



DOM LIPA

SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

November 24, 2022

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication, we reflect on Lipathon 2022 and thank all donors. Lipathon continues to December 6th. See some behind-the-scenes photos below.

Lipathon 2022 was FUN!

On Saturday evening, November 19th, Lipathon provided 2 ½ of hours of uplifting music and fun, with a special segment led by Tinka the cow puppet for our children. Tinka sang some beloved Slovenian folk songs, told some jokes, and thanked youngsters who contributed art for the Artistic 'Cow'ner.

If you missed it, do not fret! The full program is available on two platforms: Facebook Lipathon 2022 at www.facebook.com/lipathon2022 or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/9l2ZcSAXWNo>

Dom Lipa is delighted to continue this virtual program to showcase the musical and other talents of members of the Slovenian community. With over 900 hits so far on the Facebook page, we know we are reaching a wide audience who are able join from all over. Let us know, by posting a comment on Facebook or YouTube, if you are watching from outside the Toronto area!

Thank you for donating: *Together we can! Skupaj zmoremo!*

Thank you to all for your generous donations! The Slovenian community has been a constant support for Dom Lipa's work with seniors. So far, we have collected over \$70,000 and hope we can at least reach \$100,000 this year.

Please continue donating to Lipathon until December 6th, the feast of Sv. Miklavž (Saint Nicholas). (We hope we get no lumps of coal, however.)

We set very ambitious goal of \$400,000, a to help us pay for continuing repairs on the 30-year-old building. You may have noticed the work crews working on one part of the building. This work will cost over \$420,000! Your donation will help ensure the building is sound and safe for our seniors and staff.

Please make a donation by going to <https://www.domlipa.ca/donations> or mail a cheque. We accept etransfers; and remember if you wish a donation receipt, you must provide your name and address in the memo section of the etransfer page.

A HUGE thank you to Milan Vinčec

Milan is the executive producer of all three Lipathon events so far. You have seen how more creative and fun the event! We are so grateful for Milan's vision and expert execution of this important community outreach and, we hope, is also becoming a community building event.

You may not realize that Milan begins preparing for Lipathon months in advance to plan the event and conceptualize new components to keep the event fresh, like adding a special segment for children this year.

Very early in the planning process, Milan also turns to community leaders, as well as Dom Lipa directors, administrative staff and residents for messages to intersperse between musical segments. Hearing from the residents is especially heartwarming!

On the day of the event, Milan brings his fun and energetic self as host. This year Maria Zajc McDonald joined him as co-host and says that she was quickly swept up in the joy of Lipathon.

Thank you, Milan, for all that your hard work to help Dom Lipa and our seniors!

We also thank Danny Šuštar who has assisted the day of the event for all three years to ensure the taped and live segments go as planned, and that sound and video turn on at the right times.

Thank you Musicians and Contributors

A special 'hvala' to all our speakers who made video messages. Thank you for your warm wishes and support!

Thank you to all our music-makers who contributed Slovenians songs and other favourites:

Tinka, the cow puppet

Ansambel Šibaj

Martin Pušič

Backroad Bound

Polka Maestre

Robi Upanje

Naša Pesem Choir

GG5 Quintet

Family Končan

Matt Lebar

Vocal Group Plamen

Ansambel Gregorič

Danny Šuštar

To learn more about the work of the Dom Lipa Family Council, and their beautiful gardens, go to <https://www.domlipa.ca/sites/default/files/Family%20Council%20Article.pdf>

If you are interested in learning more about Michele Pušič Ryall of Slovenska Kuhinja / Slovenian Kitchen, who each year shares a recipe and a special message, see <https://sloveniankitchen.com/>

We apologize for shortening the heartfelt message from Father Plazar during the event. You may hear the full message from Father Plazar on the Lipathon 2022 Facebook page, available at www.facebook.com/lipathon2022

The Directors, Administration team and staff hope you will keep supporting Lipathon 2022!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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