

St. Anthony's Tamburica & Kolo Club "Croatia"

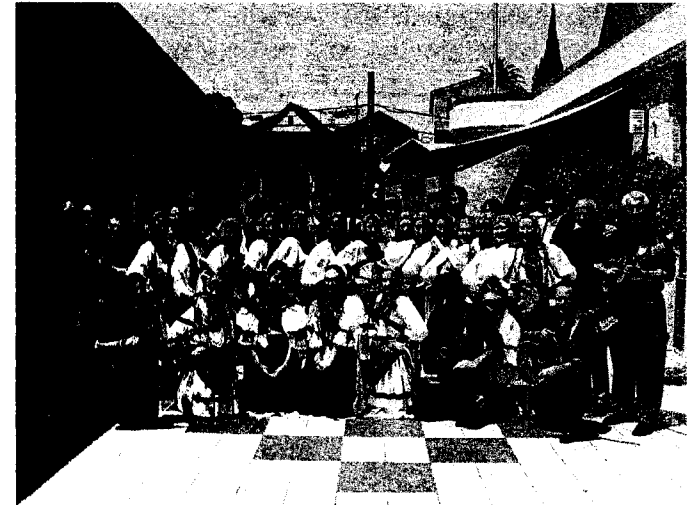
St. Anthony's Tamburica & Kolo Club "Croatia" is your host for this afternoon of Croatian song and dance. They carry on from 1960, when Josip Bachman, a Croatian immigrant from Osijek, inspired a new era of tamburica and kolo activity at St. Anthony's Croatian Church. Today, parents who came through the program, proudly support their youngsters. Over the years, the kolo dancers and tamburica orchestra have performed a wide variety of musical material in the USA and Canada.

The tamburica orchestra's repertoire includes Croatian classical music, light operas, and evergreens, as well as folk songs and dances. Tom Yeseta has led the orchestra for nearly 25 years. In recent years, Chris Thomas and Larry Skertich has led the development of a junior tamburica group. The kolo ensemble repertoire includes suites of dances from Valpovo, Medjimurje, Prigorje, Konavle and Dubrovnik regions, as well as Croatian dances from Hercegovina, Backa and Banat. For many years, the kolo group has been led by Heidi Granic and Katica Ban and Nancy Vinski-Pisaric as vocal coach and Sanya Mateyas and Tiho Borosak as Vocal Directors who also developed their knowledge and skills through the program.

In recent years, the dancers have benefited from the great expertise of Željko Jergan. Mr. Jergan is a renown kolo choreographer and teacher. He works regularly with dance groups in the USA and Canada. Indeed, he has guided most of the groups in this festival and created the show order for tonight's program. He is a native of Varaždin, Croatia, and was a leading performer with the Croatian National Folk Ensemble LADO.

We thank the people of Los Angeles and the performers from the USA and Canada who have supported efforts of St. Anthony's Tamburica & Kolo Club "Croatia" as we celebrate our 50th year celebration *Continuing our Legacy!*

Celebrating 50 years of Excellence



St. Anthony's Tamburica and Kolo Club "Croatia"
In association with the Croatian Cultural Center of Greater Los Angeles

proudly presents a

Croatian Cultural Extravaganza

January 17, 2010

3:30 p.m.

Warner Grand Theater
478 W. 6th St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

"Naslijede Koje Živi"
"Continuing our Legacy"

Queen Helena Canadian-Croatian Cultural & Charitable Society
Kanadsko Hrvatsko Kulturno i Pripomoćno Društvo
Kraljica Jelena

"Queen Helena" Canadian-Croatian Cultural & Charitable Society was formed in 1978. Since its origin, this organization's goal and mission has been to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of our Croatian ancestors. With numerous dance performances and Tambura accompaniments, we have entertained a vast number of audiences throughout Canada, United States, Croatia and Europe.

Today, the organization consists of various dance and tambura groups: Juniors, Intermediates, Young Adults, Parents & Tambura Combo. Our membership numbers approximately 70 performers.

Koraci, San Jose, CA

Koraci was created over ten years ago as a cultural enrichment of the Croatian Parish in San Jose, California. Under the direction and leadership of Leo Andres, the children developed a passion for Croatian folk dance and music, exploring the rich diversity of dance styles from the various regions of Croatia. Over the years, Koraci had delighted audiences at numerous festivals and events throughout California and Canada.

St. Anthony's Croatian Children's School

The Croatian Children's School meets every Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Anthony's Church in downtown Los Angeles. Parents regularly drive their children in from the suburbs so that the youngsters can take part in learning the Croatian language, history, kolo dancing and singing. They are full of enthusiasm and energy.

Klapa Konoba, San Pedro, CA

The community of San Pedro has many Croatians of Dalmatian heritage. A cappella singing, or klapa singing in the jargon of Dalmatia, is a favorite pastime in the old country. The word klapa also means a group of friends hanging out together, sometimes in the local wine cellar, or konoba. In the last decade, klapa singing groups and klapa festivals have rapidly increased throughout Croatia, from the coastline to the capital. In San Pedro, that klapa tradition is being preserved by our very own Klapa Konoba.

CROATIAN CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Program for Sunday, January 17, 2010

1. **"Zdravica" - "Greetings" by Stijepan Martinović and Grandson Stijepan Martinović (Lijerica) - Konavle**
 2. **St. Anthony's Kolo Dancers, Los Angeles**
"Prigorske Uspomene" - Zagrebačko - Prigorje
 3. **St. Anthony's Croatian Children's School, Los Angeles**
"Krčki Tanac" - Island of Krk
 4. **Croatian Cultural Center Singers**
Songs from Dalmacija & Slavonija
 5. **Klapa Konoba, San Pedro**
Medley of Dalmatian Songs
 6. **Koraci Croatian Folk Ensemble Jr. Group- San Jose, CA**
"Jačke i Tanci Gradišćanskih Hrvata" - Burgenland, Austria
 7. **St. Anthony's Jr. Tamburica Group**
Marijana i Ti si Moja Ljubav Stara
 8. **Kraljica Jelena, Kitchener, Canada**
"Igra Vito Kolo" - Central Bosnia
 9. **St. Anthony's Tamburica Orchestra**
Vu Plavem Turnaci
 10. **Koraci Croatian Folk Ensemble Sr. Group- San Jose, CA**
"Vučari" - Folk Traditions of Lika
- INTERMISSION 15 Minutes*
11. **St. Anthony's Tamburica Orchestra**
Tri Ruže
 12. **Kraljica Jelena, Kitchener, Canada**
"Kad Zapivam i Tijo i Lipo" - Bačka
 13. **Klapa Konoba, San Pedro**
Medley of Dalmatian Songs
 14. **Los Angeles Men's Glee Club**
"U boj, u boj"
 15. **St. Anthony's Kolo Dancers, Los Angeles**
"Sviraj Svirče Drmeša" - Moslavina