



The welcome dance honoring the TAA's National Board of Directors was a complete success and can be summed up with the following words: Great Friends, Good food, Plentiful Drinks, and Incredible Music. The dance was a great place to meet the National Board of Directors, reconnect with old friends, get a sneak peak at some of the talent being showcased at this year's Extravaganza, and to see Kum Richie blow the dust off of his tamburitzas!

Whether you wanted a becar-style sing along or non-stop dancing, you were sure to get your fill at the Welcome Dance. Six of the Chicago area's finest bands provided continuous entertainment at Chicago's Jovial Club. The Club's banquet room was filled with people dancing the night away while its main bar area allowed the bands the chance to let loose and the crowd to sing to their heart's content.

That said, the 2009 Chicago Extravaganza Committee would like to take this time to thank the volunteers and tamburitzas orchestras that helped to make the TAA's National Board of Directors feel welcome and honored as well as helping to ensure that the dance was a success. The orchestras, Banat, Drina, Dunav, Majstori, Sinovi and T-Rroma, donated their musical talents and combined efforts to provide more than six hours of continuous music to a near capacity crowd. If their music and this event was any indication of how the 2009 Extravaganza is going to be... Prepare yourself and get plenty of rest now!!!!!!

