

Church Choir “St. Roman the Melodist” of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

is honoured to host the

## **2016 Serbian Singing Federation**

### **Choral Festival**



## **True North, Eh!**

**May 27, 28, & 29, 2016**

*Please note: USA guests, you will need a passport to cross the border, so please obtain the necessary documentation well in advance of your trip.*

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*Holy Trinity Church and Hall, located at  
700 Fischer-Hallman Rd, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, N2E 1L7*

## **2016 SSF Call to Festival**

By this time, your choir should have received the formal “Call to Festival” from Lara Trbovich, Executive Secretary of the Serbian Singing Federation Executive Board. This formal invitation was sent out to all active SSF member choirs on February 4th, 2016.

If you have not received your “Call to Festival,” please contact Lara at [laratrbovich1@verizon.net](mailto:laratrbovich1@verizon.net).

Please note that the “Call to Festival” contains important information and deadlines regarding your choir’s inclusion in the Festival program. Right now, the most important date is **April 10, 2016**, which is the deadline for inclusion in the Ad Book and Badges.

## **2016 SSF Festival Contact Information**

“True North, Eh!” committee has tried with this document, to provide all of the information you need to plan your trip to Kitchener in May of 2016. We will continue to update you via our Facebook page and emails in the months ahead. Should you require any additional information, we are happy to talk to you! Please feel free to contact one of us directly and we will be happy to assist:

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519-721-2324 cell

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## **2016 SSF Festival Hotel**

“The True North, Eh” Festival 2016 accommodation is:

### **Radisson Hotel Kitchener Waterloo**

2960 King Street East  
Kitchener Ontario N2A 1A9  
1 (519) 894-9500

[www.radisson.com/kitchenerca](http://www.radisson.com/kitchenerca)



Centrally located in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge, the newly renovated Radisson Kitchener Waterloo is the region's premier accommodation choice! Situated adjacent to Hwy 8 and Hwy 401, our hotel provides easy access to nearby businesses and attractions.

The Radisson Kitchener Waterloo is providing a special Festival room rate of **\$104.00 CAD per night + fees and taxes for the regular room type and \$124.99 CAD per night + fees and taxes for the Executive room and the Junior Suite.** The group rates apply to accommodations for Festival guests on Friday May 27, Saturday May 28, and Sunday May 29, 2016 as well as on the three days prior and after the Festival. The rates also include breakfast.



For reservations, please use the following link, <http://www.radisson.com/serbianfest>, or call 1-800-333-3333 or 519-894-9500 and ask for the Serbian Singing Federation Festival group rate. The cut-off date for this deal is **April 27, 2016**.

### **Amenities:**

#### **Hotel Amenities:**

- High-speed Internet
- Pool
- Fitness Center
- Suites
- Pets Allowed
- On Site Restaurant
- Business Center

#### **Hotel rooms feature:**

- Duvets and choice of pillows
- 37" flat-screen LCD TV
- High-speed, wired and wireless Internet access (complimentary)
- Refrigerator and microwave in all rooms
- Work desk
- Ergonomic chair
- Room service from 6:30 am to 10:00 pm
- Cable TV
- Pay-per-view movies
- Coffee and tea maker
- Self-controlled heating/cooling units
- Accessible rooms available
- Adjoining rooms (subject to availability)
- Hair dryer
- Rollaway beds available (fee applies)
- Windows that open

- Blackout drapes/curtains
- King suites available with refrigerator, microwave and two TVs
- Pets welcome (nightly fee applicable)

Check-in: 3:00 PM

Check-out: Noon

On-site parking is free.

### **\*VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Please reserve your rooms as soon as possible if you are planning to attend the Festival. Although we also have a contract with Holiday Inn Hotel across the street, we would prefer that all of our guests stay at the same location for easier and more efficient transportation to and from events.**

**Holiday Inn will not guarantee any rooms after April 27<sup>th</sup> so it is VERY IMPORTANT that you book early in case that the Radisson Hotel is full before this date. Please be proactive and book your rooms at your earliest convenience.**

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

If you are traveling to Kitchener by bus, please note that bus parking is available at the Radisson Hotel, as well as at the Holiday Inn Hotel. There are no fees for parking at any of these locations. Please find the directions to the hotel below:

**From Toronto** - take Hwy 401 West and exit at Hwy 8 to Kitchener - exit at Fairway/Weber Street, stay right, hotel is on the left.

**From London** - take Hwy 401 East and exit at Hwy 8 to Kitchener, this is King Street, follow King Street all the way down until you meet Fairway Road - hotel is on the right corner.

**From Stratford or Waterloo** - take Hwy 8 exit towards Hwy 401 - exit at Fairway Road, at the bottom of ramp turn left, Radisson is on the left - approximately one block.

If you are traveling to Kitchener by plane, the following information should help you plan your transportation to the Radisson Hotel Kitchener Waterloo:

**\*Kitchener Airport:**

Taxi Service - approximately \$20.00 (Taxi companies operating in the KW area – City Cabs 519-747-7777, United Taxi 519-888-9999, Waterloo Taxi 519-888-7777)

Free Shuttle service during designated shuttle hours Monday-Friday (6:30am-8:30am & 4:30pm- 6:30pm). Please be advised that this service must be prearranged.

**\*Toronto Airport:**

It is about one hour drive from the Toronto Airport to the hotel.

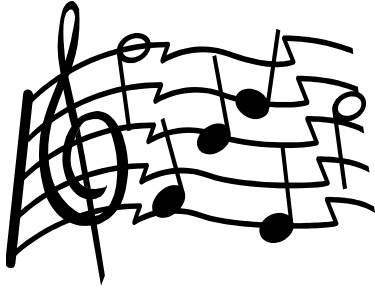
Airways Transit - [www.airwaystransit.com](http://www.airwaystransit.com). The rate for 8 persons is \$250. You can also call (519) 886-2121 and request the rate for your group.

United Taxi - [www.unitedtaxi.ca](http://www.unitedtaxi.ca) or (519-888-9999) - Offers pick up for \$120.00 (4 person maximum). If you are interested in a Toronto Pearson Airport pre-arranged pickup you must call the office ahead of time to pre-pay the pick-up fee before you leave, as well as pre-book with all the pertinent information regarding your flight and such.

**\*Buffalo Airport:**

Buffalo International Airport is about 2 hours drive to Kitchener, ON.

## 2016 SSF Festival Ad Book



Dear Fellow Singers and Choirs,

The St. Roman The Melodist Choir of Kitchener has been chosen to host the international 2016 Singing Festival, which will be held Memorial Day weekend – May 27-29, 2016. As part of the festivities, we will be producing a Souvenir Ad Book and are asking for your support. Please consider purchasing a page for your personalized message!

The ad rates are listed below. Please submit your ad (in any of the following formats; graphic file types PNG, JPEG GIF as well as PDF or Word files) via email to **Deni Malic** ([denimalic@gmail.com](mailto:denimalic@gmail.com)).

Use the Ad Book Payment Form (form can be found in the forms section of this document) to submit the payment for your ad. Ad copy and payment must be received by April 10, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

Deni Malic; [denimalic@gmail.com](mailto:denimalic@gmail.com), and Tijana Mataruga;  
[tijanamataruga@hotmail.com](mailto:tijanamataruga@hotmail.com)

Ad rates are as follows:

<b>Size</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Full Page</b>	<b>\$140</b>
<b>½ Page</b>	<b>\$ 80</b>
<b>¼ Page</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Business Card</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>
<b>Booster/Friends</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>



## **2016 SSF Festival Badges**

All active SSF and/or SOCA members are eligible to purchase a 2016 “The True North, Eh!” festival singer badge. The singer badge will serve as your entrance ticket into all Festival events for which admission is charged. Please note that supporting members and guests are NOT eligible to purchase a singer badge.

The cost of the singer badge for 2016 is \$25.00. This badge entitles singers to enter the following events:

- Saturday afternoon concert at Country Hills Church.
- Sunday afternoon concert at Country Hills Church
- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening dances at Holy Trinity Hall.

Purchasing a badge saves you money on admission to concerts and dances, and saves you time waiting in line to pay at the door. (Concert ticket - \$15, Dance on Friday and Sunday - \$10, Dance on Saturday - \$15)

Badges are free for singers age 16 years and younger, and also for all participating junior choir members. Please indicate on the attached badge order form if any choir members are 16 years old or younger. Also, please indicate the names of children who will participate in the mass junior choir.

**All badge orders MUST be received by April 10, 2016.** Please email the completed attached badge order form to Ljiljana Vasic at [vasic87@gmail.com](mailto:vasic87@gmail.com).  
(Form can be found in the forms section of this document)

**Payment for all badges must be sent to: Ljiljana Brankovic, St. Roman The Melodist Choir, 700 Fischer Hallman Rd. Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2E 1L7 by April 10, 2016 as well.** Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Serbian Church Choir*.

All materials, including badges, will be waiting for you at the Radisson hotel. Please designate a choir member to pick them up upon your arrival and distribute them to your choir members.

**NOTE:** Any choir member without a badge will be required to pay admission to all events during the Festival weekend. Please make sure your members know this and bring their badges to all events. Thank you for your cooperation!



### **2016 SSF Festival Schedule**

The members of the St. Roman The Melodist choir are honoured to host “True North, Eh” Festival 2016. We are planning a fun-filled weekend complete with excellent Serbian food, drink, and entertainment, all served up Serbian style!

The weekend begins and ends at our Holy Trinity Serbian Hall, which has room for everyone and everything! Our two halls have a great size kitchen that will serve up plenty of excellent dinners, sandwiches, snacks, and desserts! The multi-purpose room, large hall, will highlight the Festival silent auction, and also will provide space and tables for eating, drinking, visiting, and of course dancing! Both halls will have bars working while enjoying our wonderful Serbian music all weekend long.

Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday at our beautiful Holy Trinity Church, also located beside our two halls. Our church is completely covered in frescos, and provides a truly moving worship experience.

The Holy Trinity kitchen will be in full swing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, preparing and serving food available for purchase. We plan to have tables set up outside as well (weather permitting, of course) for a picnic prior to the concert.

We are planning the “True North, Eh!” 2016 to be a true celebration of all things Serbian and Canadian cultures and cuisines can offer. The committee wants all of our guests to enjoy the best that we in Ontario have to offer – from the food, to the drinks, music and the location– to make every moment you spend with us special and memorable.

Our menus will offer famous delicious Serbian food and drinks, including traditional rakija. We will proudly offer Canadian beers and other drinks as well.

### **Friday May 27, 2016**

Evening dance at the Holy Trinity Hall

featuring music by *Party Band*





Doors, kitchen and bar open at 6:00pm – join us for dinner!

Kitchen will serve: Fish Dinner, Beans with cabbage salad, Serbian potato pastry and Desserts.

Shuttle buses will run continuously between the Radisson Hotel and the Holy Trinity Hall beginning at 6:00pm, with the last shuttle departing the dance at 12:00am (closing time).

Admission to the Friday Dance for people with no badges is \$10.

Please find complete Festival Menu with the prices at the end of this document.

### **Saturday May 28, 2016**

Take Saturday morning to explore Kitchener – you can even visit a famous Farmer's Market at St. Jacobs located 10 minute drive from your hotel.



Shuttle buses will run continuously between the Radisson Hotel and the Holy Trinity Hall beginning at 11:30 am, with the last shuttle departing the dance at 12:45 pm (closing time).

Our Saturday concert will be held at Country Hills Church, **1280 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener, Ontario**, located three minute walk from the Holy Trinity Hall and it will be starting **at 1:30 p.m.** Choirs will have the opportunity to warm up at the same location starting at 12:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Saturday concert are \$15 at the door (for people with no badges).

Following the concert the Directors Reception will be held at Country Hills Church.

The banquet will be held at the Holy Trinity Hall at 6:00 p.m. Those attending the Banquet will have the opportunity to enjoy Soup, Pork Roast, Chicken Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Coffee/Tea and Desserts. Please be advised that although we are hoping that the Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, we will confirm and send you Banquet forms at a later date once the number of choirs attending the festival is confirmed.

After the banquet, during the evening dance, for everyone wishing to try some other specialties our kitchen will also be serving Cevaps in flatbread, Gulas, Sauerkraut with smoked meat/sausage, Meat burek, Cheese gibanica and assorted home-made desserts. Please find complete Festival Menu with the prices at the end of this document. Admission to the Saturday Dance for people with no badges is \$15.

Visit the Silent Auction at designated area in the hall. Auction closes at 11 PM.



*and Party Band*



## Sunday May 29, 2016

Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Church starting at 9:30 am.

Shuttle buses will run continuously between the Radisson Hotel and the Holy Trinity Hall beginning at 8:15 am, with the last shuttle departing at 11:00 p.m.

The kitchen and the bar will open immediately following Liturgy and there will be plenty of time to have a good lunch prior to the concert. The kitchen will be serving Cevaps in flatbread, Gulash, Sauerkraut with smoked meat/sausage, Meat burek, Cheese gibanica and assorted home-made desserts.

The **Sunday concert** will be held at **Country Hills Church**, 1280 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener, Ontario, starting at **1:30 p.m.** Choirs will have the opportunity to warm up at the same location starting at 12:00 p.m. Please note that there will be rooms available at the Country Church for those wishing to change clothes and/or



store luggage prior to your departure. Tickets for Sunday concert are charged \$15 at the door (for people with no badges).

Immediately following the concert, the final dance will commence,

featuring music by

***Party Band***

Admission to the Sunday Dance for people with no badges is \$10.

**About Kitchener-Waterloo**

We hope your visit to twin city Kitchener-Waterloo will be a great one. If you are planning to arrive early, or stay past the end of our festivities, the following websites may provide some information about visiting our area:

<http://www.explorewaterlooregion.com/>

<http://www.stjacobs.com/>



**FORMS – IMPORTANT**

Please find the Ad Book and the Badge forms below.

**Payments for both the Ad Book and Badges are due by April 10, 2016 and should preferably be sent as one payment.**

Cheques should be payable to:

**Holy Trinity Serbian Church Choir**

and sent to:

**Ljiljana Brankovic, Badges and Ad Book, St. Roman The Melodist Choir,  
700 Fischer Hallman Rd. Kitchener, Ontario Canada N2E 1L7**

**2016 Ad Book Payment Form**

- Deadline for ad and payment – April 10, 2016
- **Cheques payable to:** Holy Trinity Serbian Church Choir
- Ad payment must be made in your choir’s domestic currency.
- **Submit file to** Deni Malic, [denimalic@gmail.com](mailto:denimalic@gmail.com).
- **Send your payments to :**

Ljiljana Brankovic  
Badges and Ad Book  
St. Roman The Melodist Choir  
700 Fischer Hallman Rd.  
Kitchener, ON Canada N2E 1L7

Size	Cost
Full Page	\$140
½ Page	\$ 80
¼ Page	\$ 50
Business Card	\$ 30
Booster/Friends	\$ 20

**Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as payment for the 2016 SSF Festival Souvenir Booklet ad.**

**Name of person submitting the Ad:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choir:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



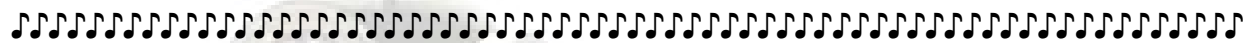
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2016 SSF Festival "True North, Eh!"  
Kitchen Menus

We are happy to offer you our excellent traditional Serbian food and drinks.

**FRIDAY**

Fish Dinner (Fish, baked potato, cabbage salad, bun)	\$12.00
<b>Bean Dinner</b> (Baked Beans and cabbage salad, bun)	\$ 8.00
<b>Pita sa krompirom</b> (Potato filled pastry)	\$ 6.00
<b>Pita sa jabukama</b> (Apple filled pastry)	\$ 6.00



**SATURDAY**

**Banquet Dinner**

(Soup, Pork Roast, Chicken Dinner, Mashed Potatoes , Salad, Dessert)\$30.00

**Cevaps Dinner** (Cevaps, flatbread, onions) \$12.00

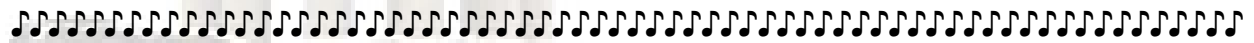
**Gulas Dinner** (Meat and Pork stew served with pasta and salad) \$10.00

**Sauerkraut Dinner** (Baked sauerkraut with smoked meat sausages) \$10.00

**Meat Burek** \$ 6.00

**Cheese Gibanica** \$ 6.00

**Assorted Desserts** \$ 5.00



**SUNDAY**

**Cevaps Dinner** (Cevaps, flatbread, onions) \$12.00

**Gulas Dinner** (Meat and Pork stew served with pasta and salad) \$10.00

**Sauerkraut Dinner** (Baked sauerkraut with smoked meat sausages) \$10.00

**Meat Burek** \$ 6.00

**Cheese Gibanica** \$ 6.00

**Assorted Desserts** \$ 5.00

## Friday Shuttle Bus

### Radisson

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### Holy Trinity

6:15 PM  
6:45 PM  
7:15 PM  
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## Saturday Shuttle

### Radisson

**2 buses:**  
**11:30 AM**  
**12:00 PM**  
**12:30 PM**

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1 bus:  
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4:00 PM

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**2 buses:**  
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**6:00 PM**  
**6:30 PM**

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1 bus:  
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### Holy Trinity

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**Sunday Shuttle**

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**Holy Trinity**

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