

TAA TAMBURITZA EXTRAVAGANZA®

Milwaukee 2017

ORKESTAR ZABAVA PITTSBURGH, PA

Orkestar Zabava was formed in 1993 with the intent of providing music primarily for dance entertainment in Pittsburgh's ethnic community; however, over the years, Zabava has become known as being more than just a kolo orchestra. Although two members have written and composed their own music, the band's intent is to preserve songs composed in Eastern Europe and passed through the generations. Orkestar Zabava has no cultural or ethnic ties. Their repertoire consists of songs and dances from Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Since forming in 1993, Zabava has appeared many times in the Pittsburgh community for receptions, picnics, private parties, banquets, and weddings. Zabava has also traveled regularly throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio as well as to Detroit for church functions, receptions, Christmas parties and picnics and has even performed for a Slavic festival in San Francisco. In addition to performing at these events, Orkestar Zabava has attended the Tamburitza Extravaganza for many years now and has performed in Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Reno, Steelton, New Orleans, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, San Francisco, Columbus, and Phoenix. Over the years, Zabava has produced 4 recordings: "Introducing Orkestar Zabava", "Kolo with Zabava", "An Evening With Zabava featuring Marilyn Chee-Chee Repasky" and "Let's Dance".

Members of Orkestar Zabava are:

Frank Bozicevic (Accordion)

- Member of Kochis Brothers Band/Novi Glas (1978-1980)
- Member of Orchestra Lole (1982-1985)
- Member of the Duquesne University Tamburitians (1985-1989)
- Member of Orkestar Zabava (1993-present)
- Founder's Award Recipient – 1991
- President's Award Recipient - 2010

Paul Hladio (Bass)

- Member of Bekrije (1984-1985)
- Member of the Veseli Tamburitians (1985-1993)
- Member of the Duquesne University Tamburitians (1984-1988)
- Member of Orkestar Zabava (1993-present)
- Founder's Award Recipient - 1996

Tom Manfredo (Trumpet/Brač)

- Member of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans (1989-1993)
- Member of Orkestar Zabava (1993-present)
- Founder's Award Recipient – 1997
- President's Award Recipient - 2010

Chip Wagner (Bugarija)

- Member of Jorgovan (1993 to 1996)
- Member of Orkestar Zabava (1997-present)
- Life member of the Rainbow Vol. Fire Co since 1995



TOM MANFREDO

PAUL HLADIO

CHIP WAGNER

FRANK BOZICEVIC



