

2020 FESTIVAL AT SEATTLE CENTER CANCELLED

COVID-19 has interrupted and changed our lives more than anything else in recent history. Social distancing and shelter-in-place orders have affected all of us, and it is apparent that things will not be back to normal for some time.

Because of this, the CroatiaFest Planning Committee, in consultation with Seattle Center, has made the very difficult decision to cancel our scheduled festival in October at the Seattle Center Armory. With the uncertainty of what social gatherings will look like in the next several months, we thought it prudent to cancel the festival before planning and incurring expenses for a festival that we very well may not be able to hold.

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL BEING PLANNED

Even though we will not be able to gather together at Seattle Center this year, that doesn't mean that there will not be a CroatiaFest. We are in the process of planning an online virtual festival. Make sure to like the official CroatiaFest Facebook page, which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/CroatiaFest/>.

We will be sharing updates via Facebook, email, and on the CroatiaFest website as plans are finalized. We hope to bring you interesting, informative, and entertaining segments that you can view live on your home computer or at any time after they have been recorded and posted.

Thank you for your past support and we hope that you will continue to support CroatiaFest in the future. Hopefully we will all be able to gather together at Seattle Center to celebrate our beautiful Croatian culture in October of 2021.



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Croatian Americans,

In these trying times, my thoughts are with you, with the hope that you and your families have escaped the pandemic and along with our fellow Americans will safely survive through it.

I read somewhere, "It is important that we preserve our history and not forget who we are." And in our annual celebration of CroatiaFest, that is our endeavor.

On March 22nd, in the wake of the pandemic, a devastating earthquake shook Zagreb, the

capital city of Croatia. This is a severe setback to the country from where our roots spring. The Croatian economy has

now taken a further hit, along with destructive property damage to many homes and historic buildings, including cultural institutions and the Zagreb Cathedral.

Back in 1880, an earthquake of even greater magnitude struck Croatia. Similar to today, the Great Zagreb Earthquake destroyed and damaged over 1,750 buildings. At first considered a catastrophe, the earthquake spurred new construction in the capital, while the Zagreb Cathedral underwent decades of reconstruction. By 1906, this

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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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RECAP: CROATIAFEST 2019

CroatiaFest 2019, “Under the Umbrellas,” was an exciting collaboration of what our own Croatian-American arts community has to offer. The Armory became our living room and brought us all together in the spirit of family and heritage.

The third floor of the Armory was a flurry of activity. The art gallery presented antique, original costumes from the collection of the Seattle Junior Tamburitians, a photo exhibit showcasing the first 15 years of CroatiaFest, and an exhibit by the Slavonian American Benevolent Society titled “Croatia to America.” Our artist’s corner was full of artists from around the region with their paintings and interactive artwork. Christine Zuvela Witte and Danica Morovic displayed their beautiful watercolors in the gallery which was the perfect segue into our main lecture hall. We had interactive booths with our local artists: Joanne Martinis showed wool textiles, Brenda Longnecker Huber featured intricate Kraluš necklaces with expert Vesna Vurušić Pećanić via Skype, and Pag lace expert Jasna Pecaric and Lori Ferguson demonstrated the fine art of lace making. Attorney Don Markusic from Zagreb answered questions and presented on Croatian legal matters pertaining to Croatian real estate. Members of the Croatian Consulate Office of Los Angeles were available to assist with citizenship. In the Kids’ Activity Center, children crafted ornaments in the traditional Croatian style for their own holiday trees.

Our main stage was alive with our wonderful local and regional performers. For the first time in Seattle, we welcomed KUD Hrvatska Baština, an ensemble of talented performers from the Chicago area. Rakija Bend, also from Chicago, was back by popular demand and kept the Armory Stage and Saturday night party full of music. The Croatian Ambassador to the United States, Pjer Šimunović, presented the Outstanding Croatian Awards to Zvonimir Aničić and Michael Marinkovich.

Families gather annually at our festival and this year was no exception. A History Keepers workshop, presented by Anne Jenner, Chrystal Rodgers and Rosanna Gostovich Royer, was brought to us by the wonderful collaboration of the Ethnic Heritage Council and the University

of Washington. They taught us all how to be our own keepers of our family histories, preserving our traditions and stories for generations to come. The Kako Se Kaže booth had translators available to read treasured letters, documents, notes on the backs of tattered photos, and parish priest notes, which shared messages of our elders and ancestors that have been passed from generation to generation. Genealogist Robert Jerin was on hand to help guests discover their Croatian roots.



Of course, it goes without saying that the most traditional art form of our heritage is our food and wine. The food vendors, all led by local Croatian-American volunteers, brought us roasted lamb, salmon, čevapčići, and peka. Our local chefs demonstrated the delicate wonder of Breskvice cookies and spaetzle dumplings. Local vintners Jason Morin and Richard Kinssies spent the afternoon pouring their wine in the CroatiaFest cellars with our local klape and tambura groups entertaining the guests.

It is humbling to see what we are able to present each year with the tireless efforts of our exceptional volunteers and community members and EACH ONE OF YOU! Your donations,

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NEW INTERPRETIVE KIOSK IN ROSLYN

The Roslyn Historic Cemeteries will celebrate their treasured heritage and history with a dedication ceremony unveiling a new interpretive kiosk. Originally scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, the ceremony has now been delayed until June or July.

Dick Watts, the Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club, and members of the Cemetery Committee are diligently working to enter names of 5,000 interred in the ethnic cemeteries. Lynda Solter, Maria Adams, and Lorrie Sivich are charged with this monumental task. They need your help.

Many Croatians are buried in the Roslyn Historic Cemeteries and the committee is requesting photos and information of your ancestors buried there. These may be used for archival and future displays.

Please submit this information via email to roslyncemeterykiosks@gmail.com or mail to: Cemetery Committee at PO Box 356, Roslyn,



WA 98941. Follow their progress at roslyn.akiosks.com.

Unfortunately, the committee has had to cancel their upcoming cemetery work parties, but they are looking forward to rescheduling in the future. To volunteer for future work parties, please contact Dick Watts at (425) 941-2296 or via email at richardm50@msn.com.

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symbol of our homeland had been restored to its former glory.

Throughout one thousand years of history, Croatia always rose up and will do so again. Let's do everything we can to help Croatia overcome this latest setback.

CroatiaFest will not be presented this year, but with your help we will come back next year bigger and better than ever. Until then, keep safe, keep Croatia in your heart – and all the best to you from our CroatiaFest family.

Sincerely,
Frank Brozovich
Honorary Consul
Republic of Croatia

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gifts, and tremendous support make this festival bigger and better each year. Without your dedication none of this would be possible. Thank you!

This Spring, as we are all home, we can still continue to embrace what we hold most dear about our heritage and community. Technology brings us closer together when we are far apart. Be sure to check out the Facebook and Instagram pages of some of CroatiaFest's performers who are posting live concerts or showing videos of past performances. John Morovich performs on Facebook Live, as well as Sinovi of Chicago, and Rakija Bend, to name a few. Follow their pages, fill your glass, and sing along. We will all be together again, under the umbrellas, but until then, be safe, be healthy and vidimo se!

ASSOCIATION OF CROATIAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS - SEATTLE CHAPTER LAUNCH

Seattle joins Zagreb, New York, and other prominent Croatian-American communities in launching a local chapter of the Association of Croatian American Professionals (ACAP).



As the newest chapter, Seattle has already started connecting Croatians new to the city with the existing community and contributing efforts to the broader communities in times of crisis. Currently, their top priorities are their Zagreb earthquake recovery fundraiser, support to Seattle-Croatian businesses, and launching virtual gatherings and events (such as Croatian trivia night).

On an international level, ACAP connects Croatians across the globe in working together to make positive changes both in Croatia and in local communities. With over 15 chapters and 750+ members, ACAP continues to grow and provide a network that links together Croatians from all corners of the world.

Members represent all facets of the international professional community, such as scientists, doctors, athletes, engineers, attorneys, artists, business executives, students, and more.

The new chapter in Seattle is striving to further the mission of encouraging Croatian-American business and trade by working on matters of common concern for the good of the communities in Croatia and abroad.

ZAGREB EARTHQUAKE

In March, Zagreb was hit by a magnitude 5.4 earthquake. As Zagreb starts to rebuild, ACAP has launched a national fundraiser to help Zagreb hospitals which are essential in

protecting newborns, mothers, and patients during the COVID-19 outbreak. ACAP has already raised \$160k of their \$200k goal to aid the hospitals in repairing damages and acquiring necessary equipment.

To find information about events, please join their Facebook group or visit the Seattle page on the CroAmPro website.

Reach out on Facebook or email the chapter at seattle@croampro.com if you have any questions regarding membership and local participation. For more information and to become an official member, please visit and register at www.croampro.com.



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In the top row, from left to right, are Matija Milišić, Mislav Magerl, Andrea Kunza, and Tvrtko Tadić. Sitting down, from left to right, are Marko Raguž, Michael Kunza, Petra Vujević, Anna Kunza, and Lucija Filipac.

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