



# Slovenian Union of America

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### **Ely-Winton Historical Society and the Slovenian Union of America Present “A Salute to Slovenian America”**

Celebrate your cultural roots and find out what it means to be *Slovenian in America*. Join Dr. Mirjam Hladnik, senior research fellow at the Institute for Slovenian Emigration Studies at the Scientific Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Joseph Valencic, Cleveland’s most famous Scribe, Historian, and Filmmaker as they present three films on *Slovenes in America*. After each film they will discuss behind-the-scene stories about the making of the films and reveal the lessons they learned about being Slovenian in a multicultural society. Discover how Slovenians in America maintain their identity although generations removed from their roots in Slovenia.

On Friday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., anyone can stop by the Vermilion Community College Theatre, 1900 East Camp Street, Ely for this FREE cultural event. Topics will highlight social, economic and cultural sustainability of Slovenian Americans over the decades. The Ely-Winton Historical Society and Slovenian Union of America have partnered in hosting this 1<sup>st</sup> annual cultural event.

For your convenience, the Ely-Winton Historical Society will be open during event hours so be sure to stop in.

**Following the film festival, join Dr. Hladnik and Mr. Valencic at the Creek Ridge Lodge *Slovenska Miza* – for a Slovenian Table buffet style dinner. Reservations are required and the cost is \$13.95 per person.** After dinner, polka to Slovenian Sounds featuring the incredible Frank Udovich, Rudy Jandrey, John Stark and the Barich Brothers. To make dinner reservations call 218.365.7314.

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## **“A Salute to Slovenian America” Program**

**Vermillion College Theatre  
1900 East Camp Street  
Ely, Minnesota 55731  
July 13, 2012  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

10:00 a.m.: Slovenian Achievers in America. Remarkable individuals of Slovenian ancestry who helped build North America. (Joseph Valencic)

11:00 a.m.: “Many Voices, One Heart.” A film about faith, music and traditions in a Slovenian-American neighborhood. (Written and directed by Joseph Valencic)

1:00 p.m.: Slovenians in American Music. From jazz and rock to opera and polkas, Slovenians have contributed to the sounds of America. (Joseph Valencic)

2:00 p.m.: “Polka! The Movie.” A film that celebrates why Americans love Slovenian polka music and sausages. Featuring Chisholm’s own Fr. Frank Perkovich and his Polka Mass. (Written and narrated by Joseph Valencic)

4:00 p.m.: The Legacy of Slovenian Women Migrants in the U.S. How Slovenian women enriched their communities, their families and themselves across the country. (Dr. Mirjam Milharcic Hladnik)

4:30 p.m.: “100% Slovenian: The Stories of Slovenian Women in America.” Four generations of women share colorful insights into the traditions and memories that keep them Slovenian. (Written and produced by Dr. Mirjam Milharcic Hladnik)

**Creek Ridge Lodge  
1752 Creek Ridge Trail  
Ely, Minnesota 55731  
July 13, 2012  
6 to 11:30 p.m.**

6 :00 p.m.: “A Salute to Slovenian America” cash bar cocktail reception

6:30 p.m.: Slovenske Miza buffet dinner begins with Slovenian Sounds music by Slovenian Sounds featuring the incredible Frank Udovich, Rudy Jandrey, John Stark and the Barich Brothers begins.

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