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Business Excellence  
Awards Gala

# BEA

May 10, 2019

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Recognizing Excellence in our  
Croatian-Canadian Community



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# Celebrating leaders in the business community.

At CIBC, we're committed to building strong and vibrant communities across Canada. That's why we're proud to sponsor the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala that recognizes leadership, innovation, and excellence.





On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to welcome you to the 17th Annual Business Excellence Awards. We are delighted that you have joined us this evening to honor all the well deserving award recipients.

Tonight, we are truly pleased and honoured to have with us our fellow Croatian-Canadian, Tanya Golešić, President, America's of Jimmy Choo, who has made her way up from New York city for tonight's event.

This past year has been a wonderfully busy year for our Chamber as well as for our Croatian-Canadian community at large. We hosted a welcome reception for Her Excellency Marija Pejčinović Burić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia last April during her time in Canada attending the G7 Foreign Ministers meeting. Last year's BEA was a rousing success with over six hundred in attendance. We would like to extend a special thank you to our special guest, the "Big M", Frank Mahovlich. After a memorable summer highlighted by Croatia's appearance in the Finals of World Cup 2018 in Russia, we worked with MLSE to organize the 3rd Annual Croatian Heritage Night in August, showcasing and celebrating our Croatian heritage and displaying our red and white checkers at BMO Field. In September, our Taste of Croatia Golf Tournament continued as in year's past to be a sell-out. In October, we showed our support for the people of Vukovar by organizing a peaceful, apolitical protest, which was attended by several hundred members of our community. The protest was the first of its kind in our community given that we linked up live satellite feeds of the simultaneous protests in Vukovar, Chicago and Norval. We also expanded our network across North America and showed our support to Croatian-Americans by attending and speaking at the 3rd Annual Association of Croatian American Professionals Conference held in San Jose, California. In November, we collaborated with the Croatian Chamber of Economy in organizing another Croatian Trade Mission to Canada, including meetings at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre and a business forum where Croatian and Canadian companies were able to meet and foster new relationships. We ended the year in December with a full house at "Croatian Christmas", which was co-hosted with the Queen of Peace Croatian Franciscan Centre in Norval. It was not only a busy year but one that produced positive results.

Your continued support and presence within our community proves that our mantra has transformed into a reality: "Together, we make success!"

I wish you all a wonderful evening.

Warmest regards,



John Marion  
President and Director



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

May 10, 2019

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 17th annual Business Excellence Awards Gala, hosted by the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce (CCCC).



You have gathered this evening to honour a group of individuals from the Croatian-Canadian business community who have demonstrated leadership, innovation, and excellence in their field. I would like to congratulate this year's award recipients. I am sure that everyone in attendance will be inspired by their accomplishments.

I would also like to thank the CCCC for organizing this event, and for their commitment to supporting the Canadian-Croatian business community.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada

Embassy of Canada



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29. 04. 2013

Dear Friends,

Please accept the best wishes of the Embassy of Canada in Zagreb on the occasion of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce annual Business Excellence Awards. Sincere congratulations to this year's honorees. Congratulations also to the CCCC Board of Directors for the Chamber's continued success, and for demonstrating a commitment to women's empowerment by inviting Ms. Tanya Golešić to be keynote speaker. I am looking forward to be among you for this year's event!

In just a few days' time, Her Excellency Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of the Republic of Croatia, will make a State Visit to Canada – the first such visit ever by a Croatian Head of State. This historic visit is a sign of the warm relations and important partnership between our two countries, following the official visit to Croatia by the Speaker of the House of Commons in January. I expect the President's visit will open a new chapter in Canada-Croatia relations, as we conclude the first quarter-century of strong bilateral ties. At the same time, this State Visit is a recognition of the vital contributions that Croatian-Canadians make to Canada's diverse, multicultural society. Many of you, through your individual contributions, have helped to make this visit possible.

As you know, Croatia was the third country in the European Union to ratify the historic free trade agreement between Canada and the EU, even before the agreement entered into force. I am pleased to tell you that in the first full year of CETA, trade between Canada and Croatia more than doubled. You deserve some of the credit for this impressive result, and I am counting on the members of CCCC to maintain the momentum, so that our trade relations continue to grow over the coming year. Thank you to the CCCC for being an indispensable partner for me and my team in deepening relations between Canada in Croatia, together with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network in Zagreb. Among other accomplishments, the CCCC played a leading role in the successful trade mission by the Croatian Chamber of Economy (HGK) to Toronto and Kitchener last November.

My mandate as Ambassador of Canada to Croatia will come to an end later this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the CCCC who have shared their advice, enthusiasm, and in many cases their friendship over the past four years. I wish you all success and prosperity in your business activities. The Embassy will continue to support your success. I am confident that for Croatia, and for Canada-Croatia relations, the best times are just beginning!

Sincerely,

Daniel Maksymiuk  
Ambassador

Canada



*Republika Hrvatska / Republic of Croatia*  
*Predsjednica / President*



**Letter of the President of the Republic of Croatia  
on the Occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards  
of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce**

10 May 2019

Dear Mr. Marion,  
Distinguished members of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to extend greetings to you on the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

The Republic of Croatia is very proud of the large and successful Croatian community in Canada. For more than two decades the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce has been actively connecting successful entrepreneurs from Croatia and Canada and contributing to the good bilateral economic ties between our countries. Nevertheless, there is still significant room for improvement since we currently are not even among each other's top 40 foreign trade partners. In my view there is great potential for intensifying economic cooperation especially in the sectors of trade, industry, energy, IT and tourism. The Croatian Government is very keen to improve the investment climate and is prepared to, as so am I personally, to promote every form of mutually beneficial investment.

In support of the advancement of economic cooperation with Canada, Croatia was among the first European Union Member States to ratify the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), which has already yielded initial results. Both sides should use the potential of this Agreement to their advantage in order to increase mutual trade. I am confident that the CETA Agreement will particularly help small businesses which cannot afford to cover many of the bureaucratic costs related to exporting to Canada and will provide new opportunities for our innovators and entrepreneurs, especially food and beverage producers.

I am delighted to congratulate this year's winners of the Business Excellence Awards. I am certain that they will be the driving forces of change, fostering new cooperation, further realizing excellent business achievements and setting new trends in the economy.

To all the members of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, as well as to all participants of the gathering, I wish you great success in your future work, and I extend sincere congratulations to all the award recipients. Continue linking the Republic of Croatia and Canada and contribute to the development of economic and friendly ties between our two countries!

Respectfully yours,



Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović

Zagreb, 10 April 2019



*Veleposlanik Republike Hrvatske u Kanadi  
Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Canada  
Ambassadeur de la République de Croatie au Canada*

*Ottawa, April 3, 2019*

*Dear Mr. Marion,  
Dear Members of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce,*

*On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you Mr. Marion and to all members of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards Evening.*

*Let me also extend my congratulations to this year's award recipients and wish you every success in your further endeavors.*

*Since the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce has been founded in 1995, we have witnessed the Chamber has always played the central role in establishing best business network opportunities for those interested in doing business with Croatia. The Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce remained strongly committed to preserving close ties to the community, both within Canada and back in Croatia.*

*In November last year the third Croatian trade mission to Canada took place. Over 20 companies from IT sector, food and cosmetic industry sent their representatives to Canada with aims to further strengthen the presence of small and medium-sized enterprises in Canadian markets and to increase export and cooperation.*

*The Chamber's passion for connecting and representing businesses and sharing knowledge has never diminished over the years. The Chambers has been helping to move Croatian – Canadian relations forward and supporting the business community in driving growth and prosperity further on. I am confident that you will continue to contribute to the development and expansion of economic relations in order to enhance and strengthen comprehensive relations between Croatia and Canada.*

*CETA the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the European Union and Canada is an important tool to help increase trade and investment between our two countries. By ensuring that businesses and people can maximally use the opportunities for increased trade that CETA will help to achieve, Croatia and Canada will establish lasting foundations based on a growing relationship which will contribute to our common progress.*

*Over the years, the Chamber has provided invaluable support to the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia in Canada in their efforts to enhance cooperation between the two countries. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you. We are looking forward to our future cooperation.*

*Wish you all a great success.*

*Sincerely,*

  
*Marica Matković  
Ambassador*



*Dear Mr Marion, dear members of the Board, dear members of the Canadian Croatian Chamber of Commerce,*

*on behalf of the Consulate General of Croatia I am pleased to extend sincere greetings and warmest wishes to the Canadian Croatian Chamber of Commerce for yet another successful Annual Business Excellence Awards ceremony. It is with great pride that we congratulate you on all the achievements of the Chamber since its establishment in 1995 within the vibrant Canadian society as well as in the Republic of Croatia. We should use the full potential of the Chamber in order to build stronger and deeper future cooperation between the business communities of Canada and Croatia.*

*This year's 17th Annual Awards Gala Dinner provides a great chance to pay tribute to those committed to excellence on their path to success. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the award recipients on receiving this honour.*

*It is a great pleasure to be here with you tonight and to witness what Canadian Croatians are able to achieve.*

*Please accept my sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.*

*Andrea Javor*

*Consul General of the Republic of Croatia*



House of Commons

May 10th, 2019

*As the Member of Parliament for Milton,  
I would like to extend my congratulations to the nominees  
and recipients of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards*

This is a lovely evening to recognize businesses and individuals for their contributions through leadership, innovation and excellence within the Croatian-Canadian community.

Canada is a country where people from every background live together creating one of the most diverse, harmonious and successful places in the world.

Tonight is an exceptional opportunity for us to celebrate all the contributions the Croatian community has made and continues to make to Canada.

I am very sad that I am unable to celebrate with you in person this year as I have enjoyed this evening in previous years. I am proud to come from a family with Croatian roots and I admire the dedication you all share for your culture and the values you have developed.

Very special thanks to the countless volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's Chamber Gala a great success.

Sincerely,

*The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.*

*Member of Parliament for Milton*

*Deputy Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition*

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### **Message from the Mayor**

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards hosted by The Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients who are being recognized for their leadership, innovative ideas and excellence within the Croatian-Canadian business community. Thank you for your significant contributions and commitment to making a difference.

The business community in Toronto plays a large role in driving growth and innovation in our city which has become a destination for companies to develop and do business.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success.

Yours truly,



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto



Office of the Mayor

May 2019

***Personal Message from Mayor Bonnie Crombie***



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Mississauga and Members of my Council, it gives me great pleasure to extend my very best wishes to the organizers, nominees and award recipients of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce's 17th Annual Business Excellence Awards.

Thank you to members of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce for their dedication to strengthening not only Canada's Croatian business community, but Mississauga's business community as well.

Mississauga is thriving thanks to the contributions of Croatian-Canadian businesses that have played an essential role in building and shaping our City. Our local economy is strong and we remain one of the best run-cities in North America, committed to delivering exceptional programs and services for our residents while delivering value for money.

Tonight's nominees and award recipients have helped to create local employment opportunities. Their talent, experience, hard-work and entrepreneurial spirit have made positive, and long-lasting contributions to Mississauga's economy. Congratulations to all the winners being recognized this evening; you have all rightly earned your recognition.

Mississauga is a City of unlimited potential, and the spirit of our success thrives in the accomplishments of this year's award nominees and recipients. I offer my sincerest best wishes to the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce on hosting another successful event to celebrate the accomplishments of our local entrepreneurs and thriving businesses. May you continue to enjoy many more years of growth and success.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie".

Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D  
Mayor, City of Mississauga



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

Dobro došli. Welcome to everyone attending The Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce's (CCCC) 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards Evening on Friday, May 10, 2019.

On behalf of Kitchener City Council, I would like to congratulate all of this evening's winners. Your leadership, excellence and innovation has not gone unnoticed by those in the Croatian-Canadian business community.

Naša zajednica je puno postigla kroz zadnjih nekoliko godina. Kroz zajedničku suradnju, naš narod i naša poduzeća mogu postignuti još više u budućnosti.

Organizations such as the CCCC are vital to our communities, providing professional development support, fostering entrepreneurship, and building cultural and educational ties between many different groups in our communities. Thank you to The Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce for providing the support these entrepreneurs need to build successful businesses.

I trust in the coming years the CCCC will see many more successes and will continue to grow, supporting many new Canadian-Croatian professionals along the way.

Once again, congratulations as you celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your dinner gala.

Uz srdačan pozdrav/Sincerely,

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~Mayor~  
City of Kitchener





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## MAYOR PATRICK BROWN

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May 2019

Greetings from Mayor Patrick Brown

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Members of Brampton City Council, I want to extend greetings to the members and guests attending the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards being hosted by the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

This evening is to recognize leadership, innovation and excellence within the Croatian-Canadian business community. I want to congratulate all the award recipients. A strong and vibrant private sector is the key to a better quality of life for all our citizens.

I want to thank the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce for their leadership promoting bilateral trade and providing your members with an opportunity to network and participate in cultural and educational events.

Special thanks to the organizers, sponsors and volunteers for making tonight's awards dinner a success. Best wishes to everyone for making our province a great place to do business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Brown".



Patrick Brown  
Mayor

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Welcome to Burlington!

A wonderful evening is ahead of you, with the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Business Excellence Awards from the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

The Burlington Convention Centre is a perfect choice to host such a special occasion, and I want to welcome you all to our city as you celebrate leadership, innovation and excellence tonight.

As an immigrant to Canada myself, I take such pride in seeing the cultural diversity across our region, and our whole country. It's inspiring to see the ways we continue to welcome one another, embrace our differences, join together as communities, learn about each other, and maintain the unique traditions we each hold dear. I know we can all agree it's one of the best things about Canada!

Tonight, you will honour businesses and individuals who contribute to your communities through economic support and success, by creating amazing places for employees to work and thrive, and by giving back to the people around them.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners here tonight. I wish you all a memorable evening!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Marianne Meed Ward". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward  
City of Burlington





The CCBN continues to be active in developing and improving economic relations between Canada and Croatia. Over the past year an increase in interest for investments in Croatia from Canada has occurred, in part due to new advantages and benefits the CETA agreement now provide and as a result of a improved investment climate in Croatia.

Croatia since 2015 has focused on stabilising overall economic outlook by becoming more fiscally responsible and creating long term stability. This has been achieved by the current government which has generated the first budget surplus in 2017 and repeated again in 2018. This has allowed the government to reduce its' structural deficit, with international credit rating agencies recognising improvements and upgrading Croatia's rating for the first time in 6 years. This consequently has put Croatia in the investment category with positive future growth potential, opening Croatia to new potential investors who were not able to consider investing in Croatia due to its' poor economic performance and past „JUNK“ status. With continued implementation of measures defined in Fiscal Responsibility Act the existing fiscal framework should continue to strengthen, lowering interest rates and supporting positive future development to bring Croatia closer to western European standards. The CCBN has been an advocate and supporter of these measures and is happy to see that improvements to the economy have occurred.

The CCBN recognises the opportunity for Canadians to participate in this growth and encourages companies and people to consider investing in Croatia to develop new markets or participate in this new growth cycle. With low levels of employment qualified and experienced workers in all fields are required to support this growth and transfer of knowledge and resources will only help to accelerate this growth in Croatia.

The past year was marked by a successful Trade Mission to Canada organised by HGK which allowed many companies from Croatia to introduce themselves to potential partners in Canada.

January 15th in Zagreb Speaker of the House in Canada Mr. Geoff Regan attended commemoration recognising 1 year Anniversary of CETA agreement, together with Croatian Parliament Speaker Mr. Gordan Jandroković confirming strong relations and ties between Canada and Croatia and the importance and potential of the CETA agreement in the future.

March 8th, Mayor of City of Kitchener Berry Vrbancovic was a guest speaker at CCBN Annual Business Luncheon In Zagreb, where he presented experience of his city and opportunities for exchange of technology and innovation development.

The CCBN will continue to support and facilitate improved ties between Canada and Croatia building the bridges to achieve long term and stable economic growth. Together with the CCCC we are committed to encourage dialogue and stimulate improved relations to maximise the potential economic growth between Canada and Croatia.

Sincerely

Joe Bašić  
President  
Canadian Croatian Business Network  
CCBN

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Founded in 1995, the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit network of Croatian-Canadian individuals, professionals, businesses and organizations that has emerged as the voice of Croatian-Canadian business in Canada.

The Chamber brings together a vibrant and dynamic group of individuals, professionals, businesses and organizations who have developed strategic relationships in both Canadian and Croatian economic, commercial, political, and cultural worlds and is able to draw on these relationships to the benefit of its members.

### The Chamber's objectives include:

- Providing networking opportunities both in a social and business setting
- Sponsoring and promoting cultural events, educational lectures, seminars, exhibitions, and conferences on relevant and timely topics
- Acting as a source of information and counsel to government bodies and the public in matters affecting Canada-Croatia business and trade and the Croatian-Canadian community in Canada in general
- Promoting the development of bilateral business relations, trade, and investment opportunities between Canada and Croatia and working with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network, the Croatian Chamber of Economy and other organizations on opportunities that advance our common goals and interests

Beyond the wide variety of benefits that the Chamber offers to its members (including business connections, access to government, professional development), membership increases your business' visibility and exposure in the community.

Your investment represents a commitment to the future growth and development of our whole community.

*Together, we make success!*

## Business Opportunities

- Providing networking opportunities through business, community and social events
- Connecting members with members to facilitate significant trade and commerce
- Organizing various educational and business related seminars including co-organizing (in affiliation with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network and the Croatian Chamber of Economy, both based in Croatia) Croatian trade missions to Canada hosted in Toronto

## Youth Involvement

- Supporting our youth through a scholarship and bursary fund developed in conjunction with the Croatian-Canadian Library
- Establishing a mentorship program for Croatian-Canadian post-secondary students and recent graduates
- Placing co-op students with Chamber members

## Community Involvement

- Working with and supporting local Croatian organizations and endeavours, including, among others, the Croatian-Canadian Library, various folklore groups, the Croatian Embassy (Ottawa) and the Croatian Consulate (Mississauga), to preserve our common heritage
- Promoting community events and news through our community web portal at [www.croat.ca](http://www.croat.ca)
- Recognizing excellence and leadership in the Croatian-Canadian community through the annual Business Excellence Awards Evening
- Supporting and promoting Croatian-Canadian artists and authors
- Financially contributing to Croatia's demining program and to capital projects in the Croatian community in Canada
- Co-organizing a fundraising campaign and dinner in support of the Vukovar Tower Restoration Project
- Forming the British Columbia Chapter of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce
- Supporting Victim Services Toronto through co-organization of the Toronto Police Chief Invitational Golf Tournament - Victim Services Toronto provides immediate crisis response, intervention and prevention services which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by crime and sudden tragedies

## Advocacy and Lobbying

- Educating Canadians on our history in Canada through support of historical research and representation at relevant Canadian organizations
- Building ties with Croatia by receiving and hosting Croatian representatives visiting Canada, attending meetings with contacts in Croatia, and presenting at business seminars in Croatia

- 6:00 PM Cocktail Reception  
Opening Bids for Silent Auction
- 7:15 PM Welcome Address, Ivan Grbešić  
National Anthems, Tina and Mia Miličević  
Dinner
- 7:30 PM Scholarship and Bursary Awards Presentation
- 8:00 PM Awards Ceremony
- 9:15 PM Interview: Tanya Golešić  
President, America's, Jimmy Choo
- 11:00 PM Silent Auction Closes

## Featured Performers

### Tina and Mia Miličević

Tina Miličević is a graduate from Queen's University where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in French Studies and a Bachelor of Education within the concurrent education program. Tina is a secondary French teacher in the Halton Catholic District School Board and completing a Masters of Professional Education in French Education at Western University. As well, this past year she has taught in the international language program, teaching Croatian language and culture at the secondary level. Tina is very proud of her Croatian background and holds it very close to her heart.

Mia Miličević is a recent graduate from Queen's University where she completed a Bachelor of Music, specializing in voice performance. Mia is continuing her studies at Queen's University in September in the Bachelor of Education program. Through the Croatian church, Mia has shared her knowledge and passion for music within the youth choir. At the end of her studies, Mia aspires to pursue her passion for teaching music in the education sector and one day to perform in an opera in Croatia.

### Grupa Volta

Realising that no wedding is complete without traditional tambura music, Grupa Volta was formed in 1993 to help people celebrate their weddings with a taste of our beloved Croatia. Grupa Volta can be still be found entertaining wedding parties Saturdays, but they also play for wedding receptions, banquets, and other festivities. We are proud of our Croatian heritage and are pleased to be able to share it with all! To book your event please contact Grupa Volta at 519-658-6115 or email [tambura@crolinks.com](mailto:tambura@crolinks.com). [www.crolinks.com/tambura](http://www.crolinks.com/tambura)

## Looking back at some activities over the last year



### May 2018

17th Annual Business Excellence Awards with special guest Frank "The Big M" Mahovlich



### June 2018

Ceremony: The inaugural launch of Air Canada Rouge flights from Toronto to Zagreb, Croatia



### August 2018

3rd Annual Croatian Heritage Night (Toronto FC and Montreal Impact)



**September 2018**

16th Annual Taste of Croatia Golf Tournament



**October 2018**

Croatian-Canadian community gathering in Norval, ON in support of Vukovar's peaceful, apolitical protest.



**October 2018**

3rd Annual Association of Croatian-American Professionals Conference (ACAP) in San Jose, California.



**December 2018**

Community celebration: "Hrvatski Božić" (Croatian Christmas)



**November 2018**

Croatian Trade Mission to Canada

# Keynote Speaker

## TANYA GOLEŠIĆ



Tanya Golešić was born in Hamilton, Ontario to Croatian parents from Zagreb who immigrated to Canada in the 1970's. Soon after Tanya, Cristina (sister) and her mother Ana moved to Gananoque where she spent her childhood years growing up in the beautiful Thousand Islands. Most summers were spent in Croatia between Zagreb and Rijeka with family enjoying the Adriatic coast with this tradition still continuing today.

Tanya began her career working for Canadian fashion designer Peter Nygard in Toronto as an account executive in the fashion industry. In January of 2001, she pursued her dream of moving to New York City and was transferred to Nygard's US headquarters as Director of Sales. From that point, it was obvious that New York City was the city to develop and expand her career in fashion. After September 11, Tanya was determined to move back to

Canada due to her fear of the future in the U.S. but managed to overcome this fear and stayed in New York.

In 2007, Tanya was recruited by Ralph Lauren as Vice President of Sales and Planning where she honed her planning skills and learned everything about the world of luxury branding. Ralph Lauren was a turning point for Tanya as she entered the world of global fashion.

From this time, Tanya's career flourished being recruited by some of the leading fashion companies in the world. She left Ralph Lauren where she was recruited by the Jones Apparel group as Senior Vice President over multiple brands and then to LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessey) as SVP of Marc by Marc Jacobs. This was Tanya's first foray into a global sales and planning role where she managed the total MMJ brand portfolio encompassing men's, women's ready to wear, accessories, shoes and jewelry. Tanya is credited with launching the "business planning" division at Marc Jacobs which helped to increase productivity and profitability for the brand.

In 2014, Tanya was recruited by Bain Capital to lead the commercial strategy for Canada Goose and to spearhead the pre/IPO strategy for the company, moving back to Toronto for the first time in thirteen years. In her role as Chief Commercial Officer, Tanya was charged with developing Canada Goose into a top performing global luxury brand by increasing awareness and revenue in the US, Canada, Europe and Japan.

In March 2016, Tanya became President/CEO of Jimmy Choo America's in New York City. She became a member of the executive team, helping to lead the sale of Jimmy Choo to Capri holdings (now Jimmy Choo, Michael Kors and Versace) in 2017; to integrate Jimmy Choo.com (ecommerce) from Net a Porter to an in house owned business; to launch Off white c/o Jimmy Choo collaboration for the America's region; and to open multiple Jimmy Choo stores across the US, Canada and Latin America.

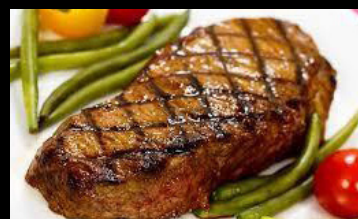
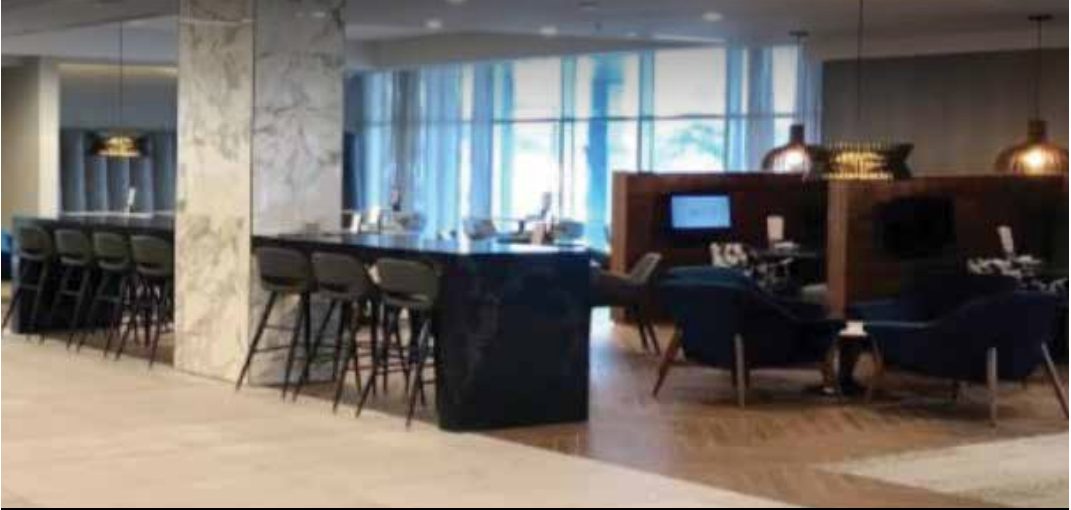
In 2016, Tanya became a board member of FFANY (Fashion Footwear Association of New York) and in 2018 a board member of ZSEM (Zagreb School of Economics and Management).



Tanya Golešić with her Mother and Grandmother

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Expressed through open forms and folkloric colors representing Croatia's spirit, "Rose of Croatia" is imbued with pride for the nation's cultural heritage.

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Distinguished Croatian-Canadian sculptor, painter and printmaker, Ante Sardelić Kraljević was born on February 3, 1947 in Blato, on the island of Korčula in Croatia. He graduated from the School of Applied Arts in Split in 1967 and from the Academy of Fine Arts, Department of Sculpture in Zagreb in 1971. He moved to Canada in 1972 and settled in Toronto where he still lives and works as a professional artist.

Initially, he leaned towards sculpture in stone, wood and bronze, as well as mosaics. Vitality of movement in sculpture and dynamism of colour in painting were characteristic of this period.

On arrival in Canada, Sardelić's palette turned toward new surroundings and new inspirations, using acrylic to bring out the harmony of organic geometry and mythological symbolism. He experimented with new materials in graphics and painting, discovering individual technical ways of artistic expression. The presence of erotic forms in vivid polyphony of colour marked the passionate expression of the new environment and time, thus becoming the focal point of the cosmography of his perception.



Since 1978, Sardelić has often spent time in the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Peru and Venezuela, where he came into contact with the ancient cultures of North and South America. The experience is reflected in his work's search for new growth in the form of evolving expressiveness by capturing and evoking global coexistence in a happy union of man's primordial intuitions and the flow of the universal energy of life.

Sardelić has been exhibiting continually since 1969 in major museums and galleries throughout the world. To date he has had eighty three one man exhibitions and participated in over one hundred and fifty, international exhibitions and biennials, where he received numerous awards and honours.

With the support of the Canadian Council and National Museum of Canada, in 1984, he mounted a large one-man exhibition in the Art Gallery of Hamilton. In 1987, he participated in eleven international exhibitions and biennials. With the sponsorship of the Government of Canada he put on a comprehensive one-man travelling exhibition in 1988 in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1989, he was chosen Artist of the Year by the Canadian-Croatian Artists' Society in Toronto. In 1994, he spent a short period of time in Australia. In 1995, the Government of the Republic of Croatia awarded him the Order of the Croatian Danica for outstanding merit in the field of culture.

Ante Sardelić is included in numerous international publications and "Who's Who". He has been writing poetry since his student days. The ten years of his artistic endeavour have been dedicated to the project The Eternal Homeland, which he dedicated to Croatia's independence. The first exhibition of The Eternal Homeland took place at the Museum Mimara in Zagreb, in 1997. The event was held under the high patronage of the President of the Republic of Croatia Dr. Franjo Tuđman, and the Croatian Parliament. At that time Croatian Television produced a documentary on the Eternal Homeland project and the life of the artist.

In 2003, Sardelić completed a 8.5. square metre stone relief mural "The Life Journey of Blessed Marija of the Crucified Jesus Petković" in her Sanctuary in Blato, Croatia. In 2005, he was invited to participate at the First International Paint Biennial in Lima, Peru, as the guest artist with the one-man exhibition Eternal Homeland. In 2006, he completed a stone relief for the altar of the Our Lady Queen of Croatia Church in Toronto, Canada. In 2010, he donated a three meter high stone monument "Vukovar-beacon of courage and freedom" to the City of Vukovar, which is being placed in front of the War Memorial on Ovčara.

In 2015, he received a golden medal, code of arms from his home town Blato, for outstanding merit in the field of culture, globally promoting cultural-historic heritage of his motherland.

As an active member of the World Peace Gong committee (World Peace Movement) Indonesia, for ten years he has put his artistic effort and expertise to install a World Peace Gong monument in the City of Vukovar, which is a bronze gong with the flags of all the nations and symbols of the major faiths. The gong was donated by the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Croatia for the City of Vukovar.

Ante has designed the complex with 9 large metal sculptures 16 tons in total weight, which will be erected on a twenty square meters space this summer in the center of Vukovar. Ante is donating his sculptures dedicated to Vukovar and the Croatian struggle for peace and freedom. The artist is seeking out donors to aid in the completion of this remarkable project.

Sardelić's work can be found in galleries, museums, and private collections the world over.





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# Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund: Scholarship and Bursary Award Recipients (2018/2019)

We are pleased to announce that the Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund has awarded three (3) scholarships and four (4) bursaries for the 2018/2019 school year. The funds have been awarded in order to help further the education of full-time post-secondary students in Canada.

Congratulations to each of the recipients!



**Brian Bursic**

**\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient**

Brian is a student at Western University studying Honours Specialization in Pharmacology. He has a demonstrated commitment to academic achievements and diverse leadership roles, continuing to contribute to the Croatian-Canadian community. Brian is currently a Dean's Honour Roll student, President and Founder of the Western University Technology Review Publication and President of the Croatia Club at Western. After his undergraduate degree, Brian aspires to attend Medical School to become an Oncologist.



**Elena Grbac**

**\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient**

Elena is a third year Medical student at the University of Toronto, pursuing a career in paediatric medicine. She was drawn to work with children from immigrant families, providing mentorship and tutoring and now works with a diverse population, each with their own unique migration story. Through a partnership with YWCA Arise, a shelter for women and children experiencing abuse, she created an initiative to improve health literacy. Elena looks forward to exploring the health inequities that are prevalent in immigrant children and advocate for the health and well-being of her future patients.



**Nicholas Grubic**

**\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient**

Attending Queen's University and majoring in Life Sciences, Nicholas will also earn a Certificate in Business from the Smith School of Business. Nicholas is heavily involved in two cardiovascular projects and is looking forward to expanding his research interests and experiences to develop the necessary skills needed to pursue a career within cardiovascular epidemiology. In addition to his studies, Nicholas has participated at the Ontario and Canadian University Rowing Championships, achieving gold medal finishes and represented Team Ontario at the 2017 Canada Summer Games.



### Viktorija Burcul

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Viktorija is a Biomedical Science student in her fourth year at the University of Ottawa. Upon graduation, Viktorija will continue to follow her life's passion and pursue an accelerated nursing degree in anticipation of becoming a Public Health Nurse. She firmly believes in interdisciplinary learning and engages with youth in her community as a clubhouse volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club, and as an Ottawa Branch Leader of Indigo Girls Group Ontario (IGG) – a youth-run, non-profit organization, that is devoted to empowering girls aged 6-18.



### Julia Gradiski

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Julia is majoring in Family and Community Social Services at the University of Guelph-Humber. Upon graduation, Julia plans to pursue a Master's degree in the field of mental health and fulfill her long-standing career goal to incorporate art therapy in the form of dance as a treatment tool for children struggling with mental illness. Julia currently volunteers at the Vitanova Foundation, a residential treatment program for adult men dealing with substance abuse and will spend her summer in California volunteering with the Fostering Dreams Project which uses dance to foster youth.



### Emma Sara Juracic

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Emma is a second-year Ph.D. student at the University of Waterloo, with a research focus on calcium ion regulation in skeletal muscle. She has completed her Honors B.Sc. in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Waterloo as well as her M.Sc. in Kinesiology. Emma strives to exemplify the mentorship she has received onto graduate and undergraduate students, as both a researcher and teaching assistant and has thus been awarded the Doctoral Excellence Award and the Graduate Teaching Award. She hopes to follow in her mentors footsteps to become an assistant professor and develop her own research program.



### Anastasia Turalija

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Currently a second year student at McMaster University in their pre-law honours program JPPL (Justice, Political Philosophy and Law), with a minor in French, Anastasia hopes to pursue a career in the field of law. Anastasia was one of only sixty students chosen to enroll in McMasters extremely competitive pre-law program. She has been an active member of the Croatian-Canadian community, an active volunteer and is a member of the McMaster University Croatia Club. Anastasia firmly believes education is more than just acquiring information, it is the fundamental precondition to developing your own identity and role in today's world.

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VARIETAL: 85% Plavac Mali and 15% Zinfandel

AGING: Stainless Steel & 5 Months French Oak

SERVING TEMP: 16 C – 18C

TASTING NOTE:

Dark cherry in color, the wine's center graduates to an illuminating pale strawberry rim. On the nose, notes of freshly muddled strawberry, cherry pit, red delicious apple, ripe kiwi and a hint of garden herbs lift from the glass. Initially, the palate gives way to round notes of apple pulp, strawberry seed, early summer rhubarb and juicy yellow cherry. As the palate develops, the wine leads through to a firm line of acidity ranging in flavor from crisp, clean apple to Thai basil and thyme.

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KORTA KATARINA POŠIP

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2016 | 0.75L

ALCOHOL: 13.5 % vol

\$52.40

VARIETAL: Pošip

AGING: Stainless Steel & 6 Months French Oak

SERVING TEMP: 12 C – 13C

TASTING NOTE:

Golden-greenish color in the glass provides an appealing appearance of the posip wine. It has intense citrus scent, mixed with white stone fruits and field flowers. Full and delicious, with a gentle bitterness. Extremely fresh and easy drinking, dry wine. Ideally served with seafood dishes, particularly with shells and crabs.

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KORTA KATARINA PLAVAC MALI

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2010 | 0.75L

ALCOHOL: 15 % vol

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VARIETAL: Plavac Mali

AGING: 9 Months French Oak

SERVING TEMP: 16 C – 18C

TASTING NOTE:

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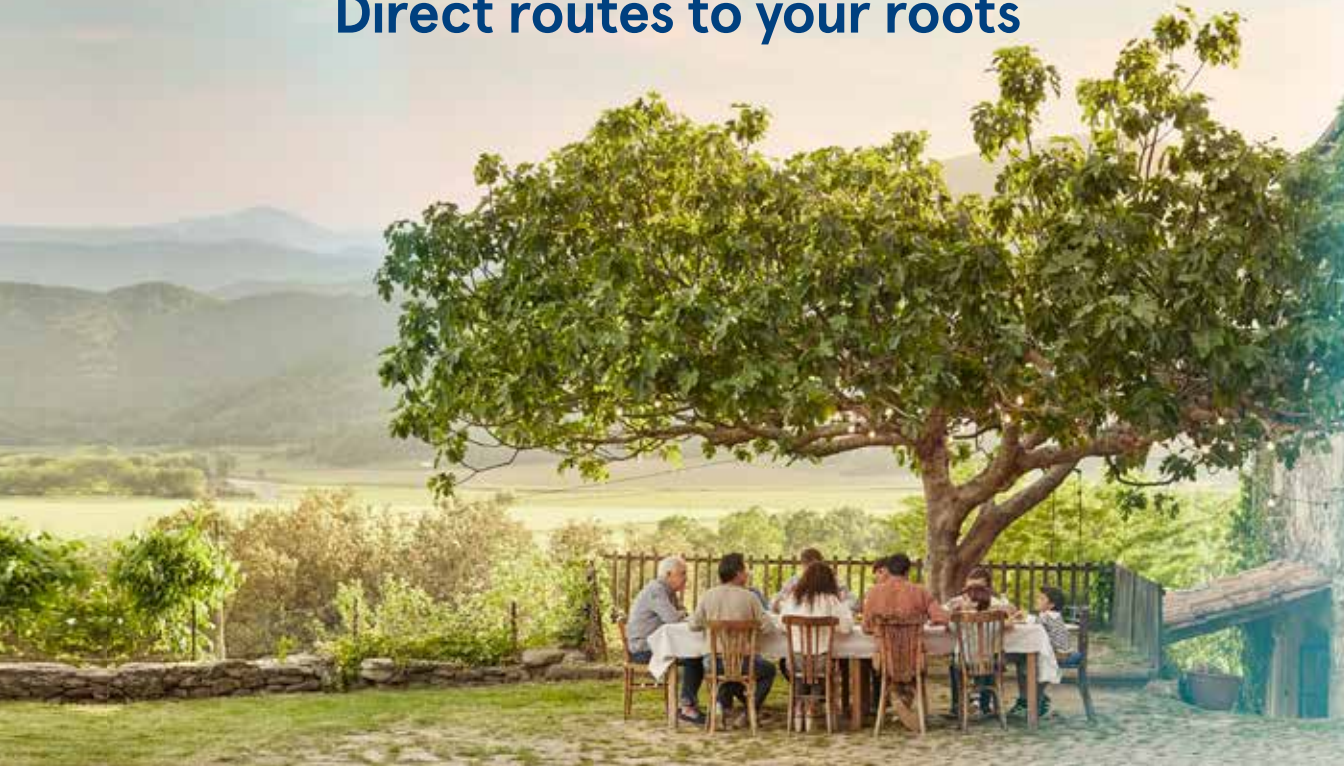
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