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Slovenian National Day Reception at the Embassy of Slovenia



Welcoming remarks by Ambassador Dr. Božo Cerar.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr. Božo Cerar with his wife, Dr. Martina Skok, jointly with the Defense Attaché, Colonel Ivan Mikuž, hosted a reception on the occasion of the Slovenian National Day and Slovenian Armed Forces Day on June 24. The celebration was organized to mark June 25, 1991, when the Slovenian Assembly passed the Basic Constitutional Charter and the Declaration of Independence, which was later

that day proclaimed in a ceremony in front of the parliament building.

The reception on Tuesday, was attended by more than 250 people, among them representatives of the U.S. Administration and U.S. Congress (among them Senator Amy Klobuchar), ambassadors and other members of the foreign diplomatic corps, military attachés and other high military officials, Colorado National Guard representatives, think-tank and

NGO members, businessmen, the media as well as members of the Slovenian community in the greater Washington, DC, area.

After the presentation of the American and the Slovenian national anthems, the guests were welcomed by the ambassador, Dr. Cerar, who in his remarks outlined the importance of Slovenia's not merely partnership but, moreover, friendship and alliance with the U.S. He recognized the anniversaries of



two great Slovenian American organizations: 120 years of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) and 110 years of the Slovenian National Benefit Society (SNPJ), both celebrated this year. On this occasion, he also remembered former congressman Jim Oberstar, who passed away recently and had been very proud of his Slovenian roots and had always been devoted to helping Slovenia.

In his address, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central and Southeast Europe, Mr. Hoyt Yee, congratulated Slovenia on behalf of the Secretary of State John Kerry on the occasion of the 23 years of Slovenian independence. He pointed out that Slovenia has shown to be a strong and reliable member of the transatlantic community and has since 1991 built a strong, stable and reliable relationship with the United States. In his speech, he devoted much of his attention to the stable partner-relationship between Slovenia and the U.S., and the importance of Slovenia's role in the transatlantic alliance as a strategic partner promoting



The Ambassador Dr. Božo Cerar, and his wife, Dr. Martina Skok welcoming guests jointly with the Defense Attaché, Colonel Ivan Mikuž, on June 24.

shared values.

On the occasion, Ambassador Dr. Cerar also opened -- in the artist's presence -- the exhibition by the Slovenian-born artist Miro Zupančič. After his graduation in 1963, Miro Zupančič moved to the United States of America, to Cleveland, Ohio. He immediately made contact with the world-renowned sculptor France Gorše and other Slovene artists in the newly established Artistic Club LOK. In 1970, Miro

moved to the East Coast and opened a studio in Queens, NY. Additionally, he continued his studies at the New York School of Visual Arts. In the past decades, he had a number of exhibitions in New York City, in both the Lincoln Center and the Galleries International. He also exhibited his work in Washington, D.C., Buenos Aires, Ontario, Mexico City, Paris, and Linz (Austria).

Miro Zupančič's renewal of ties with Slovenian art is connected with the independence of Slovenia. Although he lives with his family in Long Island, NY, Miro Zupančič maintains his contacts with Slovenia with yearly exhibits in Europe. The exhibition displayed at the embassy is titled Horizon and presents his lifetime work, featuring the range of styles and artistic expression elaborated in the form of paintings and sculptures. The exhibition remains on display at the embassy until September 30. The gallery is open to the visitors Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Address by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central and Southeast Europe, Mr. Hoyt Yee.



Around 250 guest attended the reception.



Mr. and Mrs. Zupančič with Ambassador Dr. Cerar in front of one of the exhibited paintings.



Brig. Gen. Peter J. Byrne and Cpt. Derek Richter of the Colorado National Guard.



Dr. Martina Skok with first U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia Mr. Allan Wendt.



Ambassador Dr. Cerar with Senator Amy Klobuchar.



Artsts Jože Vodlan and Miro Zupančič with new book "Za mavrico preko oceana", Ms. Marinka Zupančič, Ms. Bernardka Kovačič Fitzsimmons and Ms. Nika Kovačič.



DAS Hoyt Yee, Ambassador Dr Cerar and U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia Joseph Mussomeli.

Slovenian National Day in Cleveland, OH

On Monday, June 23, the Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia organized the traditional reception at the City Hall in Cleveland to celebrate the Slovenian National Day. The event was attended by more than 150 visitors, among them the Consul General of Japan. Importance was also given to the event by the presence of presidents of the three biggest Slovenian organizations in the U.S., namely, Rudy Krasovec from Joilet, IL (KSKJ), Joe Evanish from Imperial, PA (SNPJ) and Tim Percic from Cleveland, OH (AMLA).

The visitors were addressed by city councilors with Slovenian roots: Joe Cimperman and Michael Polensek, and by George Brown, who works as a district representative of U.S. Senator Rob Portman. Jurček Žmauc, Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, in his speech emphasized the important role of the Slovenian community in the year of 1991



Reception was held at the City Hall in Cleveland.

and the significance of the 10th Anniversary of Slovenian membership in NATO and E.U. that is celebrated this year.

The cultural program of the event was carried out by the men's choir "Mi smo mi" from Cleveland. On the same day, an exhibition of Miljenko Licul artwork, "The Visual

Identity of Slovenia – Design for a State" also was on display, and to honor the Slovenian statehood the City Hall in Cleveland hanged out the Slovenian flag. The flag was displayed also on June 25, the anniversary date of the declaration of independence, which took place 23 years ago.

Flag-Raising Ceremony in Bethlehem, PA

The 18th annual traditional flag-raising ceremony on the occasion of the National day of the Republic of Slovenia took place on the Payrow Plaza at the City Hall in Bethlehem, PA, on Friday, June 20. The celebration was organized by the Bethlehem–Murska Sobota Sister City Association and was attended by numerous members of the Slovenian community and other citizens of Bethlehem.

After the presentation of Slovenian and American national anthems, the flag raising was led by former BMSSCA president

Stephan Antalics, whereas the Mayor of Bethlehem Robert Donchez, who is of Slovenian ancestry, congratulated the Slovenian community on the 23rd anniversary of Slovenia's independence.

Keynote speakers at the event were Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Slovenia, Ondina Blokar Drobič, and Slovenian Consul General from Cleveland, OH, Jurček Žmauc, who also attended several business meetings while visiting Pennsylvania. The evening before the ceremony,



Stephan Antalics and Mayor Bob Donchez.

he introduced to Bethlehem the Slovenian American Business Association (S-ABA), presenting the business opportunities that could enhance collaboration between Slovenia and the Coal State.

Bethlehem, established in 1741, became home to many Slovenians, who came mostly from the Prekmurje region already before WWI. St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in Bethlehem by Slovene immigrants already in 1910, whereas the foundation stone for the Roman Catholic church of St. Joseph was laid in 1914. Both premises have served in the past century also as places where a strong and vital Slovenian community has nurtured its heritage. The Slovenian community associated itself



In front row at the ceremony Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Ondina Blokar Drobic and Consul General Jurcek Zmauc. (Photos: Gene Novak)

with and in 1996 established city hall and the luncheon that sister city relationship with follows have been the annual Murska Sobota. Since then, symbolic highlights of the traditional raising of the fruitful cooperation between Slovenian flag in front of the the two cities.

Slovenian National Flag Raising Ceremony in Norfolk, VA

NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT) commemorated the National Day of the Republic of Slovenia with a flag raising ceremony on June 23 in Norfolk, VA. The ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of Slovenia to the U.S., Dr. Božo Cerar, and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General Mirco Zuliani.

The ceremony was also graced with the presence of Brigadier General Miha Škerbinc, Commander, 1st Brigade of the Slovenian Armed Forces, and Colonel Ivan Mikuž, Defense Attaché at the Embassy of Slovenia. Colonel Mojca Pešec, Administrative NCO, presented Slovenia to the participants and Sergeant First Class Aleš Kocbek



Ambassador Dr. Cerar, and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General Zuliani attending the celebration. (Photo courtesy: Capt. Jane E. Campbell)

raised the flag. Slovenia joined NATO with six other nations 10 years ago, in 2004, forming the

largest accession in the Alliance's history.

Celebration of National Day in San Francisco, CA

Around 80 members of West Coast Slovenian American community, in ages from 6 to 91, attended the annual national day reception in Healdsburg, CA, hosted by Honorary Consul of Slovenia in San Francisco. Tom Brandi, and his wife Carol. The group, which included professors, entrepreneurs, engineers, doctors, artists, students and others, enjoyed excellent food and wine in a relaxed gathering on Saturday, June 28 afternoon and evening.

Among others, present were Jure Leskovec, assistant professor of Computer Science at Stanford University; inventor, researcher and engineer France Rode and his wife Mia Rode (who conducts Slovene language classes in CA); Jacqueline Widmar Stewart, author of the book Finding Slovenia; Zvonko



Honorary consul Tom Brandi addressing guests at the annual picnic. (Photo: Anthony Ravnik).

Fazarinc, former director of song for the occasion, and HP and consulting professor at other members of the vibrant Stanford; Ravnik brothers, who Slovenian community on the West Coast.

Slovenian National Day at the Consulate in Minnesota

There were 72 people celebrating the 23rd anniversary of Slovenian Independence at the Consulate of the Republic of Slovenia in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Saturday, June 21. The National Day was celebrated in conjunction with the annual Twin Cities Slovenians dinner and featured a "balinanje" (bocce ball) tournament for which 32 people signed up. Unfortunately, the tournament had to be cancelled due to excessively wet conditions caused by a record amount of rain this June. This was unfortunate, not only because the guests didn't get to play, but also because "Trije Prijatelji" (Three Amigos), as the community affectionately



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refers to them, Rick Pisa, John Skubitz, and Bob Grahek, put in a great amount of work organizing the teams, publishing the rules, drawing up the brackets, etc. The tournament may be rescheduled for later this summer.

The guests spent the afternoon socializing on the back patio enjoying good Slovenian music performed by John Stark on the button accordion, Aleksi Medved on guitar, and Silvester Vicic, who alternated playing the accordion, guitar, and baritone. At 5:30, they all went inside for an exquisite dinner prepared by Karen Medved. Before sitting down for dinner, the participants sang the U.S. National Anthem followed by the Slovenian National anthem.

During the dinner, Miro Medved read (Nebesa pod Triglavom)" Heaven Under the Triglav" by Ivan Cankar, a very appropriate piece for this occasion. The English translation (written by Anka Zakelj) was read by Miro Medved's daughter-in-law, Sarah Morris(Medved). Honorary Consul



The celebration was hosted by Honorary Consul Miro Medved and his wife Karen.

Medved also read a letter sent by Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator from Minnesota, expressing regrets that she was unable to be there to celebrate with them. Senator Klobuchar reminded all that she was the granddaughter of Slovenian immigrants and that she was proud of her heritage and history. In the letter, she also stated:" I try to share some of that every Thursday morning when

the Senate is in session by serving potica and coffee to Minnesotans visiting Washington. I invite all of you to join me if you ever find yourself in Washington during the week". After the reading of the well-received letter and the dinner, the Slovenes from St. Paul were treated to more Slovenian music until late into the evening. (Miro Medved, Honorary Consul, Republic of Slovenia)

BUSINESS

Slovenian Wine Tasting in New York

Renowned New York wine store Le Du's Wines hosted on Saturday, June 28, a tasting of wines and spirits from Slovenia. The event was organized in cooperation with Emil Gaspari of [Tri-Wines, Inc.](#) and presented by Yannick Benjamin.

Slovenia has more than 28,000 wineries, making between 80 and 90 million liters of wine annually from the country's vineyards. About 75% of the country's production is white wine. Almost all of the wine is

consumed domestically with only 6.1 million liters a year being exported, mostly to the United States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and lately the Czech Republic.

The fine selection that was introduced on the occasion included Batič "Bonsimus" Chardonnay & Pinot Gris 2007, Vinakoper "Refosk Rose" (Refosco) - Koper 2012, Ludvik Nazarij Glavina Refosk - Koper 2011, and Vinakoper Refosk Red Wine - Koper 2011. In addition

to the presentation of the wines, chef Peter X. Kelly presented [Slovenia vodka](#), distilled from winter wheat and buckwheat. Slovenia vodka was last year awarded a Gold medal at the 2013 SIP Awards Vodka Category, International Spirits Competition, as well as a Platinum Medal for Individual Package Design; it was also awarded a Gold Medal at the 2013 San Francisco World Spirits Competition on March 24, 2013, against a field of more than 1,400 spirits.

Slovenia Participates in the EducationUSA Forum

On June 24, 2014, representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia and Ms. Darinka Trček, advisor from the EducationUSA center in Ljubljana, which operates within the Slovene human resources development and scholarship fund, participated in the EducationUSA Global Showcase in Washington, D.C. The showcase was organized in the framework of 5th Annual EducationUSA forum, which took place on June 23 – 25 and the main purpose of which was to discover the prospects for student exchanges and the cultural diversity that exchanges of European and Eurasian students bring to U.S. campuses.

Representatives of more than 500 U.S. universities participated in the event in which the main goal of the Slovenian showcase was to present the four Slovenian universities, namely those of Maribor, of Ljubljana, of Primorska and of Nova Gorica, as well as different university



departments. Many participants were interested in the Slovenian educational system and in discussing the possibilities for organizing student exchange programs in order to make it possible for Slovenian students to study in the United States and vice versa.

All of the representatives stressed that Slovenia has an advanced program of scholarships

for studying abroad, which is funded from the state budget and which makes it an attractive country for collaboration. It seems that Slovenia is becoming more and more popular among U.S. citizens especially among students. Therefore, it can be expected that an increasing number of Slovenian students will decide to participate in student exchange programs and try to gain knowledge through their academic career across the Atlantic.

The EducationUSA program, supported by the U.S. Department of State, is composed of hundreds of advising centers around the world, which provide to international students information and assistance about applying to colleges and universities in the United States. The Slovenian EducationUSA center, led by Ms. Darinka Trček, is located at Dunajska 22, 1000 Ljubljana. The phone No. is +386-(0)1-434-1080, and the e-mail address: EducationUSA@sklad-kadri.si



Slovenian Students Win the Scientific Genius Olympiad

Three Slovenian teams which participated at the Genius Olympiad in Oswego, New York, in June, won gold, silver and bronze medals. Competitors from all around the world participated in the Olympiad in five different categories: art, creative writing, music, design, and science.

The team of two high school students, Aleš Zupančič from Gimnazija Novo mesto and Jaka Šikonja from Gimnazija Črnomelj, won the competition in the field of science by introducing the possibility of using the organic household waste for the production of hydrogen. The Slovenian team composed of Urška Pirc and Maja Vidmar, under supervision of Alenka Mozer from Gimnazija Vič, won the silver medal in the field of science for their research paper Micro-plastics and gray water from washing machines. Moreover, Maksimilijan Adamek and Domen Lenčarič from



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Gimnazija Vič won the bronze medal in the field of science.

Much of the attention was caught by the "golden medalists" in the field of science, Aleš Zupančič and Jaka Šikonja, who competed and won their golden medal in a field of 502 projects from the entire world. The empirical part of their project was built in the Laboratory of

Environmental Engineering under the supervision of Albin Pintar, Boštjan Erjavec, Ilija Gasan Osojnik and Professor Marija Kočar from Novo mesto High School and Meta Šavli from Črnomelj High School.

In their scientific work, the two young students managed to transform biodegradable household waste into a gas mixture of hydrogen and carbon dioxide, which they used for obtaining electricity at room temperature. It is essential to emphasize that their research paper also contains a business part, in which they successfully showed that such obtainment of hydrogen from biodegradable waste is a profitable activity. The business part was supervised by Željka Kitič and Janez Gorenc (both of them mentors at the Entrepreneurship Club of Gimnazija Novo mesto). Extra help was also given by the team of Institute for Quality Education.



Six students from Slovenia were honored the awards.

Bled Strategic Forum (BSF)



On **September 1 and 2**, the Slovenian resort town of Bled is hosting the 9th Bled Strategic Forum, organized by the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Centre for European Perspective under the title *The Power of Trust*, accompanied by two parallel events: Business BSF and Young BSF.

The Philosophy of Leadership will be at the center of the main panel, held under the patronage of President Borut Pahor. The traditional forms of leadership are evidently no longer adequate for addressing new challenges, and a shift to modern and proactive trends in politics and business is needed. But this also requires a change in the attitudes of leaders; they will have to adapt or change their way of thinking.

Cyber security and data protection will be discussed as matters of grave importance for governments, businesses and civil society by a panel titled *Contemporary Threats: Cyber*

Security – a Global Challenge and an Opportunity.

One of the greatest social and economic challenges of recent years will be addressed under the title *Demographic Change – Another Threat or an Opportunity.* The ageing population and longer life expectancy have changed expectations and demands. This panel will examine the links between, and co-dependence of, the younger and the older generations.

Slovenia's geographic position between the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Pannonian Basin and the Western Balkans makes it the perfect location for discussing *The Spirit of Central Europe and the need for greater integration, fewer social and economic differences and a common approach to resolving international issues.*

The traditional Western Balkans panel will address regional integration under the title *The Future of the Western Balkans – How to Make Regional*

Cooperation Work: how can different regional initiatives be streamlined to make them more effective?

The digital economy will be on the agenda at the night-owl session. This year, an early-bird session on September 2 will be introduced to discuss the hidden dimensions in international relations.

Business BSF

The power of trust, a fundamental value of all business endeavors, will be at the heart of the Business BSF, too. Trust builds and strengthens ties, creates new jobs and drives progress. Trust is essential for increasing social capital and for sustainable economic growth. The discussion will focus on finding a balance between different parts of Europe and Interconnecting Southeast Europe in the Infrastructure Network of the E.U., improving business cooperation between

India and Central and Southeast Europe, and technological innovation as the driving force of economic growth – Start(up) New Technologies! The future role of global tourism and modern trends in tourism will be the topic of The Power of Tourism, held in parallel and placing special attention on the effect of tourism on international relations and economic exchange in Central and Southeast Europe. Part two will take a closer look at how the process of globalization can boost trust in the region.



Young Bled Strategic Forum

Ambitious young leaders, diplomats, scholars, NGO representatives and business people will gather for this year's Young BSF under the title The Potential of Trust. Recognizing that tradition comes second to creativity, the forum changes its format every year, while preserving its innovative approach to youth-related issues. This networking platform for young leaders from various professional backgrounds and different parts of the world will be held in three parts this year.

The Young BSF Business Case Competition will be launched on Wednesday, August 27, with seven teams of post-graduates competing on a business case. On Friday, August 29, the competitors will be joined by 25 young leaders who were selected from nominations put forward by Slovenian ambassadors abroad and foreign ambassadors accredited to Slovenia. Over the weekend, the Young BSF Camp will address

youth-related issues and the potential of trust in a globalized world in a creative program, through interactive activities and networking opportunities. In the afternoon of Monday, September 1, the participants will be joined by 150 young Slovenian leaders, who will take part, with the participants of the Bled Strategic Forum, in a separate panel titled The Potential of Trust. The participants of the Young BSF will have full access to the Bled Strategic Forum and Business BSF.

Bled Strategic Forum has become well-established and has grown into one of the most prominent high-level

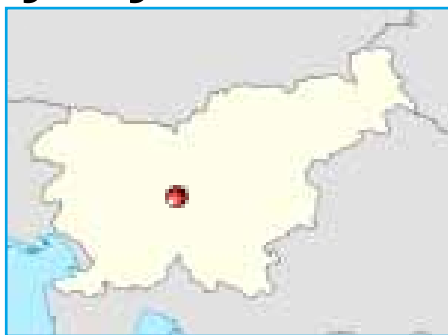
international conferences in this part of Europe. The event is visited every year by more than 500 guests from around the world, including eminent senior politicians, senior representatives of international organizations and financial institutions, successful business people, representatives of the academic sphere, NGOs and the media.

More at:

www.bledstrategicforum.org or info.bsf@gov.si



Ljubljana Wins European Green Capital Award 2016



The capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, has won the European Green Capital Award for 2016. The award was presented on June 24 by E.U. Environment Commissioner, Janez Potočnik, at a ceremony in Copenhagen, which holds the 2014 European Green Capital title. Mayor of Ljubljana, Zoran Jankovič, accepted the award on behalf of Ljubljana, which was shortlisted for the award alongside Essen, Nijmegen, Oslo, and Umeå by the E.U. Commissioner for the Environment, Janez Potočnik.

Ljubljana received recognition for raising environmental awareness among

Ljubljana. (Source: www.slovenia.info, photographer: Tomo Jeseničnik)

its citizens, for its sustainability strategy 'Vision 2025', its implementation of a range of urban green measures over the past decade and its impressive transportation network.

Commissioner Potočnik on the occasion said: "It gives me great pleasure to present

Ljubljana with the European Green Capital Award for 2016. As a citizen of Ljubljana, it is with immense pride that I congratulate the city on its environmental achievements. I very much look forward to its year as the 2016 European Green Capital. All of the finalists of this Award provide us with valuable real-life examples of how respect for the environment, excellent quality of life and economic growth can all be successfully combined."

The European Green Capital Award is an annual event that promotes and rewards the efforts of cities that are committed to improving the urban environment. The award is given to a European city that has a well-established record of achieving high environmental standards and is committed to ongoing and ambitious goals for future environmental improvement and sustainable development.



Zoran Jankovič, Mayor of Ljubljana, receiving the European Green Capital Award from commissioner Janez Potočnik.

DISCUSSION AT THE EMBASSY WITH ROBIN WRIGHT ON CRISIS IN IRAQ

Organized by Women’s Foreign Policy Group the event is titled: Crisis in Iraq: What’s Next for Them and Us. Address will be given by Robin Wright, an author, journalist, and foreign policy analyst, who has covered the Middle East for four decades. Wright has reported from 140 countries for The Washington Post, The New Yorker, TIME, The New York Times magazine, The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, Los Angeles Times, and CBS News. Currently a joint fellow at United States Institute of Peace and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Wright has been a fellow at Yale, Duke, Stanford, Dartmouth, Brookings, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.



When: [Wednesday, July 16, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m.](#)
 Where: [Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008](#)
 Space is limited. Advance registration is required.
 WFPG Members \$25 Non-Members \$40
 More information: <http://www.wfpg.org/>



FLUTISTS MATEJ GRAHEK, NINA ASSIMAKOPOULOS AND PIANIST TADEJ HORVAT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

Internationally acclaimed flutists Matej Grahek and Nina Assimakopoulos and pianist Tadej Horvat will present a blend of multicultural works combining classical, jazz, rock, folk, Caribbean, Asian, and South American musical influences. Presented in cooperation with the Embassy of Slovenia. Free entrance. Online live screening at: http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=116054&source_type=B

When: [On Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m.](#)
 Where: [Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566](#)
 More information: http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=116054&source_type=B

FLUTIST MATEJ GRAHEK AND PIANIST TADEJ HORVAT PERFORM IN WEST VIRGINIA

Distinguished Slovenian flutist Matej Grahek and recognized pianist Tadej Horvat will perform at the international flute symposium at West Virginia University. They will introduce works by Slovenian composers Crt Sojar Voglar, Blaž Pucihar and Vito Zuraž and works by Ian Clarke and Francois Borne.

When: Opening concert of the symposium on Wednesday July 16 at 8 p.m. and Gala Concert on Thursday, July 17 at 8 p.m.

Where: Bloch Learning and Performance Hall, West Virginia University College of Creative Arts - School of Music, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26506-6111

More information: <http://ifs.wvu.edu/schedule-of-events>

SLOVENIAN ARTIST BETI BRICELJ EXHIBITS IN DALLAS, TX

From Slovenia, Venezuela, and Dallas With Love, an exhibition featuring hard-edge geometric abstractions by artists from three continents. The paintings of Beti Bricelj, Israel Guevera, and work of sculptor Jeff Robinson will be shown through October.

Opening Reception: Friday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Museum of Geometric and MADI Art, 3109 Carlisle Street, Dallas, TX 75204-1194

More information: <http://www.geometricmadimuseum.org/>

SLOVENIAN FILM KARPOTROTTER IN RURAL ROUTE FESTIVAL IN NYC

The highlights of the 10th annual edition of the Rural Route Festival include a 50th anniversary presentation on restored 35mm of Parajanov's legendary Ukraine/Carpathian-set Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors, a new DCP Director's Cut restoration of the British cult classic, Wicker Man, and a rare 16mm print of the great ethnomusicologist, Alan Lomax's film on British May Day celebrations, Oss Oss Wee Oss.

Cutting-edge new films include Josephine Decker's Butter on the Latch, alongside the North American Premiere of Ukrainian documentary, Krasna Malanka, the one-of-a-kind mythological fiction about one of the most unique ethnic groups within Russia, Celestial Wives of the Meadow Mari, the World Premiere of renowned fashion casting director, Daniel Peddle's Sunset Edge, and the new documentary on Yugoslavian Black Wave director, Karpo Godina, Karpotrotter.

Festival dates: Aug. 8-10 at the Museum of the Moving Image, with closing night at Brooklyn Grange flagship rooftop farm, L.I.C.

Full program of the festival is available at <http://ruralroutefilms.com/2014-festival/>