

**“HVALA”**

**To our Friends and Donors  
who have been supportive for 41 years!**

**SPECIAL THANKS**

**American Gold Seafoods, Anacortes Arts Foundation, Edwin Anderson,  
Choir of the Sound, Icicle Seafoods, Kris Kefgen, Nick Kefgen,  
Lovrić Seacraft, The Market, Pacific Food Importers, Sebo's Hardware,  
St. Mary Parish, Tri Marije LLC, Kevin Bright, Dorothy Conklin,  
Marius Hibbard, Florence Lovrić, Deborah Pirak, John Plancich,  
Matthew Plancich, Berrie Martinis Woodworth**

**Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble  
is a non-profit organization**

**VELA LUKA CROATIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE  
801 - 5th St., Anacortes, WA 98221  
[www.velaluka.org](http://www.velaluka.org) / [info@velaluka.org](mailto:info@velaluka.org) / 360-299-2525**

**RUŽE DALMATINKE  
3830 N.E. 195th St., Lake Forest Park, WA 98155  
[info@velaluka.org](mailto:info@velaluka.org) / 206-367-2268**

**BONACA  
[bonacaseattle@gmail.com](mailto:bonacaseattle@gmail.com) / 206-660-5189**

*Program Cover: Photo by Jal Schrof, CroatiaFest, Seattle, 2008*

*Program Facing Pages: Photo by Jal Schrof, Winter Worldfest, Seattle, 2008*

*Program Back: Photo by Jal Schrof, Winter Worldfest, Seattle, 2003*

*Program Design by Maria Plancich Kesovija*

# VELA LUKA

**CROATIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE  
BONACA & RUŽE DALMATINKE**



**SPRING FEŠTA  
APRIL 9, 2016**

**CROATIAN CULTURAL CENTER  
801 - 5TH ST.  
ANACORTES, WASHINGTON**

# VELA LUKA CROATIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE

**Executive Director:** Maria Franulović Petrish

**Artistic Director:** Maria Plancich Kesovija

The **Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble, Ruže Dalmatinke & Bonaca Orchestra** perform music and dance of Croatia. Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble was founded in 1975 in Anacortes, WA, located on Fidalgo Island. One-quarter of the residents of this unique community are descended from immigrants from another fishing town: Vela Luka, on the island of Korčula, Croatia. The performers in Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble represent four generations of Croatian Americans who have introduced their culture's extraordinary choreography, music, and instruments to people all over the world. Forming a cross-cultural link between the Puget Sound region and Croatia, the company strives to preserve Croatian folkways and culture for generations to come.

## **RUŽE DALMATINKE**

Alma Franulović Plancich & Maria Plancich Kesovija

## **FEŠTA MUSICIANS**

Hank Bradley, David Clelland, David Jackson\*, Tom Jovanovich, James Hoath, Pasko Kesovija, Steven Mataya, Matthew Olich Tweten\*, Matthew Thompson

\*Vela Luka musicians join with members of BONACA for tonight's Fešta!  
**BONACA**, "calm seas", formed in 2009, performs music of Croatia, the Balkans and beyond.

## **VELA LUKA DANCERS 2015-2016**

Marija Damjanović Anderson	William Jones	Michael Petrish *
Margo Cochran <i>Čorak</i>	Maria Plancich Kesovija	Nicholas Petrish III
Duane Colbert <i>Gregorich</i>	Amanda Kridler <i>Pančić</i>	Christopher Plancich
David Clelland	Anamaria Dulama Lovrić	Jaimia Plancich
Chloe Davenport	Emily Hillenbrand	Karen Pirak
Julie O'Brien Gatti	John Lovrić *	Melody Tarabochia
<i>Ruljancich</i>	Bret Newbaker <i>Pirak</i>	<i>Family name in italics</i>
Kathryn Hightower	Ante Petrish	* <i>Dance Master</i>
<i>Kaliman &amp; Dražić</i>		

## **VELA LUKA 2015-2016 YOUTH**

Lilly Cameron <i>Pirak</i>	Marija Mila Kesovija	Katarina Petrish
Vivian Hillenbrand	Niyah Laizure <i>Pirak</i>	Kayla Piper <i>Tarabochia</i>
Claire Hoepfner		Laney Piper <i>Tarabochia</i>

## **PROGRAM**

**5:30** Hors d'oeuvres - Bar

**6:00** Greeting and Introductions – *Maria Petrish*  
Dinner Blessing

**7:00** Program and Performance –  
*Alma Plancich, Master of Ceremonies*  
**BONACA, Ruže Dalmatinke**  
& *Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble*

**8:00** Raffle & Participatory Dancing

## **VELA LUKA CROATIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE**

South of Croatia's Capital, Zagreb, along the beautiful Sava River, lies the Posavina Valley. Each village in this region has its own songs and melodies to which the dancers dance the local drmeš (jiggling dance). Joyful lyrics to the songs tell about blossoming yellow tulips "*precveli su plavi tulipani*", picking grapes "*berem grožđe*" and the rain is falling "*kiša pada*". The suite opens with *Oj Savice*, a song about the beauty and calm flow of the Sava River.

Choreography: Denis Boxell, Richard Horne

## **YOUTH PERFORMANCE—POSAVSKI PLESOVI DANCES OF POSAVINA**

The Vela Luka youth ensemble shows off their fancy footwork in their performance of dances from the region of Posavina. They mimic the adults and also present their own playful dances. *Dučec* and *Staro sito* are presented in this suite of dances. The steps are quick and joyful, celebrating a holiday or a gathering after church on Sunday.

Choreography: Maria Plancich Kesovija

## **BANATSKI MAĐARAC**

Vela Luka presents three dances from the Banat region. They are *Šaranac*, a dance imitating elderly men, *Momačko Nadigravanje*, a young man's competition dance, a song, *U Banatu zito više glave*, in Banat, the wheat is as high as our heads, and *Banatski Mađarac*, a dance named after their Hungarian neighbors.

Choreography: Željko Jergan