



DOM LIPA
SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

November 17, 2023

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication there is information about Christmas lunches with residents and visitor masking requirements. Our guest musicians also get a shout-out. We are pleased to tell you about our successful Lipathon virtual event, thank our donors and invite you to keep giving to Lipathon 2023.

Join our Residents for Christmas Lunch

In October, families and residents received invitations for the Resident Christmas Lunches taking place on December 5, 6 and 7, 2023. Two guests are welcome to join each resident. In order to avoid disappointment and secure your place, kindly reply to us at info@domlipa.ca by tomorrow, November 18, 2023.

Visitor Masking Guidance

On November 7, 2023, the Ministry of Long-Term Care released an updated COVID-19 guidance document for long-term care homes in Ontario, including updated requirements and recommendations about masking. Please see <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-guidance-document-long-term-care-homes-ontario>

Caregivers and visitors are now **strongly recommended** to wear masks in indoor resident areas, except when with the resident in the resident's room or when eating or drinking with a resident in communal spaces.

If a resident in a shared room is uncomfortable with others removing their masks, Dom Lipa provides a designated space where the roommate can receive visitors without the need for masking.

We gratefully appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Our Guest Musicians give us a Spring to our Step

Thank you so much to our many guest musicians who regularly come to Dom Lipa to entertain residents. We see so many smiles on the faces of residents and staff alike when these talented musicians play! Special thanks to the Končan family, Danny Šuštar, Milan Vinčec, Maria Ahačič Pollak and others!

Thank you for watching Lipathon 2023

It was a fun night at Lipathon 2023! There were performances by musicians, singers, spoken word artists, as well as chats with guests. We are pleased to see so many visitors attended on Facebook!

If something kept you from joining in, our virtual music fundraiser, on Saturday evening – do not worry! The various segments have been posted at www.facebook.com/lipathon2023 for your viewing and continued enjoyment.

Watch the segment with Tinka, our talented cow puppet, singing familiar children's songs with your little ones and hear Tinka's jokes. Our hope is youngsters will learn some favourite Slovenian songs to sing with parents and grandparents. Great memories like singing together will strengthen connections with the Slovenian community!

Or you may wish to click on the musical segments while you spin around the kitchen with your family. Watch the wonderful accordion performances of various musicians and bands, including Milan Vinčec and Danny Šuštar.

Co-hosts Milan Vinčec and Maria Zajc McDonald were delighted by the surprise visit from Father Stane Rozman, who used to serve in Toronto and has spent the last 52 years in Zimbabwe and Malawi as a missionary. Listen to his recollections about the original construction of Dom Lipa and his impromptu performance!

We extend our special thanks to Milan Vinčec who, for the third year, volunteered his time and energy to produce Lipathon. Six months in advance, he starts reaching out to musicians and artists, then works tirelessly compiling and problem solving the production of its featured segments. You may have guessed that Milan is also the voice of Tinka, the cow puppet, and continues to entertain all with more 'cow'rny jokes. We are also grateful to Danny Šuštar for production assistance on the evening of Lipathon taking on this role voluntarily for the third year as well.



Here is a photo of Milan and Danny at work behind the scenes during Lipathon 2023.

Keep the Donations Coming

Wow, our donors and supporters are wonderful! Keep the donations coming!

Donations arriving before the event amounted to over \$50,000. During the two-and-a-half-hour event, viewers generously contributed over \$18,000! Phenomenal! We will continue accepting donations for Lipathon until the end of the year.

You may wonder about how these funds are used. Each year we have a long list of items requiring upkeep (repairs and maintenance), and we also put some aside for major building repairs and equipment replacement. During Lipathon you also heard a bit about the planned building refresh and renovation of the original 30 rooms to create wheelchair accessible rooms. Listen to Jessica Ferkul's update on our redevelopment plans in the segment "The Board of Directors."

Help us reach this year's goal of \$150,000 for Lipathon!

Thank you all donors and supporters of Dom Lipa!

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

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