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TAMBURITZA EXTRAVAGANZA® 2023

2023 GANZA

OCTOBER 4-8

HOLIDAY INN CLEVELAND SOUTH
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, OH 44131

Room Rate of \$112

Valid October 1—11, 2023

DEADLINE for securing discounted rooms is September 20, 2023

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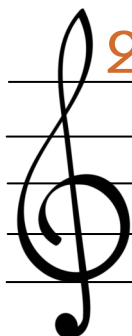
Call the hotel at (216) 524-8050 Ext. 298
Reference Tamburitza Association of America

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS:

Visit TAA website @ www.tamburitza.org; select the Events tab

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2023 COMPOSITION



ZADNJA STANICA—Steelton, PA

SINOVI—Chicago, IL

POBEDA—Pittsburgh, PA

NOĆNA—Youngstown, OH

VATRA ŽIVA—Columbus, OH

RADOST—Pittsburgh, PA

DUNAV—Chicago, IL

BRAĆA—Chicago, IL

JERRY GRCEVICH ORCH.—Pittsburgh, PA

2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Milt Arlow (posthumously) — Cleveland, OH

The Star Serenaders — Highland, IN

Kathy White — Youngstown, OH

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Look out Cleveland, here come the tamburaši again! Our last two events here were terrific. The hotel fits us just right and has worked with us to keep a lid on costs notwithstanding inflation. The location makes it easily accessible for the vast majority of our musicians and guests. Most importantly, our incredibly talented musicians continue to make this

the tambura showcase event of the year.

As is our tradition, we will be honoring those performers who have given so much of themselves for the enjoyment and elevation of our tamburitza musical culture. This year's Hall of Fame inductees will be Kathleen (Zadravec) White, Milt Arlow, and a rare group induction of the Star Serenaders. Although most of you have some familiarity with these folks, I guarantee that a look at their biographies will reveal even more proof of their worthiness of our Hall of Fame recognition.

In addition to our regular musical programming, your TAA Board of Directors is excited to present performances by The Tamburitzaans and Neda Nikolić, an incredibly skilled and versatile frula player. We hope you'll enjoy these added dimensions to your Tamburitza Extravaganza® experience.

If you're not already a member of the Tamburitza Association of America, Inc., please go to our website and join us. Signing up to sponsor part of our annual event and placing an ad in our commemorative program book are additional ways that you can support the continuation of our organization and the music we love.

As always, we very much look forward to sharing the 2023 Tamburitza Extravaganza® with you!

Musically yours,
Joseph R. Novosel, President

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CREDO OF THE TAA

Our unique organization, having been established to preserve and promote our tamburitza music and our Slavic culture, is an organization which has no ethnic boundaries for its membership, knows no prejudices, does not involve itself or its members in matters of foreign or domestic policy, and does not practice religious discrimination of any kind.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE TAA

We exist to promote the preservation and evolution of tamburitza music and to provide a fun, educational and entertaining experience to the people of the world.

WELCOME ABOARD!

We would like to welcome and introduce to you the newest TAA Board Director, Ben Wagner, from Pittsburgh, PA. Ben started playing tambura at the age of six, performing with various groups in the Pittsburgh area. He is a graduate of the Duquesne University Tamburitzaans. Currently he is a member of Orkestar Pobeda and T.S. Ponoć. Ben has been a member of the TAA for many years, has attended numerous Extravaganzas as a performer, and also served as a committee member for the 2008 Tamburitza Extravaganza® held in Pittsburgh, PA. We look forward to working with Ben on the Board of Directors.



2023 GANZA SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY—OCTOBER 4

11:00a	Tour bus leaves hotel for Root Candle Factory
1:00p—3:00p	Castle Noel Guided Tour
3:40p—4:40p	B.A. Sweetie World's Largest Candy Store & Soda Shoppe
5:00p	Das Schnitzel Haus Dinner with live tambura music

THURSDAY—OCTOBER 5

9:30a	Tour bus leaves hotel to Lake Metroparks Farmpark
12:30p	Tour of Servants of Mary Peace Center
1:45p	Amish Country—Late Lunch at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen
2:30p—5:30p	Live tambura music—Hotel Lounge
7:30p	Welcome Dance—Main Ballroom
1:30a—?	All night gathering room—Kafana Room

FRIDAY—OCTOBER 6

9:30a—11:00a	Kolo Workshop
11:30a—1:00p	Tambura Luncheon in Hotel Lounge with live tambura music
1:00p—6:00p	Live tambura music in Hotel Lounge
1:30p—2:30p	Costume Workshop I
3:30p—5:00p	Sing-a-Long Session with Surprise Group—Ballroom I
6:30p	Concert I begins—Main Ballroom (6 bands)
9:00p	After Concert—Dance & Music Hospitality Suites
1:00a—?	All night gathering room—Kafana Room

SATURDAY—OCTOBER 7

9:30a	TAA Annual Membership Meeting (Michael's Restaurant Party Room)
12:00p	HOF Celebration Cocktail Hour—Ballroom Foyer
1:00p	HOF Celebration—Main Ballroom (Neda Nikolić Trio)
3:30p—5:30p	Bands playing, socializing, singing, music, dancing, etc.
4:30p—5:30p	Costume Workshop II
6:30p	Concert II begins—Main Ballroom (3 bands plus Neda Nikolić Trio and The Tamburitzans)
9:00p	After Concert—Dance & Music Hospitality Suites
1:00a—?	All night gathering room—Kafana Room

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 8

11:00a	Roman Catholic Tambura Mass—Kafana Room
12:00p—5:00p	Survivor "Hat" Party—Hotel Lounge (bands, music, dancing, singing, food)
7:00p	Post event gathering—Kafana Room

Schedule subject to change as needed.

THE BEST & BIGGEST TOUR

\$65

All inclusive!

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\$40

Dinner & Music only!

2023 GANZA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 11am

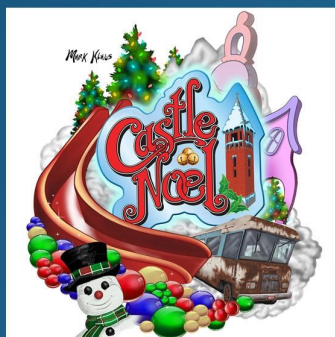
Deluxe escorted motor coach from hotel leaving at 11:00am
Snacks and beverages on board!

ROOT CANDLE, CO.—Medina, OH



Root Candles is a 150+ year old family-owned American company, making candles in America, since 1869. Root Candles can confidently lay claim to making "The BEST Candles in America."

CASTLE NOEL MUSEUM—Medina, OH



Step into the fantasy world of America's Largest Year Round Indoor Christmas Entertainment Attraction, as seen on "Entertainment Tonight", "PBS" and others. Housing the world's BIGGEST privately owned collection of Hollywood Christmas movie props and costumes from your favorite Christmas movies.

B.A. SWEETIES/DAS SCHNITZEL HAUS—Parma, OH



B.A. Sweetie Candy Co. – The world's LARGEST candy store. One of Cleveland, Ohio's most visited attractions with over 500,000 visitors in 2022.

Das Schnitzel Haus— 5:00 pm Dinner, choice of 4 entrees, sides, appetizer, salad or soup, strudel, coffee, iced tea— Live tambura music!

** For registration and more information, visit www.tamburitza.org.

** The TAA reserves the right to cancel this tour if there are insufficient sales by 9/1/23.

OUT IN THE COUNTRY TOUR

\$45
All inclusive!

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23 GANZA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 9:30a

Deluxe escorted motor coach from hotel leaving at 9:30am, returning at 4:00p or earlier. Snacks and beverages on board!

LAKE FARM PARK—Kirtland, OH



A working farm and education center; features dairy cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, rabbits, horses, alpacas, goats, a plant science center, farm exhibits and more. And you may be able to milk a cow if you'd like! Includes demonstrations & educational programs related to farming and gardening.

CENTER FOR PEACE—Windsor, OH



Home of the World's Largest Statue of Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary's likeness stands 50 feet tall and is covered by over 450,000 mosaic tiles. In front of the statue lies the Lake of Hope which is surrounded by the World's largest illuminated fifteen decade rosary.

AMISH COUNTRY & MARY YODER'S —Middlefield, OH



Middlefield is in the southeast corner of Geauga County and home to the 4th largest population of Amish in the country. There are more than 18,000 Amish residents living in Geauga County. At the conclusion of the tour, a late lunch is included with dessert, non-alcoholic beverage and tip included – a full Amish buffet at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen!

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2023 GANZA

PROGRAM BOOK AD OPPORTUNITIES



Dear Friends and Supporters:

The Tamburitza Association of America (TAA), a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Slavic music and cultural heritage. Our 2023 Ganza will take place October 4-8, 2023 at the Holiday Inn South, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio, 44131. We are preparing an 8.5" x 11" program book to commemorate this occasion and would sincerely appreciate your participation in the form of an advertisement. Your contribution is completely tax deductible.

Forms, submissions, & payment due by **August 25, 2023**

SIZING & RATES

CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD SIZE	DIMENSIONS	RATES (all ads in color)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OUTSIDE BACK COVER*	8.5" x 11"	\$450
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSIDE FRONT COVER*	8.5" x 11"	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSIDE BACK COVER*	8.5" x 11"	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	FULL PAGE	8.5" x 11"	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/>	HALF PAGE	8.5" x 5.5"	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/>	QUARTER PAGE	4.25" x 5.5"	\$80

*Available on first come basis.

SUBMISSION

- Ads are accepted electronically ONLY
- PDF, JPEG or OFFICE files ONLY
- Ads should be accompanied by payment via check or online

Make checks payable to: TAA

Mail checks to:

Beth A. Stafura, TAA Ad Book
MediaQuest

1020 Alcon St. Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Email submissions to:

beth.stafura@tamburitza.org

Questions? Contact Beth A. Stafura @ beth.stafura@tamburitza.org or 412.370.8182.

YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

2023 GANZA

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Dear friends and supporters:

We are thrilled to offer LIVE tambura music at the 2023 Ganza—October 4-8 in Independence, OH! For over 40 years, the Tamburitza Association of America, a nonprofit organization, has been dedicated to celebrating and preserving our beloved Slavic Culture—and you can, too! You now have new opportunities to further support your Tamburitza family and friends with a wide range of affordable sponsorship levels and benefits to give back to the culture that continues to bring us together. Please note the updated changes.

Sponsorship deadline: August 25, 2023

GENERAL

	BERDE	KONTRA	ČELO	BRAČ	PRIM	SAMICA
	\$2500+	\$1500+	\$1000+	\$500+	\$250+	\$100+
Recognition on TAA website and at the 2022 Ganza	●	●	●	●	●	●
Premium placement of name/logo on event signage						
Recognition in the Ganza program book	●	●	●	●	●	●
Verbal recognition prior to specific event						
HALL OF FAME GALA						
# Tickets to HOF gala	4	3	2	2		
CONCERTS						
# Tickets to 2-day concert	4	3	2	2	1	
# Reserved concert seating	4					
BREAKOUT ROOMS						
# Tickets to 2-day breakouts	4	3	2			
# Tickets to 1-day breakouts						
WELCOME DANCE						
# Tickets to Dance						
TAMBURA LUNCHEON						
# Tickets to Luncheon						
WORKSHOPS						
# Tickets to workshops	4	3	2	2	1	
SURVIVORS PICNIC						
# Tickets to picnic	4	3				
EXTRA						
Event Tshirt	●	●	●	●		
Program book	4	3	2	2	1	
Orchestra autograph						

EVENT SPECIFIC

HOF GALA (Sat. afternoon)	WELCOME DANCE (Thu. evening)	BREAKOUT ROOMS (Fri. & Sa. nights)	SURVIVOR PICNIC (Sun. afternoon)	TAMBURA LUNCHEON (Fri. afternoon)	KAFANA NIGHT (Fri. & Sat. night)	ORCHESTRA
\$1,000	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$150	\$100
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Make checks payable to: TAA

MAIL TO: Peggy Jasina, 9643 Olde Georgetown Way, Centerville, OH 45458

Questions? Contact info@tamburitza.org

TAMBURA LUNCHEON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 11:30a–1:00p

Reservations for the annual Tambura Luncheon MUST be made in advance to provide accurate numbers to the catering staff. Register now for this exclusive event for a delectable lunch, live tambura music and gifts! See registration form or visit www.tamburitza.org.



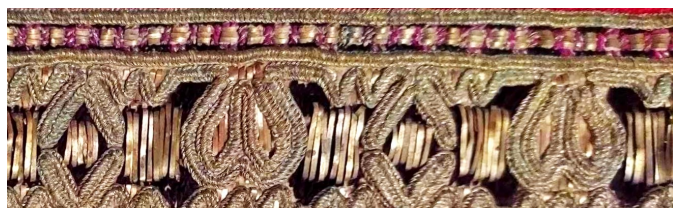
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 9:30a–11:00p KOLO WORKSHOP



JT Kordesich hails from the Pittsburgh, PA area and has been playing tambura for over 20 years. He is a former member of the Duquesne University Tamburitians and is currently a member of the Javor Adult Orchestra, choreographer for Duquesne Juniors and a member of Orkestar Pobeda. JT received the TAA's Founder's Award in 2019. Last year, we received so many accolades about JT's style of instruction and teaching methods, that we have invited him back to get more happy feet dancing at the 2023 Tamburitza Extravaganza®.

COSTUME WORKSHOP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 1:30p–2:30p SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 4:30p–5:30p

Fresh off his display at the world-renowned St. Louis Art Museum, we are excited to announce that well known costume collector and preservationist, Marvin Moehle, will be presenting more of his exquisite costumes at this year's Extravaganza®. The theme of his presentation will be "Wedding Attire". Marvin plans on displaying costumes from Posavina, Croatia; Sumadija, Serbia; and Dolni Polog, Macedonia, just to name a few. We are especially interested to see the beautiful, rare Macedonian bridal chemise donated by our very own Paulina and Edward Klak (see pictures below) to Marvin's collection. It's always a feast for the eyes and a lesson in cultural history when Marvin shares his unique costumes. Don't miss this opportunity at Extravaganza® 2023!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 1:00p HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

The Saturday afternoon Hall of Fame Celebration is to honor our esteemed 2023 inductees. Please plan to attend and pay tribute to them and their accomplishments and contributions to the promotion and preservation of our culture and music. Reservations for the banquet MUST be made in advance in order to provide the hotel catering staff with an accurate number of attendees. Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the hotel. Please use the registration form in this newsletter or at online at www.tamburitza.org to reserve your spot at this exclusive event.

HALL^{OF}FAME

NEDA NIKOLIĆ TRIO TO APPEAR AT EXTRAVAGANZA!



Neda Nikolić Trio



We are excited to announce an extra special addition to this year's Extravaganza®!

The Neda Nikolić Trio will be performing during Saturday's Hall of Fame Banquet and at the Saturday evening concert.

This appearance is guaranteed to be a spectacular extension to this year's Extravaganza®! Her repertoire is based on Balkan traditional and folk melodies arranged in an Ethno-jazz manner, with classical pieces as well.

Neda Nikolić inherited her love towards frula and folk music from her father. After graduating at the Elementary School of Music in Kovin and Smederevo, she continued her music education at "Kosta Manojlović" Music School at two departments (ethnomusicology and flute). Then she went to Kraljevo to study at "Stevan Mokranjac" Music School, after which she continued her further education at the Faculty of Music in Belgrade at the department of Ethnomusicology and ethno choreology. Throughout her career she has participated in numerous manifestations, festivals and concerts in Serbia, region and all around the globe. Get your tickets early—don't miss out!

THE TAMBURITZANS RETURN

We are thrilled to announce that The Tamburitzens (formerly Duquesne University Tamburitzens) will again be participating in this year's Extravaganza®.

They will be featured during the Saturday evening concert so make sure you get your tickets in advance!

As plans are finalized, stay tuned for more information on their inclusion in the Cleveland Extravaganza's programming.



SUNDAY SERVICES—OCTOBER 8



ORTHODOX LITURGY

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
6306 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
2151 West Wallings Road
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral
733 Starkweather Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113



ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Roman Catholic Mass, accompanied by tambura music, will be held at the Holiday Inn hotel ballroom on Sunday morning at 11:00am.

If you wish to participate as a greeter, reader, server or musician, please contact Gregory Yeseta, who will be planning and coordinating this service, at greg.yeseta@tamburitza.org,



SUNDAY SURVIVOR



PARTY October 8
12p-5p
Holiday Inn Lounge

Before heading home, stop in for this year's "hat themed" -wear a hat and get a free gift bag! Prizes for best decorated hat too!

- ♪ Live tambura music
- ♪ Food and beverages
- ♪ Games, trivia, prizes and more!

Purchase your tickets in advance! Use registration or visit www.tamburitza.org.

2023 GANZA

REGISTRATION

2022 TAMBURITZA EXTRAVAGANZA®
Cleveland, OH | October 4-8, 2023

MAIL IN BY SEPT. 13 or ONLINE BY SEPT. 30

PACKAGES

	PRICE	Qty.	TOTAL
STANDARD: (Welcome Dance, Concerts I & II, Dance & Hospitality Suites I & II, Awards Banquet and Program Book)	\$145		\$
VIP: (Standard package plus Workshops, Reserved Concert & Banquet Seating, Program Book, T-shirt & Special Treats)	\$250		\$

A LA CARTE

WEDNESDAY, October 4				
TOUR 1 (Root Candle Co., Castle Noel Museum, B.A. Sweetie Candy Company, Dinner at Das Schnitzel Haus w/Band)	11:00a	\$65		\$
DAS SCHNITZEL HAUS DINNER ONLY w/BAND (responsible for own transportation if not with tour)	5:00p	\$40		
THURSDAY, October 5				
TOUR 2 (Lake Metroparks Farm Park, Servants of Mary Center for Peace, Amish Country, Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen Lunch)	9:30a	\$45		\$
WELCOME DANCE	7:30p	\$15		\$
FRIDAY, October 6				
KOLO WORKSHOP	9:30a—11:00a	\$10		\$
TAMBURA BUFFET LUNCHEON	11:30a—1:00p	\$30		\$
COSTUME WORKSHOP I	1:30p—2:30p	Donation on site		
SING-A-LONG	3:30p—5:00p	Donation on site		
CONCERT I	6:30p	\$25		\$
DANCE & HOSPITALITY SUITES I	9:00p	\$25		\$
SATURDAY, October 7				
TAA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	9:30a—11:00a	FREE (members only)		
AWARDS BANQUET (cocktails begin 12pm)	1:00p-3:00p	\$45		\$
COSTUME WORKSHOP II	4:30p—5:30p	Donation on site		
CONCERT II	6:30p	\$25		\$
DANCE & HOSPITALITY SUITES II	9:00p	\$25		\$
SUNDAY, October 8				
SURVIVOR'S PICNIC (Hotel Lounge)	12:00p—5:00p	\$5		\$
SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK (\$15 extra for shipping)		\$10/\$25		\$
SOUVENIR T-SHIRT (S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ - \$5 extra for shipping)		\$20/\$25		\$
TAA MEMBERSHIP (\$10/year or \$35 for 5 years)		\$10/\$35		\$

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

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Phone (_____) - _____
Email _____

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Online: www.tamburitza.org (due Sept 30)

Online processing fees will be applied.

Mail: (checks payable to TAA) (due Sept 13)

Kathy Katich Zust

12393 Whitworth Terrace, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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Cleveland, OH 44130

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2023 TAMBURITZA EXTRAVAGANZA® SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS

\$20

PRE-ORDERS PREFERRED

Only a limited quantity will be available at
the Tamburitza Extravaganza®

- ✓ High-quality cotton t-shirts
- ✓ 2023 Extravaganza® logo
- ✓ Crew neck style only
- ✓ Sizes available: S—M—L—XL—2XL—3XL
- ✓ \$20 pick up at Extravaganza®
- ✓ \$5 extra for shipping



Use registration form in this newsletter to order or on-line at www.tamburitza.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the TAA.
Your support is very much needed and appreciated.