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## Ambassador Dr. Cerar Visits Cleveland

On November 29 and 30, Ambassador Dr. Cerar paid a visit to Cleveland, OH. the city with the largest Slovenian community in North America This was his first visit to the city after taking over his duties as Ambassador of Slovenia to the U.S. in September.

During his visit, he met with Mr. Jože Kokal, the President of Slovenian–American Business Association, to discuss further strengthening of economic cooperation between companies in Slovenia and the U.S. He also met with the members of Slovenian community, visited the Slovenian retirement home and held a meeting with investors of Laško Micro Brewery in Cleveland.



Ambassador Dr. Cerar visiting Polka Hall of Fame and Museum.

Ambassador Dr. Cerar also attended the annual Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show, where he participated as a presenter. The Awards Show was the high point of the Polka Hall of Fame's 50th annual Thanksgiving polka music marathon weekend with three days of dancing and music.

The 26th annual awards ceremony was organized by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum on Saturday, November 30, 2013, at

Euclid Auditorium in Euclid, Ohio. Slovenian bandleaders Eddie Adamic, Jim Kozel, and Frankie Zeitz were inducted for their lifetime achievements in polka music. Former Senator George V. Voinovich was honored for having served as the honorary chairman of the Polka Hall of Fame. Accordionist and bandleader Frank Stanger scored the first sweep at the Polka Hall of Fame music awards by taking Album, Band, Music and New Song of the Year 2013.



## Winter Traditions in Slovenia

Through the Embassy Adoption Program, the Slovenian Embassy has had throughout the school year 2013/14 the opportunity to teach and inform the Janney Elementary School fifth-graders about Slovenia and subjects connected with Slovenia. On Thursday, December 5, the students who participate in the EAP Club learned about the winter traditions in Slovenia.

The customs and traditions are in most part connected with ancient Indo-European heritage, interwoven with later Christian elements. The holiday season begins with the feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th. St. Nicholas or, as called in Slovenia, Sveti Miklavž, brings presents to children during the night between the 5th and the 6th of December. When visiting the children, sv. Miklavž is accompanied by angels, who help him carry the presents, and devils, who reprimand children who had been bad. Since, according to the legend, one night St. Nicholas threw three pieces of gold into a house of a poor man for his three daughters, traditionally



Miklavž brought oranges to the children at Janney ES.

children get oranges as a present on December 6, along with other small gifts, cookies, dried fruit and, sometimes, if they hadn't been so good, a switch. Special bread, called poprtnjak, is made at this time. The bread is covered with a cloth and placed on the table, but it is not eaten until the feast of the Three Kings on January 6, when it is distributed to the children.

Christmas is the most popular religious and family holiday in Slovenia. Christmas -- in Slovene it means "Little God" --

is connected with the celebration of the myth of the Sun god and his son. It is set at the time of the winter solstice, when the old sun dies and is again re-born. That is the period around the 25th of December, when the old Indo-European peoples celebrated the New Year, the start of a new cycle on the 'birthday of the invincible Sun God -- Dies natalis Solis invicti. There are many customs, beliefs, superstitions and traditions connected with Christmas in Slovenia. The majority are part of the common European heritage, like the cult of greenery, fire and water, and fortune-telling and sorcery, giving presents, caroling, Christmas baking, and later Christian additions. However, the Christmas tree arrived in Slovenia only in the middle of the 19th century from German lands. A few centuries earlier, in 1644, the first nativity scene was introduced in Ljubljana by the Jesuits.

Christmas tree is traditionally decorated on



Lights in Ljubljana are every year lit in the first week of December.



December 24, and many families display the figures of the Holy Family, shepherds, and sheep on Christmas Eve in their homes, whether below the Christmas tree, or elsewhere. Traditionally, the father of the family would place this nativity scene in a special corner of the house, the so called "God's corner", which is located above the dining table. On this day, a special festive carob potica rollcake is made. Each room of the house is blessed with holy water and so are the barns and the outbuildings. Traditionally, every family also burned incense, and this brought magic power and, at the same time, expelled demons. In some families on this day, Santa Claus pays a visit to bring gifts for children.

On some feast days, customs traditionally involve folk singing, and one such custom is koledovanje. Koledovanje is a tradition, where a group of people (koledniki) go from house to house in and around the village and sing songs of greeting appropriate to the occasion (although sometimes the greetings are only spoken). Since this brings happiness and blessings to the house and its



Nowadays, koledniki often go from house to house not to receive gifts but to collect goods and money for charity organizations. Every year, a group visits the President of Slovenia as well.

inhabitants, to the animals and to the fields, the koledniki are repaid with gifts. Best known are koledovanje at Christmas, New Year, and the Epiphany, although they take place also on other occasions, and the custom varies considerably in according to time and place. Most of the koledniki are men, although children and women occasionally take part. As a rule, the singing is done without instrumental accompaniment. These ritual visits from house to house derive from pagan times, when early Slav singers had the same role. The name koleda derives from the word calendae, the ancient name for ritual house-to-house visits to mark the New Year adopted from the Romans. They koledniki were mentioned already in the writings of Primož Trubar, author of the first printed Slovene book (1550).

The day after Christmas, the Independence and Unity Day, is celebrated in Slovenia since 1991 to commemorate the referendum of December 1990, in which over 95% of voters backed the independence of Slovenia. December 26 is also St. Stephen's

Day (Štefanovo). On this day, blessing of horses – and with this custom a symbolical blessing of all livestock and land -- traditionally takes place.

On December 28, the Day of the Innocent Children (in Slovenia called Tepežni dan – Tepežnica), children get up early in the morning to gently spank the adults with a hazel rod or switch (the same that they got for St. Nicholas Day) to wish them good health and get some "rescue" money.

December 31 -- New Year's Eve (Silvestrovo) -- is spent enjoying a festive dinner, celebrating and expecting the arrival of the New Year. In several cities in Slovenia, fireworks are organized to celebrate new beginnings. In some families, Father Frost brings gifts in the night to January 1.

The Festival of the Three Kings or the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. On this day, children carry lighted stars from house to house singing carols, and the bread poprtnjak is eaten.



Tepežnica Day depicted by Maksim Gaspari.

## Slovenian Premium Wines Featured at the 2013 American Wine Society National Conference

The American Wine Society (AWS), a national organization that fosters wine education, wine appreciation and amateur wine making, conducted its 44th annual national conference from November 8 to 10, 2013, at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Sandusky, Ohio. Of the fifty (50) seminars that were offered, one session, titled "Slovenian Premium Wines: A Well-Kept Secret", was conducted by Arlene F. Mole.

Ms. Mole, a Slovenian American and native of Cleveland, has been a member of the AWS since 1983. She is an AWS Certified Wine Judge and a lover of wine and spirits, especially the wines of Slovenia. Seventy-five (75) individuals attended the presentation and had the opportunity to taste five (5) wines from the Primorje and Podravje regions.

The wines were donated to the AWS by Slovenian Wine/Beer/Vodka Importer Mr. Emil Gaspari of Tri-Wines, Inc., New York. Wine varietals sampled included a Sauvignon Blanc/Malvazia blend (2011 Tilia Estate Vipava Belo), a Malvazia (2012 Vina Koper Purissima), a Merlot (2009 Vina Koper Capris), a Refošk (2011 Santomas), and a Rumeni (Yellow) Muskat (2012 Črko).

Attendees included a dozen or so AWS members who had already traveled to Slovenia and fallen in love with



Slovenian Premium Wines were presented by Arlene F. Mole.

the country, its cuisine, wine and many tourist attractions. Others were curious about Slovenia and its wine culture. Notable audience members, to name just a few, included Ms. Harriet Lembeck, Certified Wine and Spirits Educator and President, Wine and Spirits Program, Inc. of New York City, NY; Dr. Gary Pavlis, Professor and Agricultural/Viticulture Agent, Rutgers Univ., NJ; Michael Wangbichler, Certified Wine Educator, Manager at Balzac Communication, Napa, CA, and Wine Blogger; Robert Hutton, retired U.S. Library of Congress Researcher/Viticulture Expert, with specialty expertise in Central/Eastern Europe; and Fred LeBrun, Albany NY Union Times Columnist and Wine Expert.

Ms. Mole used DVDs from Slovenia, maps, handouts, pictures, and numerous

Slovenian tourist publications made available by the Consul General of Slovenia in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Jure Žmauc. She taught the attendees some wine terms such as "rdece, belo, živio, na zdravje", etc., a bit of the history of the country and the wine-making practices past and present in Slovenia. Attendees were invited to join in the chorus of the song "Kol'kor kapljic" at the session's conclusion with glasses raised. She shared a picture of herself in "narodna noša" and explained the meaning of various Slovenian national costumes. Everyone was definitely in a very congenial mood by session's end! There were many positive comments made about the wines, Slovenia and the fun of experiencing Slovenian wines in such a multi-media manner. (Submitted by Arlene F. Mole)



## Dr. Tanja Dominko from WPI Honored Ambassador of Science Award

On Friday, November 22, 2013, the Union Hall in Maribor hosted a formal celebration dedicated to presenting the Zois award, the Ambassador of Science award, as well as the Puh award. The Ambassador of Science award of the Republic of Slovenia was given to Prof. Dr. Tanja Dominko, Research Assistant Professor of Bioengineering, Biology and Biotechnology at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Massachusetts. Dr Dominko is a globally acclaimed scientist researching stem cells, regenerative medicine and tissue engineering.

Friday's award ceremony in the university city of Maribor was addressed by President Borut Pahor. Stressing that science is a demanding and responsible undertaking, Pahor said: "Science is global and supreme, or there is no science."

Terezija Zorko, a linguist who has studied and researched the Koroško, Štajersko and Panonsko dialects, received Slovenia's topmost science honor, the Zois Award for lifetime achievements.

Honored with the Puh Award for outstanding discoveries and inventions was a group of researchers from the

Ljubljana Chemistry Institute for developing a simple procedure to create a new water-soluble form of co-enzyme Q10. This new form of the co-enzyme makes possible the development of new products, especially in the food industry.

The Zois Awards are named after Baron Žiga Zois (1747-1819) and have been presented annually since 1998 on the birthdate of this patron of arts and science, while Janez Puh (1862-1914), better known as Johann Puch, was a Slovenian-born inventor. (Source: STA)

## SPORTS

## Miro Kregar Captures His First Ultraman Title in HI

Slovenian triathlete Miro Kregar won the 29th Ultraman World Championship that concluded on Sunday, December 1, in Hawaii.

The Ultraman demands that each participant – this year, 36 competitors from 8 countries participated in the race -- covers a total of 320 miles (515 kilometers) over three days and requires him or her to complete a 6.2-mile (10 K) open ocean swim, a 261.4-mile (421 K) cross-country bike ride, and a 52.4 mile (84 K) run. Slovenian triathlete Kregar, a 51-year old electrician from Kamnik, managed to finally beat his

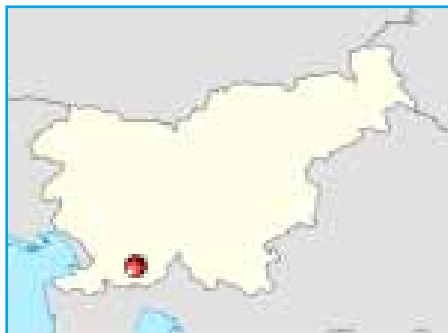


Miro Kregar crosses the finish line Sunday, winning his first Ultraman World Championship. (Photo courtesy of Miro Kregar).

long-time rival and good friend Alexandre Ribeiro, who had won the race already six times, thus winning his first Ultraman

competition. Among women, this year's win went to Hillary Biscay.

## Ilirska Bistrica



The town of Ilirska Bistrica lies at the foothills of Snežnik, the highest non-Alpine mountain in Slovenia in the Primorsko region of Slovenia, close to the border with Croatia and not too far from Trieste in Italy. The respectable age of the settlement is proven by some objects from the 4th century B.C. burial ground. However, the name Ilirska Bistrica originated during the times of the Austrian Empire, in which the adjective Ilirska (in German: Illyrisch) was added to the old name Bistrica (German: Feistritz) to differentiate it from other towns in the empire that had the same

name. The name Ilirska Bistrica thus means 'Illyrian Bistrica', referring to the Kingdom of Illyria, an administrative unit of the Austrian Empire between 1816 and 1849.

Ilirska Bistrica has been under the control of various empires within the last 200 years, each of which has left its mark on the architecture, especially the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tourist attractions within the town include the Gradina castle, the convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame, built in 1888, the Vencin house and the Town Hall.

Ilirska Bistrica was in the hinterland of the Soča front in First World War and, in World War II, the biggest final operations of the war on the Slovene ground took place in the surrounding countryside, which can nowadays be observed in the Ilirska Bistrica Military Museum. With the Paris Peace Treaty of



The Prem Castle.

1947, the town was transferred from Italian jurisdiction and became part of Yugoslavia.

The Sušec waterfall is another popular tourist destination in the vicinity, as well as the Reka river alley. The river offers various water sports and activities along with fishing, numerous caves and the remnants of sawmills, since



The Sušec waterfall.



Brkini Plateau.





Snežnik, the highest non-Alpine mountain in Slovenia.

the area was in the past well known for its sawing and milling industry. Within the valley are also Lazzarini's manor Jablanica and the Zabiče manor.

Ilirska Bistrica is used as a base for the exploration of surrounding mountains, forests and valleys. One of the most popular tourist destinations

within the area is the Snežnik plateau, a botanical and natural reserve full of endangered plants and animals. The nearby Brkini plateau is famous for plum brandy (brkinska slivovka). Brkini are also famous for homemade apple cider, vinegar and exquisite dry fruit. The Prem castle reigns above the village Prem, which is preserved as a cultural monument due to its authentic Brkini architectural and ethnological characteristics. The castle was first mentioned in 1213, when its proprietors were the Patriarchs of Aquilea, followed by the counts of Devin, the Habsburgs, the counts Porcia, who transformed it into hunting residence, and Zuccolini, a merchant of Trieste, who renovated it thoroughly.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

# Consular Hours in New York City

The consular officer from the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, DC, will hold consular hours and provide consular services (authentications, certifications, passport applications, etc.) in New York City **on Friday, December 13**, at the premises of the **Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations, located at 630 Third Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017** (Please note the new address!).

To schedule an appointment, please, fill out the form available at the embassy's

website and send it to the Embassy of Slovenia at [vwa@gov.si](mailto:vwa@gov.si) by **December 10, 2013**, to allow the embassy enough time to verify your data.

The embassy will suggest the time of your appointment and give you further information on the documentation you need to bring along. You may also visit the embassy website <http://washington.embassy.si/> (Consular Affairs, Visas) for documents required for most consular services.

Please note that the consular fee must be paid with a money order made out to

"Embassy of Slovenia". Cash, personal checks or credit cards will not be accepted.

Due to security reasons, prior appointment is needed to enter the premises of the Mission.



# Letter to Scientists, Researchers, Professors and Professionals of Slovenian Descent and Friends of Slovenia

In 2010 and 2011, the Governmental Office for Slovenians Abroad (referred in this letter as the Office) launched a series of activities in order to connect and initiate cooperation between Slovenian scientists and researchers outside of Slovenia and their homeland. The action plan for cooperation with Slovenian scientists and other top experts outside of the Republic of Slovenia has been established as well as the Web directory of Slovenian scientists throughout the world.

The Office recently re-established connections with the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia, and gave initiative for forming a new consultation board, which would also include Slovenian researchers from around the World. The Office started refreshing and updating the Web directory and planning meetings between Slovenian scientific institutions or associations abroad and those in Slovenia.

Starting with this writing, the Office has several requests for scientists and researchers of Slovenian ancestry:

1. The office is asking you to click on and open the Web directory of Slovenian experts in the world: (<http://www.uszs.gov.si/fileadmin/uszs.gov.si/pageuploads/Tina.Romih-ZNANSTVENIKI.doc>) .

Since the document has remained almost untouched for a long time, it is likely outdated.

**Please, inform the Office about corrections/updates.**

Perhaps simply just open the attached form, fill it out, print, sign, scan and e-mail it to: [Zvone.Zigon@gov.si](mailto:Zvone.Zigon@gov.si)

2. Since none of the Slovenians who move to another country for work or study is obligated to report to the local Slovenian embassy or even to our Office, it is very difficult to "find", to know who, where, why or since when Slovenians have been somewhere. Therefore, the Office would be very appreciative if you could **forward this request** to those who may have recently moved from Slovenia to your working or living neighborhood or may just haven't responded to previous invitations and cannot be found in the Directory.

3. If you have permanent contacts or even meetings with scientists, researchers, professionals etc. of Slovenian origin (or friends of Slovenia!) you can perhaps even start thinking about establishing some more **formal type of organization**, which will be able to compete for grants from Slovenia for certain projects. The public invitation for grants was published on November 22 and can be found on the Office's

Web site, link: <http://www.uszs.gov.si/si/>. It can also be found on the embassy's Web site.

4. If you find it appropriate and your contact there might also be useful, you can also register in the Business Web directory, which was formed recently:

([http://www.uszs.gov.si/fileadmin/uszs.gov.si/pageuploads/SPLETNI\\_IMENIK\\_SLOVENSKIH\\_PODJETNIKOV\\_ZUNAJ\\_RS\\_14.\\_11.\\_2013.xls](http://www.uszs.gov.si/fileadmin/uszs.gov.si/pageuploads/SPLETNI_IMENIK_SLOVENSKIH_PODJETNIKOV_ZUNAJ_RS_14._11._2013.xls)).

5. One more thing: this year, our Office published the 12th **contest** for bachelor's, masters' or PhD theses dealing with questions regarding Slovenians abroad. The theses can be also in other languages (but the invitation is written only in Slovenian). Please, feel free to forward the invitation to your students, friends, and colleagues. The announcement can also be found at: [http://washington.veleposlanistvo.si/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dkp\\_51\\_vwa/newsletter/2013/Newsletter-11-10-2013\\_finale.pdf](http://washington.veleposlanistvo.si/fileadmin/user_upload/dkp_51_vwa/newsletter/2013/Newsletter-11-10-2013_finale.pdf)

For further questions, please send an e-mail to [Zvone.Zigon@gov.si](mailto:Zvone.Zigon@gov.si)



# Government Office For Slovenians Abroad -- Public Invitations For Tenders For Financial Support in 2014

Based on the Act on Relations between the Republic of Slovenia and Slovenians abroad (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 43/06, 76/10) and the Government Decree on financial support for maintenance and development of the Slovene identity outside the Republic of Slovenia (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 139/2006), the Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Slovenians Abroad, on November 22, 2013, published two Public Invitations for Applications.

Public Invitations for Applications cover:

**(1) Area A:** Financial support in 2014 for Slovenian autochthonous national community in the neighboring countries; and

**(2) Area B:** Financial support in 2014 for Slovenians living abroad.

Both Public Invitations for Applications aim to stimulate

activities among Slovenians living abroad, that:

- consolidate and maintain their national, linguistic and cultural identity
- pave the way for their interaction and mutual connection
- enable them to maintain their links with the Republic of Slovenia
- enable the maintenance of the structures and activities of Slovenian autochthonous national community in neighboring countries, as well as those of other Slovenians living abroad.

Public Invitations for Applications grant eligibility for applying for financial support to applicants who are individuals or legal entities located outside of the Republic of Slovenia, as well as those located in the Republic of Slovenia, whose activities in the Republic of Slovenia aim to connect with and care for Slovenians abroad.

The documentation for the above mentioned Public Invitations for Applications is available on the website of the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad, which can be found at [http://www.uszs.gov.si/nc/si/medijsko\\_sredisce/novica/article/737/2911/](http://www.uszs.gov.si/nc/si/medijsko_sredisce/novica/article/737/2911/).

Interested parties can also obtain the documentation in person at the Office's headquarters on weekdays between 9:00 and 14:00 hours, and at any of the Republic of Slovenia's embassies or consulates general, during their office hours.

The deadline for filing the applications is up to and including **December 27, 2013**.

For any additional clarifications and information, please contact the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad via email: [urad.slovinci@gov.si](mailto:urad.slovinci@gov.si) or check its website at: <http://www.uszs.gov.si>

## TO DO LIST

### Composer Dušan Bavdek and Academia Ljubljana at the Phillips Collection

In 2009, The Phillips Collection joined forces with embassies in Washington to create a unique concert series in which leading European composers introduce their works with performers they select. The series is co-sponsored by The Phillips Collection and the George Washington University. Now in its fifth season, this year the opening Leading European Composers concert features the music of Slovenian composer Dušan Bavdek, performed by musicians from the Academy of Music in Ljubljana.

Where: [The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009](#)

When: [Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.](#)

More information and tickets: <http://www.phillipscollection.org/events/2013-12-12-lec-bavdek.aspx>

## LECTURE The Peaks of Slovenian Music at GWU

On Thursday, December 12, the Phillips Collection in partnership with George Washington University will present a concert of music by Slovenian composer Dušan Bavdek, performed by musicians from the Academy of Music in Ljubljana. Bavdek is one of the leading personalities in the musical life of Slovenia and the most prominent Slovenian composer in Europe and the world.

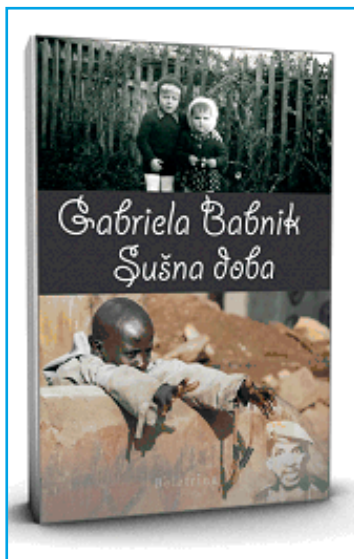
The next day, Prof. Bavdek will present a lecture/performance, called The Peaks of Slovenian Music Through History to the Present Time. This will be an informal presentation ranging from the 50,000-60,000-year-old paleolithic bone flute found in the "Divja baba" cave (the oldest preserved musical instrument in the world), the work of a prominent Slovenian renaissance composer, Jacob Handl (Iacobus Gallus Carniolus), and Slovenian composers from the 17th through the 20th centuries. Conversation will be mixed with performances by the visiting performers from Ljubljana. Join us for food, conversation and music.

When: [Friday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m.](#)

Where: [George Washington University, Department of Music, 801 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052](#)

Room: [Phillips, B-120](#)

Free and opened to the public. No RSVP required.



## READING: Gabriela Babnik at the Library of Congress

Recipient of European Union Literature Prize Gabriela Babnik will discuss her latest novel, *Dry Season*, in which she examines interactions and cultural clashes between Europe and Africa.

When: [Tuesday, December 17 at noon](#)

Where: [Library of Congress, European Division conference room, LJ-250 \(2nd floor, Thomas Jefferson Building\)](#)

More information: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/calendar/calendar.html>





## [Slovenian film DUAL at the 26th Annual AFI – EU Film Festival in Silver Spring](#)

Now in its 26th year, the AFI European Union Film Showcase continues its tradition of bringing the best in European cinema to Washington audiences. This year's selection of more than 50 films includes award-winners, international festival favorites, local box-office hits and debut works by promising new talents, plus many countries' official Oscar® submissions for Best Foreign Language Film. Slovenia will be represented by the film *The Dual* (Dvojina). DIR/SCR Nejc Gazvoda; SCR Janez Lapajne; PROD Aleš Pavlin, Andrej Stritof. Slovenia/Croatia/Denmark, 2013, color, 102 min. In Slovenian and Danish with English subtitles. NOT RATED

When: [Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.](#); [Monday, December 16 at 9:45 p.m.](#)

Where: [AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910](#)

More information: <http://www.afi.com/silver/eushowcase/>



## [Concert of Sacred Songs at St. Vitus Church in Cleveland.](#)

The St. Vitus Christmas Choir, consisting of nearly 60 soprano, alto, tenor, or bass singers, will perform its annual Concert of Sacred Songs, sung in English, Italian, Latin, and Slovenian. The choir will be accompanied by a string quartet, with Mr. William F. Patrick, master organist, performing on the restored church Holtkamp organ with 1,500 wooden and metal pipes. The choir is under the direction of Mr. John Srsen.

When: [Sunday, Dec 29, 2013, following the 10:00 a.m. mass](#)

Where: [St. Vitus Church, 6019 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.](#)

More information: [Stane Kuhar, \(216\) 361-1444; email: skuhar@hotmail.com](#)

## [Ansambel Saša Avsenika in Cleveland, OH](#)

Slovenska Pristava, Slovenian National Home and The Slovenian Hour present the grandson of the legendary Slavko Avsenik, who continues the Avsenik tradition. In February, Sašo Avsenik will introduce his sound to North America; however, his Cleveland, OH, concert will be the only one in the U.S.

When: [Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [The Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH](#)

Tickets: [\(440\)537-1941](#)

\$20 pre-sale | \$25 at the door | students \$10.