributions to any projects, events, community installations, or commitment to sharing the Croatian culture with regional, state, national and/or international communities.

Submissions are due by June 30th, 2023. Please send them to Priscilla Lisicich at [michi@rainierconnect.com](mailto:michi@rainierconnect.com) or call 253-905-4000 for more information. Hvala!

## THANK YOU, DONORS!

The 2023 CroatiaFest committee would like to express its deepest thanks to our donors for supporting CroatiaFest. Gifts from donors provide the financial support needed to promote Croatian culture in the Pacific Northwest.

We acknowledge donors who contribute \$100 or more by invitation to our Donors' Brunch. This year's brunch will again be held in the Seattle Center Armory next to the Art Gallery from 10 am to 12 pm. Please join us to chat with your fellow supporters, Honorary Croatian Consul Frank Brozovich, Croatian Ambassador to the United States Pjer Šimunović, and Croatian Consul General of Los Angeles Renee Pea.

If it weren't for faithful supporters like you, we wouldn't exist. The culmination of your dollars brings Croatian music, dance, history, genealogy, art, and traditions to not only Croatians but to the general public. Simply put, you are the reason for CroatiaFest's success.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude. We at CroatiaFest are continually inspired by and grateful for our donors' dedication and generosity.

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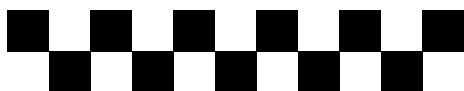




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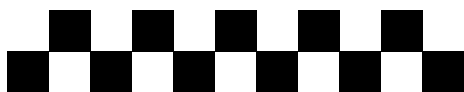
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