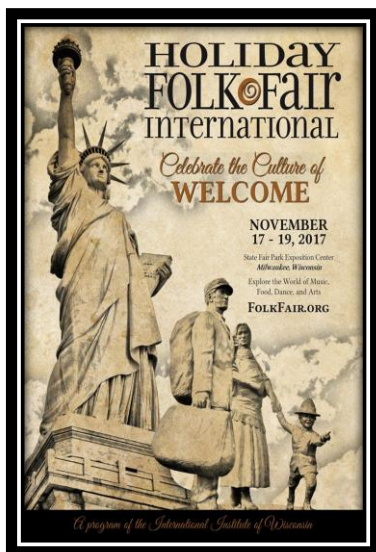


*Newsletter of the UWM Slovenian Arts Council*

# SLOVENIAN ARTS PROGRAM

## Join us at the Holiday Folk Fair



### *Dobrodošli or Welcome*

is the theme for this year's Holiday Folk Fair

The International Institute's Holiday Folk Fair will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 17, 18 and 19, 2017 at the State Fair Park Exposition Center in West Allis. Waiting to welcome you at their home will be Francel and Milan along with Nančka. If you would be willing to volunteer to work at the booth any of those days for a two-hour block of time or more, or would like some more information regarding this wonderful ethnic event, please contact me, Nancy Reese at 262-485-6007 or email me at [nareese@wi.rr.com](mailto:nareese@wi.rr.com). The times for the Folk Fair are Friday, 9 AM-10 PM, Saturday, 10 AM - 10 PM and Sunday, 10 AM - 7 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door.

*Hvala lepa!*

## Uspeh Chorus Holiday Sing-Along December 6

The annual Uspeh Chorus Holiday Sing-Along this year will be on St. Nick's Day, Wednesday, December 6, starting at 6:30 at the H.A. Todd Jr. American Legion Post 537 at 9159 West Beloit Road. This popular **free** event will feature singing of both Slovenian and American Christmas melodies with the Chorus providing free beverages. Slovenian accordionist, Grant Kozera, will provide accompaniment to the entertainment this year, adding special holiday energy.



**Join Us!**



Hvala Lepa!  
Thank You!

**Thank you, Jeff, for all your hard work and dedication in keeping the Slovenian culture alive over the past two years!**

## **A Look Back: 2017 Slovenian Arts Programs**

By Jeff Martinka, UWM SAC President

The Slovenian Arts Program of UWM had a varied, successful year. It began on February 12, when we hosted a Slovenian Day of Culture event with an illustrated lecture on important Slovenian Americans. It was presented by historian Joe Valenčič of Cleveland at the Village at Manor Park. The talk was our strongest Day of Culture event yet, drawing nearly 80 guests.

On March 18 and 19, the Master Singers of Milwaukee presented concerts of Slovenian music, led by Slovenian Guest Conductor Alenka Podpečan and performed in Fox Point and Brookfield. The concerts were supported by a grant from the UWM Slovenian Arts Program and featured works by a variety of Slovenian composers, including Jacobus Gallus, Damjan Močnik, Franjo Dugan, and Josip Pavčič. Slovenian Arts Council members made opening remarks at the concerts, volunteers in Slovenian costume served as greeters, and there was a Slovenia/UWM Slovenian Arts Program display in the lobby for each show.

In June, the Council awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to UWM Peck School of the Arts dance student Alexandria Kaufman. See the accompanying article for more details on the award.

On July 23, Slovenian Arts Council sponsored a group trip to the Tempel Farms in northern Illinois, for an impressive showing of the beautiful Lipizzaner horses. Twenty guests joined us for lunch at the farm, the spectacular performance, and a tour of the facilities afterwards. Finally, UWM Slovenian Arts Program is the organizer and co-sponsor, along with the Slovenian Cultural Society Triglav and the USPEH Organization of the Slovenian cultural booth at the Holiday Folk Fair from November 17-19.

I will conclude my two-year term as the UWM Slovenian Arts Council President in December. Thank you for your support and participation over my tenure. I plan to stay actively involved in Slovenian arts in Milwaukee for years to come; I hope you will, too.



## A Slovenian Potpourri

Each year the Slovenian Arts Council observes the national holiday of France Prešeren or Day of Culture celebrated in Slovenia on February 8th, the date of the poet's death in 1848. Prešeren is honored for his poetry in many forms. His dream of a free nation was expressed in a verse from his poem *Zdravljica, A Toast*. The holiday originated after World War II and was retained when the country became an independent nation in 1991. The verse from that poem became the words of the national anthem.

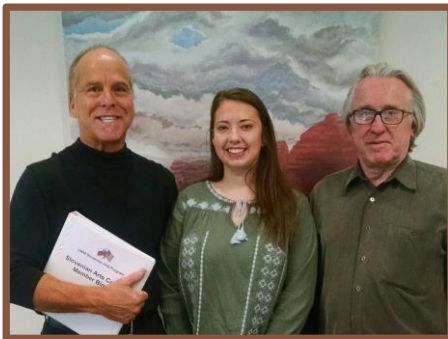
This year, Slovenian Arts Council members, Dolores Ivanchich and Helen Frohna, will present a power point program featuring facts and figures, sights and sounds of Slovenia. You'll have the opportunity to learn something about the various regions of Slovenia, view the capital city of Ljubljana, remember our specialty foods, and perhaps join in the singing of a familiar song. This free event, made possible by the Frank and Mary Ermenc Fund, takes place on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018, in the Constitution Room at the West Allis Public Library, located at 7421 West National Avenue. The program begins at 2:00 pm. You're invited.

**Join us for this Slovenian Potpourri!**

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## **Slovenian Dance Student Awarded Scholarship**

By Jeff Martinka



(From left) UWM SAC President Jeff Martinka, Alexandria Kaufman, and Daniel Petry, Director of Development of the UWM Peck School of the Arts

In June, the Council awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to UWM Peck School of the Arts dance student Alexandria Kaufman, who the council met in October. A West Bend native of Slovenian descent, Ms. Kaufman is a Junior in the UWM Dance Department and received strong recommendations from her professors. She will be performing at Mitchell Hall, 3203 North Downer Avenue from November 29 – December 2. Along with other undergraduate students, Alexandria will be part of 15 new works, entitled *Bring to Light*.

To be eligible for a UWM Slovenian Arts Program scholarship, candidates must be a full-time student in the UWM Peck School of the Arts, have at least Sophomore class status, and boast a GPA of at least 2.5 overall and 3.25 in their Peck School classes. For more information about this scholarship opportunity, visit our website at [www.slovenianartsprogram.org](http://www.slovenianartsprogram.org).

To become a "Friend of the UWM Slovenian Arts Program" or to renew your annual Friend's membership for 2017, please send your membership donation along with this form directly to:

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**Thank you to all who gave donations to the UWM Slovenian Arts Program  
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## Christmas Concert

Start the Christmas Season by attending the Concert at St. John the Evangelist Church, located on South 84th Street and West Coldspring Road in Greenfield, Wisconsin. The musical performance will be held at 4 pm in the church. Musical groups participating in this event are the Adult Choir, the Children's Choir, the Bell Choir, and the Slovenian Choir.

Come and enjoy the songs of the season.



Mici Bregant

## Theatre Gigante to Feature Slovenian Playwright in Spring Show



Theatre Gigante will present the U.S. premiere of *TARZAN*, written by award-winning Slovene playwright Rok Vilčnik, from March 16-24, 2018, at UWM's Kenilworth 508 Theater, located at 1925 East Kenilworth Place. Tarzan, Jane, and a Hyena called Mike grapple with love, middle-age and the fate of the jungle, the animal kingdom, and all humanity. Translated into English by Isabelle Kralj, Mark Anderson, & Melita Koletnik, this extraordinary play is smart, funny and unexpectedly moving. For more information, visit [www.theatregigante.org](http://www.theatregigante.org)

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### Slovenian Arts Council Officers for 2018

On October 21, 2017, the offices of President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were nominated and elected to serve a term of two years.

Congratulations to the 2018 officers:

President—Christina Carroll

Vice-President: MaryCay Freiberg

Corresponding Secretary—Milly Mursec

Recording Secretary—Mici Bregant

Treasurer—Jeff Martinka



We wish Christina, MaryCay, Milly, Mici and Jeff;  
good health, vigor to create ideas, strength and energy to plan, implement and preserve  
our Slovenian ethnic heritage along with the other Slovenian Arts Council members.

*Remember: Only we are worthy of our ancestors whose customs we honor!*

MaryCay Freiberg

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In this modern world of technology, the computer is the place to be for current and updated information. I would like to keep the Slovenian

community informed by sending out e-mails whenever there is news. If you would like me to include you on this list, please drop me a line at [hfrohna@att.net](mailto:hfrohna@att.net) with your e-mail address and I will add you to the list.





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Websites to keep you informed:

[www.slovenianartsprogram.org](http://www.slovenianartsprogram.org)

[www.funoleers.org](http://www.funoleers.org)

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