

Croatia Fest

Newsletter
Spring
2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CROATIAFEST 2025!

CroatiaFest 2025

Saturday, Oct. 4th

Dance and Sing-Along

Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall
Walmesley Center
7000 25th Ave SW, Seattle

Sunday, Oct. 5th

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
facebook.com/CroatiaFest

Unless otherwise specified,
CroatiaFest activities on Sunday,
October 5th are FREE and open to
the public.



2024 CROATIAFEST RECAP

Celebrating our 20th anniversary, the festivities began with the return of the Saturday night Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe where Celebrant Father Tim Clark, who is of Croatian descent, celebrated mass accompanied by music provided by Tamburitza Orchestra Kišobran of Seattle. A welcome dance followed at the church hall, with traditional food prepared by the Seattle Junior Tamburitizens and lively tambura music by Rakija Bend of Chicago. Both local and out-of-town attendees savored the delicacies and kicked their heels to endless kolo dancing throughout the night.

Our donor brunch launched the day of festivities where CroatiaFest President Cathryn Morovich thanked the attendees and introduced CroatiaFest Chairman of the Board Frank Brozovich, Ambassador to the

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SPEND THE WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE CROATIAFEST

Come to the Dance Party on Saturday, October 4th and stay overnight for the festival the next day. There are two hotels that look forward to being your overnight hosts during the CroatiaFest weekend.

The Maxwell Hotel, a StayPineapple hotel located at 300 Roy St., is one block north of the Seattle Center. StayPineapple is offering a 20% discount off their best available rate from now until March 17, 2026, and the discount applies to all of their hotels nationwide.

The Residence Inn Seattle Downtown/Lake Union is close to Seattle Center, across the street from Lake Union, and it is offering a reduced room rate from October 4th through 6th, 2025. Reservations must be made by September 6th, 2025 to get this rate.

To book either The Maxwell Hotel or The Residence Inn at their discounted rates, please visit www.CroatiaFest.org and scroll to the hotel information, where you will find direct booking links.



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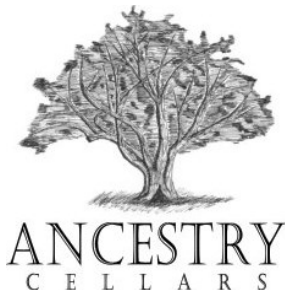
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

2024 was a milestone year for CroatiaFest as we celebrated our 20th anniversary. Thank you to all the performers, merchants and volunteers who have generously contributed their time and talents to the festival. We are proud to be considered one of the premiere festivals in the Festál Series at the Seattle Center. A special thank you to all who support CroatiaFest annually both financially and with your grand attendance. We could not do this without you!

Plans are now underway for CroatiaFest 2025, bringing you both local and national quality entertainment, authentic cuisine, Croatian themed gifts, children's activities, interesting exhibits and displays, travel information for Croatia, fine wines, and cooking demonstrations. We also provide the opportunity and the convenience to handle your personal business in obtaining Croatian citizenship with the staff of the Croatian Consulate from Los Angeles. I invite you to visit the CroatiaFest website periodically at www.CroatiaFest.org for upcoming events in our area. By visiting our website, you can also sign up to receive information via email by clicking "About" and scrolling to "Contact Us" to subscribe to our eNews.

Finally, I want to thank our devoted CroatiaFest Planning Committee who volunteer their time and expertise with no compensation to present CroatiaFest annually. Their dedication to the preservation and promotion of Croatian culture by producing CroatiaFest and showcasing our heritage to the general public is admirable and appreciated.

Hvala!

- Cathryn Morovich, President, CroatiaFest



STAY CONNECTED WITH CROATIAFEST ONLINE

At CroatiaFest, we're passionate about celebrating Croatian culture. 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 updates on events, activities, and community happenings. Visit the "Contact Us" page at www.CroatiaFest.org 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.

You can also find us on Facebook and YouTube for updates, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and community stories.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

2024 FESTIVAL RECAP

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United States Pjer Šimunović, and Croatian Consul General in Los Angeles Renee Pea, all of whom gave cordial welcome speeches. Accordionist Michael Marinkovich charmed the guests as he entertained with old and new songs while our guests fueled up for the big day.

At the opening ceremonies on the main stage, Maria Kesovija and John Morovich sang the American and Canadian national anthems. It was our distinct honor to invite Klapa Folklorno Društvo Kumpanija and Kvartet Portun, from Vela Luka,



Croatia, to harmoniously sing the Croatian national anthem. These very special guests were in the Pacific Northwest for two weeks to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Sister Cities alliance between Vela Luka and Anacortes. Spearheaded by Anacortes Sister Cities member John Lovrić, both Tacoma and Seattle communities were very fortunate that the timing was right for these talented singers to also perform at the Slavonian American Benevolent Society Gala in Tacoma and at CroatiaFest.



For the second year in a row, Consul General Renee Pea swore in a group of approximately 30 people in a moving ceremony to receive their Croatian citizenship. Additionally, for those who were ready to apply for Croatian citizenship, the very popular Consular Days staff from the Consulate in Los Angeles were honoring appointments to start the citizenship process.

Our upstairs Konoba wine room offered a very vibrant new feature by adding a small stage with live entertainment all day long. It was the place to be to enjoy imported wines and brandies, visit with friends, and join in song. We were pleased to hear feedback from the wine room attendees who exclaimed “it was hopping all day long!”

Also located upstairs was the art gallery showcasing framed artwork by Croatian artist Ante Sardelić, museum-quality costumes, and a photo display highlighting all 20 years of CroatiaFest. Our cooking demonstration stage featured talented chefs Darcy Martinis Hemstad with Komiška Pogača (salted fish bread) and Marija Mataja and Antonija Stipetić with baklava. From there, on the way to the main floor, guests visited our “Kako Se Kaže” booth where Professor Nicholas Lovrich and his colleague Jasmina Cernak interacted by conversing about language dialects and translating family letters.

2024 FESTIVAL RECAP

In memory of our community member Christine Jovanovich, who ran the children's booth for multiple years, our first annual Chris's Kids Corner was dedicated to her for her service and devotion to our youth. In her memory, her sister Sally Stefanich provided multiple fun and engaging children's activities and complimentary souvenirs. Next to the Kids Corner, a photo booth provided backdrops with fun accessories to wear to capture the perfect customized festival photo.

Achievement awards were presented by Ambassador Šimunović to 2025's Outstanding Croatian, Joanne Abdo, and the Featured Young Croatian, Christopher Plancich, for their contributions to the preservation and promotion of Croatian heritage.

In addition to the musical groups from Vela Luka, Croatia, our returning headliner band, Rakija Bend from Chicago, graced the stage with popular tambura songs, old and new. Šarena, an accomplished all-female tambura quartet from Cleveland, sang vibrant melodic tunes in four-part harmonies. Folk ensemble Nova Nada from Detroit performed intricate and colorful songs and dances. Lastly, we welcomed back groups from Seattle, Anacortes, and Vancouver, BC: Tamburaški Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac, Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble, Ruže Dalmatinke, Seattle Jr Tamburitzaans, Sinovi, Klapa DooWopella, Bonaca, Radost Folk Ensemble, Kišobran, and Gorani.



Vendor booths sold exotic handmade woods, imported foods, specialty souvenirs, olive oil, and CroatiaFest apparel. Travel specialists from Adriatic Travel from Los Angeles were available to share travel information and answer questions. Indoor food booths tempted the taste buds with palačinke (fresh crepes), sarma (stuffed cabbage rolls), meat or cheese pita, and a variety of authentic Croatian desserts. The familiar smells of barbecued lamb, ćevapčići (grilled handmade sausages), and kobasice (kielbasa sausage) filled the outdoor air as guests enjoyed a meal before entering the Armory.

To end the day, the ever-popular live music jam party at The Wing Dome gathered musicians from near and far who share one thing in common – the love and passion of lively Croatian music and friendship. As always, it was the perfect way to end a perfect day.

CroatiaFest 2025 promises to deliver the same high-quality experience as plans are in the works to be bigger and better than ever!

NEW CROATIAFEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This year, CroatiaFest is excited to offer sponsorship opportunities for businesses and individuals to support the exquisite presentation of Croatian music and dance, replete with original costumes from the many villages of Croatia. Now in its 21st year, CroatiaFest is considered to be one of the premier ethnic festivals of Seattle Center's Festál series. It is free and open to the public.

CroatiaFest reaches an international audience and is the largest Croatian festival in North America. Organized by a committee of 20 volunteers, it is solely funded by the generous support of individual donations, grants, corporate support, and advertisers.

Sponsorship opportunities range from Presenting Sponsors to venue-specific sponsorship opportunities like the cooking stage and art gallery. Your business name will be prominently displayed so attendees will know of your support and you will receive recognition from the main stage.

This new opportunity will ensure CroatiaFest stays strong as part of the vibrant network of Northwest cultural celebrations. For more information about sponsorships, please contact Cathryn Morovich at mrsgoldjangles@hotmail.com.

CroatiaFest is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

NOMINATE OUTSTANDING CROATIANS

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving and celebrating Croatian culture, heritage, and traditions in our region? If you do, please nominate them for consideration for the Outstanding Croatian of the Year award. Each year, the Board of CroatiaFest selects an adult and a young person to receive this award and be honored on stage at CroatiaFest. Entries in the past have been made for those who help celebrate the cooking of Croatia, performing arts, dance, and music, as well as projects that preserve our cultural history.

We have two categories:

Outstanding Croatian of the Year

Outstanding Young Croatian of the Year (under 30 years of age)

To submit a nomination, please provide (in essay form) the name of your nominee and two paragraphs about why you think they deserve this award – it's that simple! Please include information about projects, events, community installations, or actions your nominee has taken to preserve and share Croatian culture with the regional, state, national and/or international communities.

Submissions are due by May 30, 2025. Please send your nomination to Priscilla Lisicich at michi@rainierconnect.com or call 253-905-4000 for more information.

Hvala!



SOUVENIR PROGRAM ADVERTISING

You can support CroatiaFest by placing an ad in the 2025 CroatiaFest Souvenir Program. Your advertisement will be seen by well over 2,000 people at the festival on October 5th at the Seattle Center Armory.

CroatiaFest is a celebration of music, dance, cultural exhibits, and food that make our Croatian culture so unique. All money raised through our souvenir program advertising supports CroatiaFest, a non-profit cultural organization that promotes and preserves 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

By purchasing an ad in the program, the full color advertisement will also appear for one year on the CroatiaFest website (CroatiaFest.org).

If you have been a previous advertiser, you can let us know if you would like to use last year's ad – no problem! We can also create an ad for you – just let us know. New artwork should be submitted to croatiafestads@gmail.com by August 1st in a PDF, JPG or EPS format @ 300 dpi.

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

Payment for the ad 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.



CONSULAR DAYS



The Croatian Consulate of Los Angeles will be in town for CroatiaFest Consular Days Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5. 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. Appointments will not be scheduled until September.

CROATIAFEST 2025 - CONNECTIONS

Connections is a local history project being created for CroatiaFest 2025, set to be displayed in the 3rd-floor gallery of the Armory. This exhibit explores the powerful link between heritage and personal objects or traditions—those tangible reminders of our Croatian roots.



Each item in the display will tell a story—perhaps a grandmother’s rolling pin used to make traditional cookies, a set of rosary beads passed down through generations, or a keepsake acquired during a visit to Croatia. Whether brought to America by a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent, or discovered later in life, these objects serve as bridges to our heritage.

The exhibit will feature objects accompanied by a portrait photo and a short narrative, allowing members of the Croatian community to share their personal connection to Croatia.

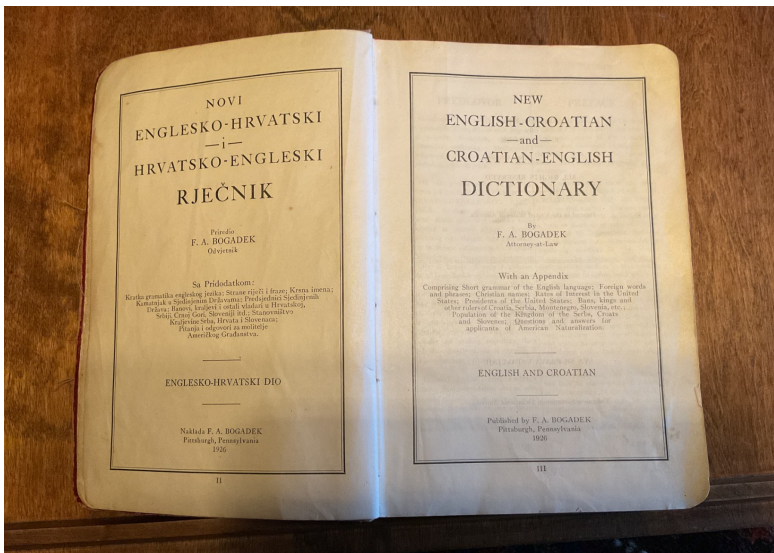
Example Personal Stories:

- **Tina Skrivanich Sullivan** remembers helping her father, Nick Skrivanich, fill needles for net mending. “Every winter, my Dad would repair fishing nets in our basement that had been damaged during the summer fishing season up in Alaska. We kids (and even his grandchildren) would all take turns ‘filling the needle’ for him—not too tight, not too loose. I can still hear him giving instructions. As I look back on it now, it was great one-on-one time with Dad.”
- **John Morovich** treasures a songbook his grandmother, Ane Branica Morovich, brought with her to America in 1932. Though tattered and missing its cover, the book—well over 100 years old—contains lyrics to folk songs. These songs, ranging from love songs (ljubavne) to patriotic hymns (domoljubne) and drinking songs (napitnice), offer insight into 19th century romanticism in Croatia. Grandma Ane memorized many of these songs, and John continues to sing them today.



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- **Steven Mataya** was recently gifted a unique musical instrument that his stara mama (grandmother) originally brought to the United States back in 1964. Steven's grandfather, Lovro Mataja (Lawrence Mataya), immigrated to Washington State from Mrkopalj, Gorski Kotar, Croatia in the late 1950s, and after five years, he sent for his wife Barica (Barbara Mataya) and their five children to join him. He asked Barica to bring back a gift for the Croatian relatives who helped him get settled in the Seattle area, and Barica and family made the trek with a Farkaš-style tamburica to give thanks to the gracious hosts. This unique musical instrument was recently gifted back to Lovro and Barica's grandson, Steven, who plays tamburica music—a full-circle journey over 60 years in the making.



- A 1926 English-Croatian Rječnik, or dictionary, was one of the few possessions **Mary Sudar's** maternal grandfather, Frank Persha (Prša), kept for most of his long life, from young immigrant to farm laborer, barber to logger to commercial fisherman—a constant lifelong learner. But in their multi-generational Croatian-American household, where it always sat safely in the china cabinet, this dictionary was also a constant reminder that their family possessed something intangible but very special—a

heritage that had traveled to a New World but was never forgotten, kept alive and celebrated daily, in language, song, food and stories. "How do you say that in English? Bring me the Book!"

Through *Connections*, we celebrate the rich stories and enduring traditions that tie us to our Croatian heritage. If you have a special object and accompanying story you would like to share for CroatiaFest 2025, please contact project coordinators John Morovich and Mary Sudar Acker at johnmorovich5@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2025.

CROATIAFEST 2024 IN PHOTOS



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CROATIAN HERITAGE DAY



SUNDAY, JUNE 15
1:10PM



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Don't miss this year's Croatian Heritage Day on June 15! With this offer, you can score specially priced tickets and a Mariners-themed Croatian Heritage Jersey. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with your friends, family and fellow Croat community members.

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THANK YOU, DONORS!

The 2025 CroatiaFest committee would like to express its deepest gratitude for all of your donations to 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 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 help us put on a festival that is not only well-known in the Pacific Northwest for outstanding programming, but across the entire diaspora as well. You are the reason for CroatiaFest's success, and we are inspired by and grateful for your generosity.

CORPORATE GIFT MATCH

CroatiaFest is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is therefore qualified to receive corporate employee gift matching funds from companies who offer this as a benefit to their employees.

If your company has an employee gift matching fund program, please contact your human resources office or go online to your company's website to fill out the simple gift match form. Some companies even match donations made by retirees as well. If your company has an employee gift matching program and you have donated to CroatiaFest, please take a few minutes to fill out the form and your donation will be matched and sent directly to CroatiaFest. Hvala!

CROATIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 3rd | Spring Dinner, American Croatian Club of Anacortes, Anacortes, WA |
| May 10th | Seattle Junior Tamburitza's Kavana, Kennedy High School, Burien, WA |
| May 23rd-26th | NW Folklife Festival, Seattle Center, Seattle, WA |
| May 31st | Skansie Netshed "Sve Hrvatsko" Croatian Heritage Day, Gig Harbor, WA |
| June 14th | Skansie Netshed Foundation Salmon Dinner, Gig Harbor, WA |
| June 15th | Seattle Mariners Croatian Heritage Day, T-Mobile Park, Seattle, WA |
| July 5th | Ronald 4th of July Heritage Festival, Hawthorne Hall, Ronald, WA |
| July 19th | Roslyn Croatian Picnic, Roslyn, WA |
| July 26th | CFU Seattle Lodge 439 Annual Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley, WA |
| Sept. 25th-29th | Tamburitza Association of America Extravaganza, St. Louis, MO |
| October 4th | CroatiaFest Kickoff Dance, Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, West Seattle, WA |
| October 5th | CroatiaFest, Seattle Center Armory, Seattle, WA |
| October 23rd-26th | Annual ACAP Conference, Chicago, IL |
| December 6th | SABS Christmas Party, Slavonian Hall, Tacoma, WA |
| January 4th, 2026 | Fešta Tri Kralja, Holy Rosary, West Seattle, WA |

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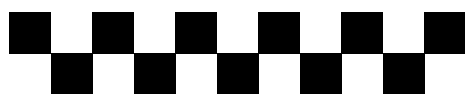
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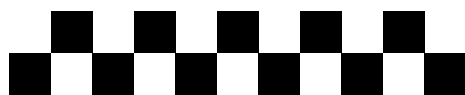
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