



Dear TAA Members, Friends and Tamburitza Lovers,

We hope that you are all doing well during this unprecedented and difficult pandemic situation. Given that the safety and wellness of our members, performers, and event attendees are of the utmost importance, we must unfortunately announce that the 2020 Tamburitza Extravaganza® scheduled for September 24-27, 2020, in Cleveland is being postponed. The Board of Directors unanimously agreed that the TAA could not in good conscience risk having anyone exposed to the COVID-19 viral infection. This choice coupled with various ongoing Federal, State and local restrictions regarding travel, large gatherings and food and beverage service make it impossible to hold our event in the usual enjoyable format. While this was a very difficult decision to make, it was based on our heartfelt wish for all of you to stay safe and healthy so that you can join us next year for more fun in '21!

Although the future is difficult to predict, we remain hopeful that this dreaded virus will run its course, that effective vaccines will become available, and that treatment modalities will continue to improve. The TAA will therefore continue preparations for a rescheduled event next year. We are already working with the hotel in Cleveland toward that goal. Please check our new website and our Facebook page for periodic updates.

In the meantime, the Board of Directors thanks you for your continued support of the Tamburitza Association of America, Inc. and asks that you please support all the performers and groups who continue to promote and share our music and culture even during these difficult times!

Musically yours,

Joseph R. Novosel, President