

Croatia Fest

Newsletter
Spring
2024

2023 FESTIVAL A SUCCESS; 2024 PLANNING UNDERWAY

CroatiaFest 2024

Saturday, Oct. 5th

Dance and Sing-Along

Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall

Music by Rakija Bend

Sunday, Oct. 6th

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



2023 CROATIAFEST RECAP

CroatiaFest 2023 was a vibrant celebration of Croatian culture in the Pacific Northwest, and there is no shortage of highlights from the festival and the weeks leading up to it.

In September, it was our highest honor to cohost the Croatian Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Gordan Grlić-Radman, who made Seattle one of his stops on a brief visit to the United States. Upon landing at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Mr. Grlić-Radman and his staff traveled directly to Gig Harbor. They visited the Harbor History Museum and were treated to a lovely reception at the Skansie Netshed, where they were greeted by Gig Harbor Mayor Tracie Markley and local community members. Later that evening, another reception was held at the Seattle Arboretum, where the Minister, Croatian Ambassador to the United States Pjer Šimunović, and Consul General of Croatia in Los Angeles Renee Pea met with Croatian Americans, with the colorful

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SPEND THE WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE CROATIAFEST'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate 20 years of CroatiaFest! Come Saturday, October 5th for the dance party and stay for the festival the next day. This year, two hotels are eager to be your overnight host during CroatiaFest weekend.

The Mediterranean Inn, located at 425 Queen Anne Ave. N., is offering CroatiaFest attendees a 15% discount off of their best available rate. Please use the code CroatiaFest when booking online at www.mediterranean-inn.com, or by calling 206-428-4700. The offer is valid from October 1st through October 15th.

The Maxwell Hotel, located at 300 Roy St. (one block north of the Seattle Center), is also offering a 15% discount off their best available rate. Please use the code CRF when booking online at www.staypineapple.com, or by calling 866-866-7977. The offer is valid from October 4th through October 7th.



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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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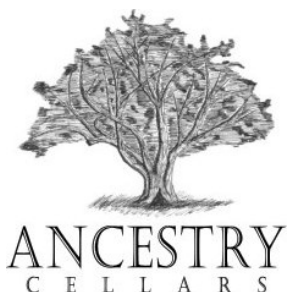
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2023 FESTIVAL RECAP

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tambura music of Seattle Sinovi providing the backdrop. The following morning, he attended a meeting in downtown Seattle with approximately 30 Croatian Americans representing various Pacific Northwest businesses and enterprises. Included in this prestigious group of attendees were Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission of the United States Max Vekich, Washington State Representative Frank Chopp, and former Port of Tacoma Commissioner Clare Petrich, each of whom offered insights and thoughtful presentations highlighting Croatians who have contributed to the building of our cities and who continue to thrive in their fields. The Minister ended his trip with visits to Pike Place Market and the Space Needle. The weekend was a huge success, and we are told that Mr. Grlić-Radman still reflects about the wonderful experience that he had in the Pacific Northwest.

With the excitement of the Minister's visit, our planning committee had full momentum to prepare for our 20th CroatiaFest. The festivities began with the Saturday night kickoff dance at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall with food prepared by the Seattle Junior Tamburitzaans and music by Trubaduri of Pittsburgh.

As always, our event, which is the only festival of its kind in the United States, delivered lively main stage performances, traditional foods, delightful gift and information booths, and historical exhibits full of stories and interesting facts about culture, costumes, sports, and more. Our donor brunch was the perfect place to start off the day, leading to the opening ceremonies where Director of Seattle Center Marshall Foster, Ambassador Pjer Šimunović, and Consul General Renee Pea gave warm welcome speeches. Later that day and for the first time on the main stage, Ms. Pea swore in approximately 30 people in a moving ceremony to receive their Croatian citizenship. Additionally, for those who were ready to apply for Croatian citizenship, our Consular Days team from the Consulate in Los Angeles was honoring appointments to start the citizenship process. Finally, to wrap up her busy day, Ms. Pea gave a lecture in our upstairs loft called "What Can Croatia Do For You?" She gave information on language classes, business opportunities, scholarships, and higher education. Also located upstairs were our art gallery featuring Croatians in sport and the always popular wine tasting room and cooking demonstrations.

The familiar savory smells of homemade sarma, barbecued lamb, and ćevapi filled the air to tempt our tastebuds. Attendees also enjoyed sweet treats such as palačinke, povitica, and even travel themed Shishkaberies named "The Banana Split" and "The Berry Dubrovnik."

It was hard to miss the massive display of the traditional Croatian fishing skiff named "Brač," located at the Armory entrance, with the checkers and bold colors of the Croatian flag on its proud sails. Boat builder and Tacoma native Mike Vlahovich moved to the island of Brač where he learned how to make the authentic Croatian skiff. He generously arranged to haul the skiff by trailer to the Armory. This addition was truly special as it captured the essence of our festival and was a popular attraction for photo opportunities while learning the history of its creation!

Our planning committee, in collaboration with the Seattle Center, is excited to deliver all the superb features that CroatiaFest has to offer as we celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2024. Your participation and generosity fuel us to think big, provide an event for all ages to enjoy, and gather "under the umbrellas" as our tradition continues!

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

To America: The Immigrant

In the late 19th and early 20th century, a wave of humanity from Europe crossed the Atlantic, meeting the American Dream on Ellis Island. Those from Eastern Europe traveled onward to the steel mills of Pittsburgh, the copper mines of upper Michigan and Butte, Montana and the coal mines of Illinois and Roslyn, Washington.

Many fleeing instability and economic distress were from Croatia. My father was one of them. His story — unique yet typical — carried him from a mountainous European hinterland to legendary America, then across the Wild West.

Stanislav was born in 1891 in Mrkopalj, a subalpine village in Gorski Kotar, Croatia.

The men of Gorski Kotar were known as expert woodsmen; they were often recruited to work in other regions. When Stanislav was just one year old, his father left for Bosnia. He never came back. He was killed in a forestry accident, as his own lumberjack father had been felled down in Gorski Kotar.

Stanislav's mother Antonija was left a 15-year-old pregnant widow. Life would not be easy for the young widow, Stanislav or his little sister Eva. His mother later remarried a widower with two young daughters.

There was immediate friction between Stanislav and his new stepfather. Life together was untenable, so Antonija gave Stanislav to a landowner to work on his farm, taking care of the animals, with the understanding that after a number of years he would be paid two gold crowns.

The man liked Stanislav — he was a good worker. Their bond of trust was exemplified one snowy winter when his boss told the young boy: "Harness the horse to the sled. We are going to Fuzine to pick up a friend at the train depot." On the way back over the dangerous terrain, the friend asked, "Are you not afraid with this boy guiding the horse?" The reply was, "Do not worry — ovaj mali (this little one) would take us to Jerusalem and back." One day, his mother approached the farmer to tell him their family was going to America — she had come to collect the two gold crowns owed on the contract. He reneged and gave her only one crown. Antonija, a principled woman, refused the crown and left, saying she would not be party to a dishonored contract.

Stanislav momentarily remained behind. The landowner wrapped the crown in a kerchief and handed it to him. One crown, thought Stanislav, was a whole lot better than no crowns at all.

Alongside his mother and sister, Stanislav sailed on the SS La Lorraine from the port of Le Havre, France. Departing July 3rd, they arrived at Ellis Island on July 11th, 1903. Immigration records list his name, birthplace and nationality: *Brozovic, Stanislav; Mrkopalj, Austria; Hungary, Croatian.*



The family then traveled by rail across the United States to Roslyn, WA to rejoin his stepfather and stepsisters, who had already made the arduous transatlantic and cross-country passage.

Friction was again constant between Stanislav and his stepfather. Stanislav had several uncles working in the coal mines of New Mexico, still a territory at the time. After he wrote them, recounting his problems, one uncle sent money for a train ticket, a coat and a hat.

He boarded the train wearing his new hat and coat, with written instructions stating where he was bound. Stanislav spoke no English yet, but his journey across the American frontier had begun.

The train's first stop was Portland, Oregon. The conductor took him to a hotel across the street from the depot. The charge for a night was one dollar — it was a nice room and clean too! Pointing to the hotel tower clock, the conductor conveyed what time he should return to the depot. Stanislav stayed up all night, watching the clock.

From Portland, the train left for San Francisco. It arrived at a depot on the outskirts on April 18, 1906 —the day of the Great Earthquake. The quake was over, but the city was aflame, billowing with the smoke of a fire that would last 3 days.

Alone in the depot, speaking no English, Stanislav was approached by a few Chinese men who offered him boiled eggs. Having never seen an Asian person before, he refused their offer of assistance and shouted in Croatian: "I am Austrian!"

Two tall Dalmatians appeared from nowhere and asked "Mali, are you one of ours?" "Yes, yes!" he replied. Come with us, they said, then took him to their restaurant, which had not yet been burned. They were the Tadich brothers from San Francisco's famed Tadich Grill, the third oldest restaurant in the U.S.

After a short respite, the Tadiches ferried the young teen across the Bay to continue his odyssey to the now ghost town of Carthage, New Mexico. Peering out the open window at the wonders of the West, Stanislav's new cap blew off. Once again, calamity had struck. Crestfallen, he watched as a traveling salesman approached from the front of the coach. The man stopped and opened his valise — it was full of hats! He pulled one out and plopped the new hat down on Stanislav's head. Such was Americana. The world was bright once again.

Stanislav's saga in the New World recommenced. As the train hurtled down the tracks, he was rushing toward his new life in America.



STAY CONNECTED WITH CROATIAFEST ONLINE

At CroatiaFest, we're passionate about celebrating Croatian culture, music, and traditions. While our biannual newsletter keeps you informed about upcoming festivals, entertainment, and vendors, we understand that there are moments between newsletters when you'd like to stay in the loop. Here's how you can stay up to date:

Subscribe to CroatiaFest eNews: Join our mailing list to receive timely updates on events, activities, and community happenings. Visit the "Contact Us" page on the CroatiaFest website to sign up.

Explore Our Website:

- **Croatian Events:** Discover events hosted by local Croatian communities and other events leading up to the festival in October.
- **Advertisers:** Support local businesses and explore our list of advertisers and vendors.
- **CroatiaFest Gallery:** Relive the magic of past festivals through captivating photos.

Follow Us on Social Media:

- **Facebook:** Connect with us on Facebook for updates, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and community stories.
- **YouTube:** Subscribe to our YouTube channel for exclusive content, performances, and festival highlights.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

2024 OUTSTANDING CROATIANS

Do you know somebody who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving and celebrating the Croatian heritage and traditions in our region? We want you to nominate them for consideration for the Outstanding Croatian of the Year award. Each year the CroatiaFest Board selects one adult and one young person to receive this award and be honored on the stage of the annual CroatiaFest celebration at the Seattle Center Armory. Entries in the past have been made for those who help celebrate the Croatian cuisine, dance, music and preservation of our cultural history.

We have two categories - Outstanding Croatian of the Year and Outstanding Young Croatian of the Year (under 30 years of age).

To submit a nomination, please provide (in essay form) the name of the person you would like to nominate and why you think they deserve this award – it's that simple! Please include information about any projects, events, community installations, or commitments to sharing the Croatian culture with the regional, State, national and/or international communities.

Submissions are due by June 30th, 2024. Send your nomination to Priscilla Lisicich at michi@rainierconnect.com or call 253-905-4000 for more information. Hvala!

ADVERTISE WITH CROATIAFEST

You can support CroatiaFest by placing an ad in the 2024 CroatiaFest Souvenir Program. Your advertisement will be seen by over 1,000 people at the festival. The full color advertisement will also appear for one year on the CroatiaFest website – www.croatiafest.org. All money raised through our souvenir program advertising supports CroatiaFest, a non-profit organization that promotes and preserves Croatian culture.

Ads are available as follows:

Full Page (8.5" x 11") \$500 Half Page (5.5" x 8.5") \$300

Quarter Page (4" x 5") \$200 Small Ad (2" x 2") \$75.00

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 treasurer@croatiafest.org by August 1st in PDF, JPG, or EPS format @ 300 dpi.

If you have any questions or to submit an ad, please email Priscilla Lisicich at michi@rainierconnect.com.

Payments for ads are due by 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.

GUEST GROUPS AT CROATIAFEST: NOVA NADA, RAKIJA BEND, AND ŠARENA

Making its first appearance at CroatiaFest is Croatian Folklore Ensemble Nova Nada. Formed in 1995 in Detroit, Michigan, the group preserves and promotes Croatian folklore through song and dance. The group is under the direction of Steve Talan and authentically recreates traditions and village scenes in a way that all audiences can appreciate. Nova Nada has performed throughout the USA, Canada, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia and Austria.

Joining us again for our Saturday night welcome dance is the ever-popular Rakija Bend of Chicago. The beginning of Rakija Bend is hard to date because its existence theoretically started over four decades ago. Members of Rakija have played Croatian music together in various combinations, whether it was in other bands or with Croatian folklore groups in Chicago. It just so happens that this version started almost 15 years ago and is still promoting the Croatian culture that the band's members are proud to have been raised in. To Rakija Bend, the more important question is not who they are but what we intend to do with what they have, and that is the ability to further promote Croatian culture to the younger generations like their parents did for them.

Members of Rakija Bend are Pete Naumovski, Steve Ovanin, Paul Prša, Ivica Hostička, Ivan Mulac, and Mate Mulac.

The third guest group is the Šarena Tamburitza Orchestra of Cleveland, Ohio. Šarena will be doing double duty, providing live music for Nova Nada and gracing our stage and wine garden with lively tamburitza music. One of the few all-female tamburitza bands, they are known as the band which has an encyclopedic knowledge of every song superbly performed in four part vocal harmony. Šarena was formed in 1996 by combining the Danica Orchestra and the Trivanovich Sisters Orchestra. They have been entertaining listeners since then, attending Tamburitza Association of America (TAA) Extravaganzas, weddings, graduations, private parties, picnics, and festivals.

The four current members of Šarena are Marci Coleff and Becky Bruck on brač and vocals, Denise Mulec on bugarija and vocals, and Nisi Pozderac on bass and vocals. Marci, Denise, and Nisi were inducted into the TAA Hall of Fame in 2016 and also received the President's Award from the TAA in 2013 for their dedication to preserving tamburitza music. Marci also received the Founder's Award in 1994.

CELEBRATE CROATIAN HERITAGE AT T-MOBILE PARK

For the third consecutive year, baseball fans and Croatians can celebrate Croatian Heritage Day with the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park. On Sunday, June 16th, the Mariners play the Texas Rangers at 1:10 PM, and all attendees who purchase a ticket to the game through a special offer linked on the Mariners' website will receive a specially-priced \$41 Main Level ticket, along with a limited-edition Croatian Heritage Mariners Hat.

This event has quickly become a staple of the Croatian

summer event calendar in the Pacific Northwest. Last year, hundreds of Croatians from across the region (and across the country) showed up and covered the right field line in a sea of red and white checkers - a sight to behold.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, June 14th at 5:00 PM. To buy tickets, please visit:

www.mariners.com/croatia

THE TAMBURITZANS

RETURN TO SEATTLE

Celebrating their 87th Season, the Tamburitans are excited to return to the Seattle area for a performance on Friday, May 17th at 7pm at the Edmonds Center for the Arts. America's longest running live stage show, the troupe is especially excited to show off their newest production, Reflections. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.edmondscenterforthearts.org

"Whether this is your first show or your 50th, our performance this year feels like you're seeing the Tamburitans for the first time," says Alyssa Bushunow, Executive Director and former performer with the ensemble. "With the new technology, costumes, and format of our show, there is a feeling of immersion in these world heritages. One second you're sitting in Seattle, and the next you've been transported to a village square halfway across the world!"

Artistic Director George "Butch" Kresovich describes the show as "Folk... with a Fresh Coat of Paint." With a background in Entertainment at Disney, Butch knows what it takes to captivate an audience. To him, the Tamburitzan production is a delicate balancing act. "Tradition and modernity, education and entertainment, these are all ingredients mixed to perfection to craft a phenomenal show." Traversing Croatia, Bulgaria, Armenia, Ukraine, and more, 27 talented artists will escort audiences across the globe in just two hours of song and dance.

While some things have changed, one thing that hasn't is the Tamburitzan mission of Scholarship, Performance, and Tradition. All performers are still full-time college students at a Pittsburgh based college or university. Traveling on the weekends to share their talents, they then return to Pennsylvania just in time for class Monday mornings. A Tamburitzan ticket supports not just the Arts, but the academic dreams of future teachers, lawyers, nurses, and music and business professionals.

A Seattle Connection

Two Tamburitzan cast members are also former Seattle

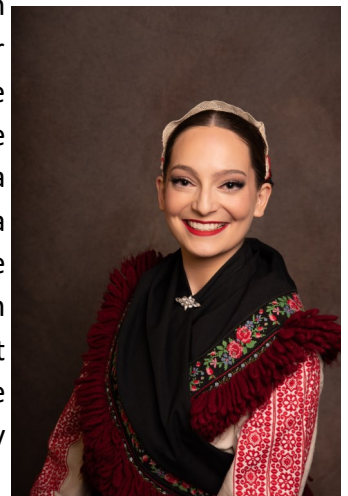
Junior Tamburitans – Madison "Maddie" Mustach and Evelyn Posavatz.



This is Maddie's official home concert. An SJT Alumna, she performed for eight years as a singer, dancer, and prim player. She was honored to be selected as the 2022 CroatiaFest Young Croatian of the Year. Maddie is the first performer from Washington State to join The Tamburitans and is currently performing in her fifth year with the group.

Graduating from Duquesne University in May 2023, she earned a dual major in Business Management and Digital Marketing. She is currently enrolled in Duquesne's Master's Program and will be graduating in December 2024. Maddie is excited to return home and perform with The Tamburitans in front of her family and friends. Her only wish is that her late grandfather Steve Mustach could have seen this performance.

Evelyn Posavatz began her Tamburitzan journey in 2012, at the age of nine, with the Seattle Junior Tamburitans. Evelyn fell in love with dancing and tamburitza music. She performed with the SJTs for seven years until her family relocated back to her parents' hometown of Pittsburgh in 2019. She immediately joined Pittsburgh's Junior Tamburitans of Duquesne, where she continued to grow as a performer until her high school graduation in 2022. Evelyn is now in her second year with the Tamburitans. She attends the University of Pittsburgh with a Major in Anthropology and a Minor in Croatian language studies. She is thrilled to return to Seattle, and perform in front of her SJT family and the Seattle Croatian community that is so dear to her heart.



THANK YOU, DONORS!

The 2024 CroatiaFest committee would like to express its deepest thanks for all donations to CroatiaFest. Gifts from donors provide the financial support needed to promote Croatian culture in the Seattle area.

We acknowledge donors who contribute \$100 or more by invitation to our Donors' Brunch on the day of our festival.

All supporters like you are the wind beneath our wings. The culmination of your dollars brings Croatian music, dance, history, genealogy, art, and traditions to not only

Croatians but the general public. You are the reason for CroatiaFest's success, and we are inspired by and grateful for your generosity.

CONSULAR DAYS

As always the Croatian Consulate will be in town for CroatiaFest in October. As plans are finalized and more detailed information is available, they will be provided on our website at www.croatiafest.org. More information will also be provided in our Fall newsletter.

CROATIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4th	Seattle Junior Tamburitians Kavana, Kennedy High School, Burien, WA
May 17th	The Tamburitians Present "Reflections," Edmonds Center for the Arts, Edmonds, WA
May 18th	Spring Dinner, American Croatian Club of Anacortes, Anacortes, WA
May 24th-27th	NW Folklife Festival, Seattle Center, Seattle, WA
June 1st	TOKS 40th Anniversary Celebration, Vancouver, BC
June 8th	Skansie Netshed Foundation Salmon Dinner, Gig Harbor Yacht Club, Gig Harbor, WA
June 16th	Seattle Mariners Croatian Heritage Day, T-Mobile Park, Seattle, WA
June 28th-29th	CFU Junior/Adult Tamburitza Festival, Lisinski Hall, Zagreb, Croatia
July 6th	Ronald 4th of July Heritage Festival, Hawthorne Hall, Ronald, WA
July 20th	Roslyn Croatian Picnic, Roslyn, WA
July 27th	CFU Seattle Lodge 439 Annual Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley, WA
Sept. 19th-21st	Tamburitza Association of America Extravaganza, Seven Springs, PA
September 28th	Historic Slavonian Hall Foundation Gala, Slavonian Hall, Tacoma, WA
October 3rd-6th	Association of Croatian American Professionals Conference, Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, NV
October 5th	CroatiaFest Kickoff Dance, Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, West Seattle, WA
October 6th	CroatiaFest, Seattle Center Armory, Seattle, WA
December 14th	SABS Christmas Party, Slavonian Hall, Tacoma, WA
January 5, 2025	Fešta Tri Kralja, Holy Rosary, West Seattle, WA

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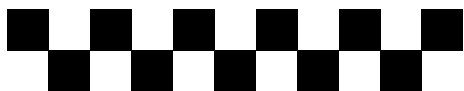
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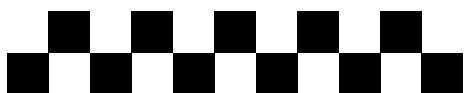
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