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**Calgary Ukrainian Festival**







It is my honour and pleasure to **WELCOME** you to the **13TH ANNUAL CALGARY UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL**. This celebration allows us to showcase the richness and diversity of Ukrainian culture while promoting unity, heritage, and the vibrant spirit of our community.

A heartfelt greeting is also extended to the many newcomers who have been displaced from their homes and separated from their families due to the war.

After not being able to host this popular festival for the past 3 years, we are delighted to reengage the community with renewed energy, focus, and a friendly place for everyone to experience true hospitality where Calgary and Ukraine meet.

I am delighted to announce that this year's array of entertainment is nothing short of spectacular. We have curated a lineup of talented Ukrainian dancers, musicians, and vocalists, each bringing their unique style and interpretation of our rich musical traditions. For the first time in our history, a live-feed performance will be shared from Ukraine!

In addition to the captivating performances from 2 stages, attendees will have the opportunity to shop the many local vendors and talented artists, as well as savor the delicious flavors of Ukrainian cuisine.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to our sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and the entire festival [board](#). Their hard work, passion and unwavering commitment has made this event possible once again. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive community that understands the importance of preserving and promoting our rich cultural heritage.

I encourage each one of you to actively engage in this celebration. Immerse yourself in the joyous atmosphere, sing along to the melodies and dance the night away at our evening party (zabava). Share your experiences on social media and help us spread the beauty of Ukrainian culture.

Once again, thank you for being a part of this unforgettable reunion. May the festival inspire, delight, and create cherished memories that will stay with you.

Joann Pickle,  
Chair

Слава Україні! Glory to Ukraine!  
Героям Слава! Glory to the Heroes!

Slava Ukraini!  
Heroim Slava



**CALGARY UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL**



# 2023 HOSPODAR & HOSPODYNIA

## GREG AND LORI SYRNICK

Welcome to the 13th annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival – a fantastic showcase of Calgary and area's vibrant Ukrainian Arts and Cultural Community. We are very honoured to be your inaugural Hospodar and Hospodynia.







Lori Chomik and Greg Syrnick are honoured to be the Господиня/Hospodynia and Господар/Hospodar (hosts) of the 2023 Calgary Ukrainian Festival.

Lori and Greg were not born in Calgary but chose to make their permanent home here as a family for the last 36 years. Lori was raised in Vegreville, Alberta and then moved to Edmonton for her university studies. There she was an active member of the Dnipro Chorus and worked tirelessly to obtain official historical designation of her family's home church – St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Szypenitz, Alberta. Greg grew up in Wadena, Saskatchewan and moved to Saskatoon for his university education. There he was introduced to Ukrainian Choral singing in the Cathedral church choir and Lastiwka folk choir which sowed the seeds for his lifelong involvement with choirs and eventual Hetman award in 2018.

***Fate and good luck brought them both to Calgary where they met, married, and raised two girls*** – Larissa and Lykera.


Together, Lori and Greg are actively involved at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox church in a variety of capacities and remain engaged in the broader Calgary-Ukrainian community. The recent influx of Ukrainian evacuees to Calgary has given them both many new responsibilities – welcoming these newcomers with open arms, assisting them with settling into their new lives and guiding them about life in Calgary and Canada. Lori continues to dedicate a lot of her time to assisting at the centre in St. Vladimir's run by the Ukrainian Humanitarian Aid Committee (UHAC). She is also very actively involved with raising money for the Children's Essential Committee (CEC) and providing newly arriving children with basic necessities.

Lori and Greg recently began hosting a family from Ukraine in their home – helping them navigate life in Canada and in turn improving our ability to speak Ukrainian. There is a real need for this type of transition to life in Canada and they encourage others to do this if they have the means.

Festivals like the Calgary Ukrainian Festival play a pivotal role in maintaining our colourful Ukrainian traditions, language, music, arts and folklore. It has allowed our culture to flourish in the freedom that Canada provides – preserving traditions brought by each of the waves of Ukrainian immigrants starting as far back as the late 1800's and early 1900's when our families arrived – and integrating them with the newer traditions brought by the recent wave of arrivals over this past year.

***“We look forward to seeing all our friends at this exciting festival. Come and immerse yourself in the colorful and rich Ukrainian culture that we cherish. And we especially welcome our many newly arrived friends from Ukraine to this festival.”***

Слава Україні! Glory to Ukraine!  
Вітаємо!





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Mayor Jyoti Gondek

### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GONDEK

On behalf of my City Council colleagues, welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival!

Celebrations like the one being hosted today matter. They help us remember where we've come from, who we are, and where we are going. This past year, we have welcomed over 11,000 Ukrainian newcomers to our great city whom I sincerely hope have felt our love and support through a horrific time.

I've come to know that culture and faith-based organizations provide much-needed social infrastructure and hope in our communities. Thank you all for being part of this day that connects you to your heritage and connects all of Calgary to the rest of the world. Because of you, our community is stronger.

My deepest appreciation to the organizers, volunteers, performers, artisans, and vendors for sharing your time and energy to make this event a success. Above all, thank you for sharing your cultural traditions with us. This is not only an important learning opportunity but also a poignant reminder that in the face of incivility, we remain united against hate-fuelled division.


Slava Ukraini!  
Heroyam Slava!

Dyakuyu,

Jyoti Gondek  
Mayor of Calgary







**Congratulations** to the Calgary Ukrainian Festival on your 13th year! I wish I could be there in person celebrating with everyone this weekend. I am so proud of my Ukrainian heritage and have so many fond memories from my childhood. I think of my time growing up in Edmonton and all the family gatherings... We would go to Baba's house and learn all about Ukrainian culture and heritage. We would always eat delicious Ukrainian foods like perogies, holuptsi and nachinka just to name a few! As a youngster I even took Ukrainian dancing. I may not have been very good but I sure enjoyed it! Being Ukrainian became such a big part of my life that I am so proud of. I wish those in attendance a fantastic weekend. Congratulations to the organizers of the festival on your 13th year!

Sincerely,

Kelly Hrudehy  
Hockey night in Canada & Sports Net





# YOUTH AMBASSADORS

## ПРЕДСТАВНИКИ МОЛОДІ

# MAYA BARNES



I have been a member of the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Society Junior Ensemble for the past four years and have had an active role in the Ukrainian community in Alberta, by participating in the Welcoming of newcomers, performances at festivals, competitions, camps and many more.

I was lucky enough to participate in the 2022 Calgary Stampede Parade as a participant in the “Glory to Ukraine” float. I am a recipient of the AUDA Summer Dance Camp Scholarship.

When I am not active in the Ukrainian community I work part time at Blackfoot Motosports, play competitive High School Rugby and maintain Honor Roll at All Saints High School.



# YOUTH AMBASSADORS

## ПРЕДСТАВНИКИ МОЛОДІ



# LUKIAN MCCRANK

Lukian McCranks is excited to represent the Ukrainian youth in Calgary and to welcome guests to the Calgary Ukrainian Festival.



Lukian is actively involved in the Ukrainian community, at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox church and the youth group CYMK, and is a student at Western Canada High School. He is passionate about Ukrainian dance, and spent ten years with Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Society, and now dances with Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Society. Look for him onstage with the Tryzub JR Ensemble!

**Слава Україні! Glory to Ukraine!**



# 2023

## MASTERS OF CEREMONY

### KYIV STAGE

#### TIM & AUDREY MICHAYLUK



Welcome to the 13th annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival – a fantastic showcase of Calgary and area’s vibrant Ukrainian Arts and Cultural Community. We are very honoured to be your Masters of Ceremony.

Tim & Audrey Michayluk, “Para,” have been actively involved in music and the greater Ukrainian community since their childhood. Growing up in Saskatchewan, Tim and Audrey were active in their local and provincial branches of CYMK, members of their local Ukrainian Dance Schools, attended Ukrainian summer camps (Camp Trident at Crystal Lake & Green Grove Camp at Wakaw Lake), and attended & instructed at Mohyla Institute Ukrainian Summer Immersion Program in Saskatoon.

Both were founding members of Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir & Orchestra of Saskatoon and sang with Slava Chamber Choir of Calgary. In his youth, Tim was privileged to be one of the founding members of Yaseny, one of Saskatchewan’s first contemporary Ukrainian dance bands. Both received their early education and musical training in their respective hometowns of Hafford and Canora Saskatchewan, only to further their education and musical training at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.





Tim & Audrey continue to perform and M.C. at functions throughout Western Canada where they get the opportunity to express their passion for music and their Ukrainian culture.

Their interests in music and performance have led to various appearances, in solo, duo and ensemble capacities. Tim & Audrey have performed and M.C.'d throughout Western Canada at harvest celebrations "Обжинки", Malankas, Saskatoon's FolkFest and Vesna Festival, Calgary's Variety of Nations, Regina Mosaic, Calgary Ukrainian Carol Festival, The Pysanka Festival in Vegreville, the Canadian National Ukrainian Festival in Dauphin, Expo '86, Ukrainian Centenary Celebrations in Saskatchewan and Alberta, the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Pioneers in Canada Gala Evening, the 25th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence Gala in Calgary and the Ukrainian Museum of Canada Founders Gala, among many other festivals and events.

They are current members of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor of Calgary and have been since their move here in 1989. They remain active in many facets of St. Vladimir's community and enjoy singing in the church choir that Tim currently co-directs.

Tim & Audrey are blessed to have two daughters (Katrina & Julianna), son-in-law (Matthew) and grand-daughter (Mila). They have called Calgary home for the past 34 years, recently relocating to Chestermere. When the opportunity to perform, volunteer, or simply get involved with the Ukrainian community presents itself, they are always inclined to seize the moment to meet new people, rekindle friendships, and renew old acquaintances.

On behalf of the 13th annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival – Welcome! Вітаємо!  
Слава Україні! Glory to Ukraine!





# 2023

# MASTERS OF CEREMONY

## LVIV STAGE

## ANHELINA TARAN

My name is Anhelina Taran and I'm a TV and Radio host from Ukraine. I've only been in Calgary for 1.5 months and I try to join all events that support Ukraine.

When I was in Ukraine I usually worked as a host on a Dance festival in Kyiv. I was a host in speed dating event from the Ukrainians of Calgary Association. And I was a presenter at a concert at Taras Shevchenko's Day from Ukrainian Canadian Congress in Calgary.

My [Instagram](#)

My [Facebook](#)





**MEMORIAM**  
ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ!

# A TRIBUTE TO RON CAHUTE BY NEW PATHWAY

MAY 12, 2023

MATTHEW DUBAS – THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

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Ronald “Ron” Cahute – known by his Ukrainian name Roman – a Ukrainian Canadian accordion legend and recording musician, composer and producer who released over 30 albums either as a solo artist or with the band Burya, died on April 22 in Toronto. He was 68.

Mr. Cahute, a prolific performer who took worked on 178 albums as a guest musician, had collaborated on recording projects with Nana Mouskouri, Sofia Rotaru, Lisa Dalbello, Melissa Manchester and Catherine McKinnon, among many others.

Born in Toronto on March 26, 1955, his music career began in 1962 as a drummer in the band of his late father, Maurice Cahute. In 1969, Ron Cahute founded a Ukrainian band that would later be called Burya (storm in Ukrainian).

Additionally, Mr. Cahute took time to record a Ukrainian comedy album in 1997 with Ihor Baczynskyj, which was titled “And the Garden Goes Here!” as well as a series of children’s educational albums (1997-2000), among them were “Barabolya,” “Tsybulya,” “Booryak and Carrots Too,” “Borscht” and “Barabolya High.” Sharing his talents with the Ukrainian community in Canada, Mr. Cahute had a regular feature, “Stay Ukrainian My Friends,” on the popular Kontakt Ukrainian television program that featured cultural and personal stories from Ukrainians being Ukrainian.





# MEMORIAM

## ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ!

Mr. Cahute was a recipient in 2019 of the Taras Shevchenko Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the UCC.

The vast majority of his work is documented here:

[https://www.wikispiv.com/wiki/Artist:Ron\\_Cahute](https://www.wikispiv.com/wiki/Artist:Ron_Cahute). A Spotify playlist of some of Ron's best songs can be found at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2x7fEaOiw9jTOjxdhHBYGx>

Mr. Cahute leaves behind his wife, Binka Cahute, and daughters Krystie (with husband Chris) Piers, Amanda Cahute, Jenny Cahute and Katrina (with husband Andrew Makarenko). Mr. Cahute was known as "Gigi Ron" to grandchildren Zacharias, Jeremiah, Alivia, Sophia, Grayson and Jeremy, and he was known as "Dido Ron" to grandchildren Alex, Julia, Milana and Yana, and he was known as "Unc" to his nephews Mark Zubek and Kevin Zubek.

Mr. Cahute's family asked that any donations be made to the Ukrainian National Federation Foundation – In Memoriam Fund – to provide for children's programming. Donations can be made via the following websites: [unffoundation.ca/](http://unffoundation.ca/) or [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/69587](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/69587).

*Ron Cahute (back row, center) and members of the band Burya.*







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COMBO 3

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COMBO 5

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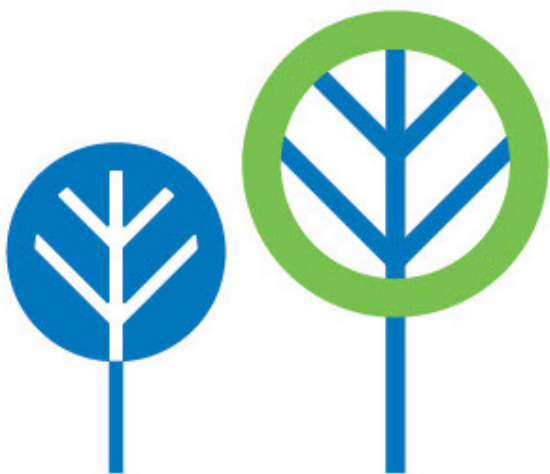


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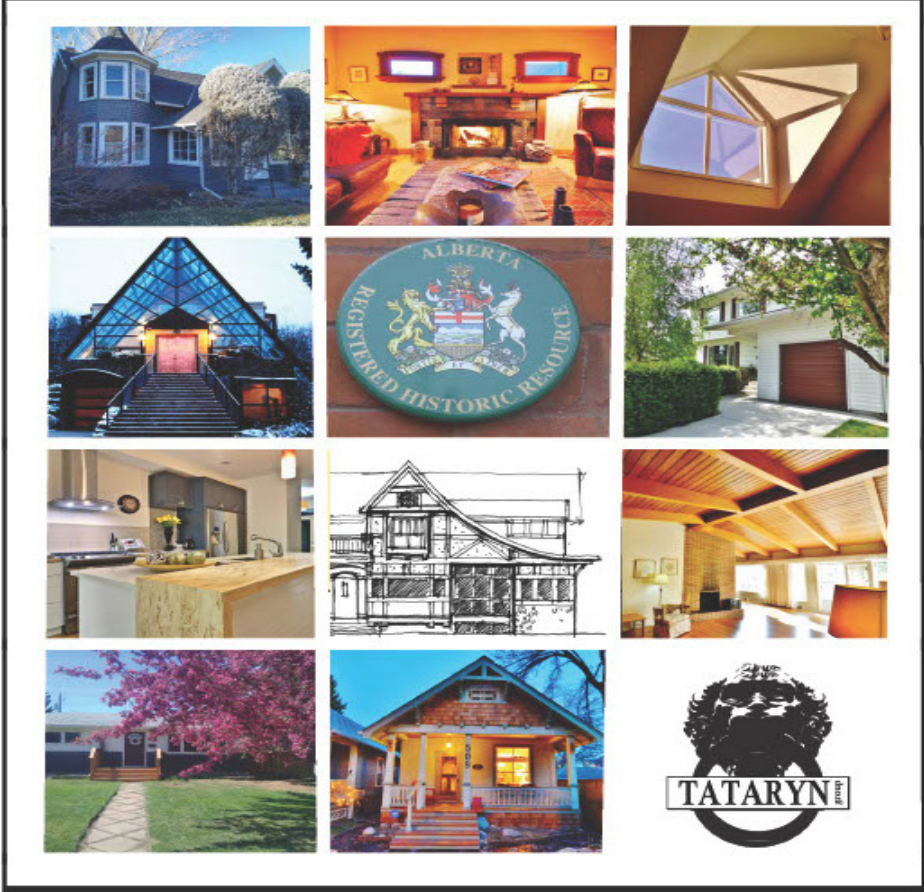
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Directors on another  
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# WE ARE HAVING A UKRAINIAN WEDDING AND YOU ARE INVITED!

June 3 & 4, 2023  
3 PM Kyiv Stage  
Calgary, AB

- Part 1 ..... Matchmaking
- Part 2 ..... Engagement
- Part 3 ..... Wedding Blessing
- Part 4 ..... Wedding Festivities

## BITAEMO AND WELCOME!

This production of a Ukrainian wedding is being performed for the first time by Calgary singers, dancers, musicians and actors. It includes traditional ceremonies, dances and songs...a synthesis of customs and celebrations.

It is with gratitude that we recognize Canada's National Ukrainian Festival choir of Dauphin Manitoba who has gifted us with copyright permission.

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# CULTURE

## КУЛЬТУРА

### THE MATCHMAKING

This ceremony begins at the home of the girl's parents. Matchmakers called the "starosty" arrive with a traditional bread and ask consent. If consent is not given...a pumpkin is returned instead!

### THE BLESSING

The bride's hair is unplaited symbolizing the end of her life as a maiden girl. She is dressed in her wedding attire and receives her wedding gift from her groom to be. The couple receives a special blessing from their parents.

### THE ENGAGEMENT

A ceremony of songs performed by friends and mothers of the bride and groom prepare the bride's wedding crown made of barveenok. The wedding evergreen tree and wedding bread arrive!

### THE WEDDING RECEPTION

Let the festivities begin Guests arrive and toasts to the bride and the groom are exchanged in traditional ceremonial rite. The first kiss is exchanged and the wedding party dances for joy!

IT IS KOLOMEYKA TIME!





# 2023 ZABAVA BAND

## STEPPE

We are thrilled to have STEPPE Band playing our evening Zabava! Read more about the talented artists of STEPPE.

We are a Ukrainian-Canadian zabava band from Edmonton, Canada. The term steppe (pronounced “step”) refers to the vast and beautiful grasslands of Ukraine, which in many ways is similar to the geography of Western Canada, our home.

A zabava is a Ukrainian party with tons of food, plenty of drinks, and dancing all night long. STEPPE plays the kind of music that gets people up and dancing! We draw from a wide selection of live dance music for all functions and events, everything from the most current Ukrainian dance hits to the more traditional polkas, waltzes and of course the “kolomeyka” or Ukrainian circle dance, where young and old take the opportunity to show off their Ukrainian dance skills. You want North American music? We play that too! Classic Rock, Oldies, Country, Top 40. We pride ourselves on our versatility and our ability to cater to all musical tastes.

Thinking of live dance music for your upcoming event? Contact us now, and let STEPPE make it a zabava to remember!







# 2023

# GRAPHIC DESIGNER

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Kristina Tarasenko for her valuable contribution of designing the 2023 program and poster for the Calgary Ukrainian Festival.

She did an amazing job illustrating a custom piece of art and designing the festival program for us. Her talent, dedication, and attention to detail brought our vision to life and we are delighted with the result.

With sincere appreciation,

Calgary Ukrainian Festival Foundation's Board of Directors





# KRISTINA TARASENKO

Hello! I'm Kristina Tarasenko a designer and illustrator that loves to create fun and exciting works of art (especially ones with doodles all over).

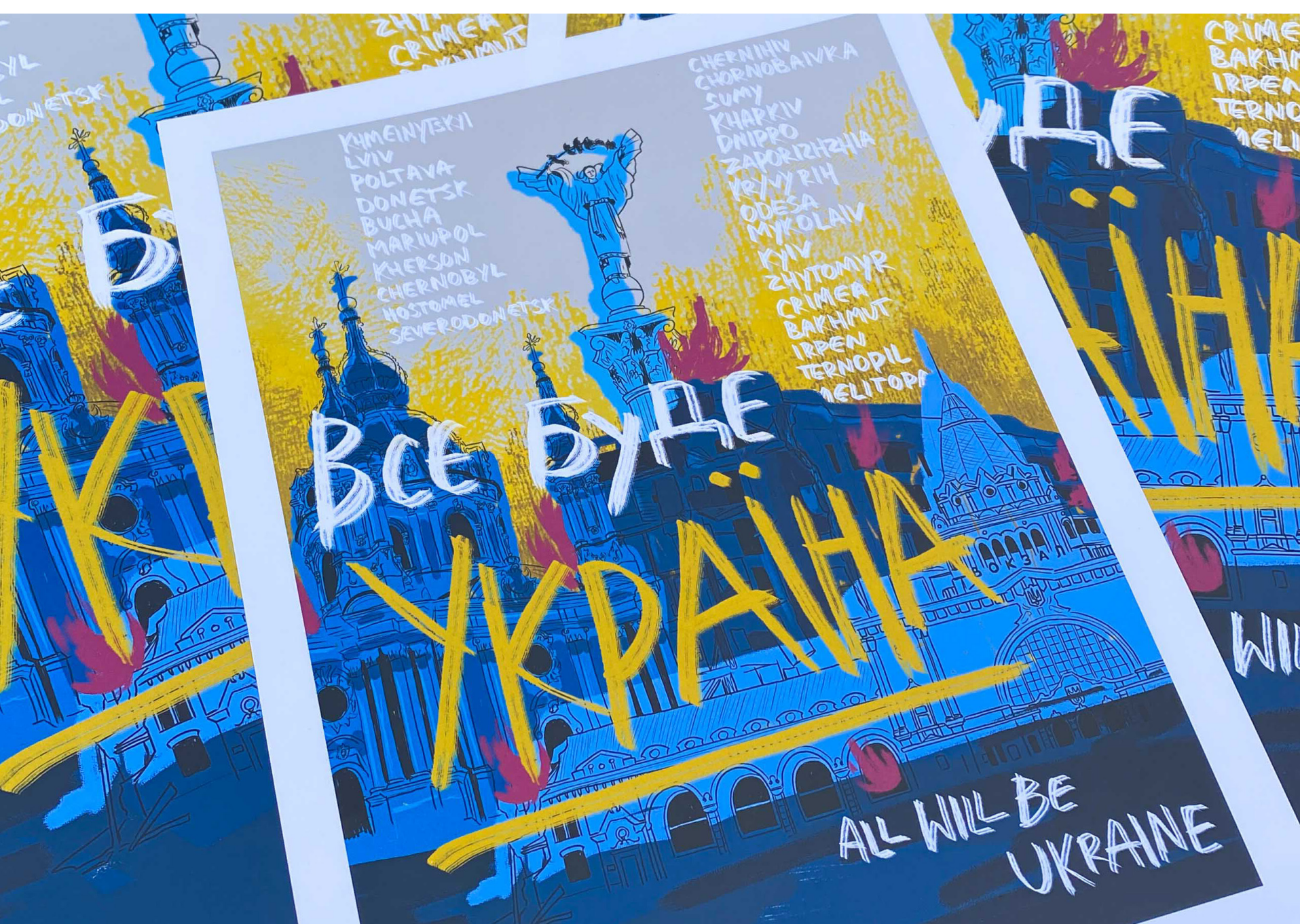
I'm a Canadian-born individual with a Ukrainian background. Art has always held a special place in my heart. This year I have graduated from Bow Valley College with a diploma in Digital design and will be continuing my education in graphic design at AUARTS in September, which I am very excited about.

Alongside my love for art, I also pursued Ukrainian dance at Tryzub School of Ukrainian Dance, where my pencil always accompanied me during practices and backstage moments. Throughout my 10-year journey, I performed duets with my brother Alex Tarasenko, danced in the Junior Ensemble, the Tryzub Ensemble, and lastly in the Adult Class with my mom. I've danced here at the Calgary Ukrainian Festival for many years and enjoyed every one!

I want to express my gratitude to the Calgary Ukrainian Festival for allowing me to volunteer as their graphic designer, which has been an incredibly fun journey.

This year, I'm excited to showcase and sell prints of my artwork (including the print below) at the artisan tables. I invite you to come take a look!

Check out more of my work at my [website](#) and follow me on Instagram [@madebykristinako](#)





# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The Calgary Ukrainian Festival Foundation's Board of Directors would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for your invaluable contributions to the 13th annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival. Over the past 13 years, this festival has been a remarkable celebration of Ukrainian culture, and it is thanks to your selflessness, passion, and dedication that we have reached this significant milestone.

Your unwavering commitment and willingness to share your time, skills, and knowledge have made a tremendous impact at every level of our event. From organizing logistics to managing performances, from engaging with attendees to ensuring a smooth operation, each volunteer has played an integral role in making this festival a resounding success.

The City of Calgary has been able to embrace and honor its rich tradition and spirit, thanks to your efforts. Your hard work and dedication have allowed us to create a legacy of Ukrainian culture that will continue to thrive for years to come. By generously offering your time and expertise, you have not only facilitated the success of this event but also fostered a sense of community and togetherness.





# CULTURE

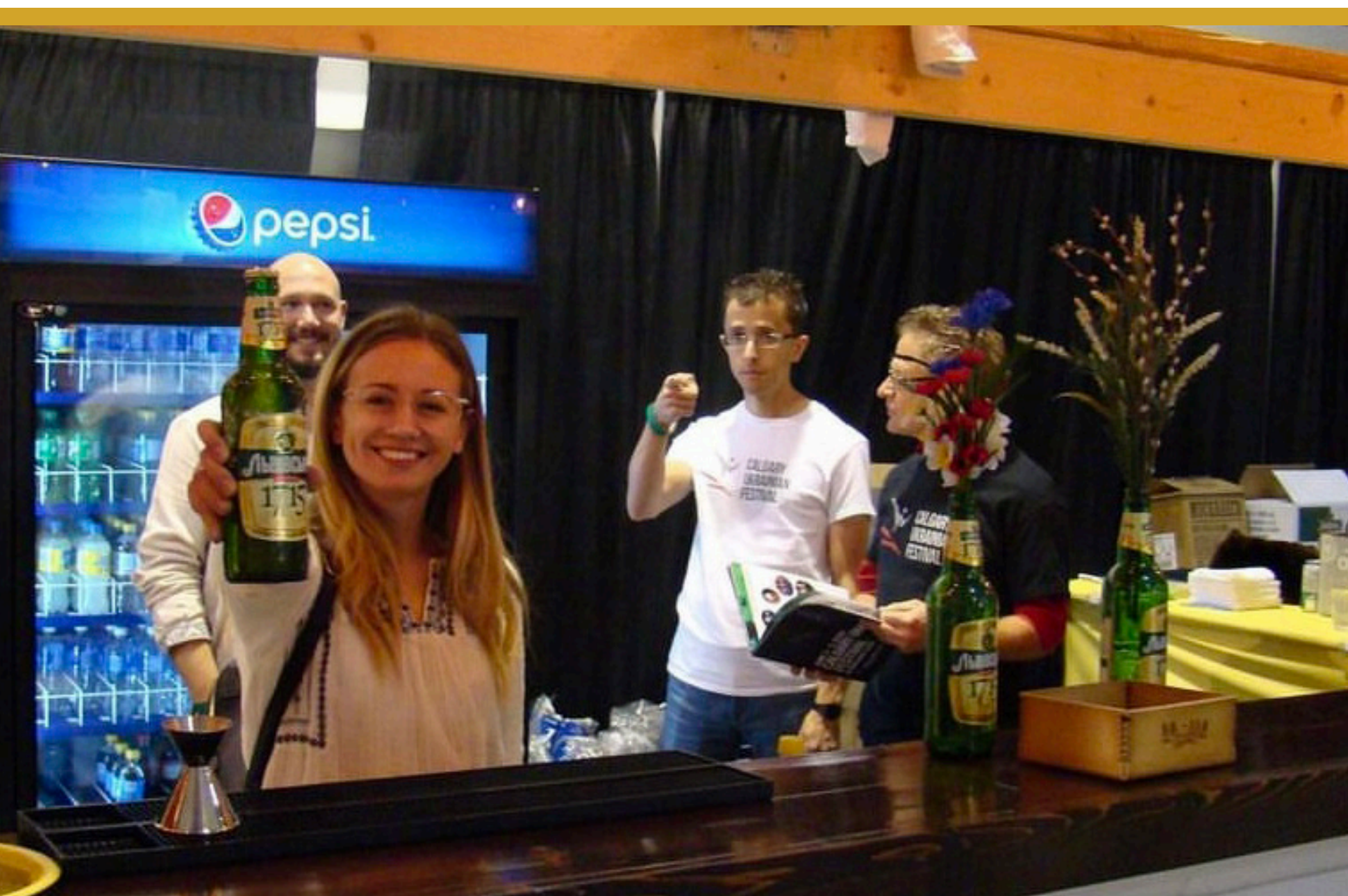
## КУЛЬТУРА

Volunteerism is a powerful force that enables us to tackle ambitious projects like the Calgary Ukrainian Festival. Your passion and dedication have spoken volumes, demonstrating the true essence of volunteerism and its ability to bring people together for a common cause. Therefore, we extend our heartfelt thanks and Дякую to each and every volunteer who has been involved in this journey. Your contributions, whether big or small, have made a significant difference, and we are immensely grateful for your unwavering support.

As we celebrate this 13th anniversary, let us acknowledge that this achievement would not have been possible without your dedication and commitment. You are the backbone of this festival, and we are truly humbled and honored to have had the privilege of working with such remarkable individuals. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your contributions have left an indelible mark on our community and have helped shape the legacy of the Calgary Ukrainian Festival. Together, we have created a vibrant celebration of Ukrainian culture that will continue to inspire and unite us in the years to come.

With sincere appreciation,

Calgary Ukrainian Festival Foundation's Board of Directors





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PROGRAMME  
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SATURDAY

11 AM

KYIV STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Musical souvenir	Sergey Neverov
Pryvit	Barvinok
Danica & Madeline	Vykrutas
Mason & Michael	Vykrutas
First Steps	Yalenka
Sunflower Quadrille	Hopak
Isabel Waller	Vykrutas
Hutsulyata	Yalenka
Hopak	Barvinok



PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

11:30 AM

WVS STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Vesna	Barvinok
Zapletu Vinochok	Hopak
Karrissa Volyn	Tryzub
Polina Savro	Vykrutas
Central Ukraine	Tryzub
Elizabeth	Tryzub
Tansyuyuchi Divshata	Yalenka
Rakhivchanka	Barvinok

12 PM

KYVS STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Oi Zelene zhyto	Calgary Bandurysty
Bude vse harazd	Calgary Bandurysty
Volynianochka	Troyanda
Mason Glagau	Vykrutas
Callie and Alex	Vykrutas
Pre Beginner	Tryzub
Forest Fairy	Elmira Kataki
Ramona & Aurora	Troyanda
Zelenayi Zheto	Viter
Shapachkou Ihry Hraly	Viter
Hopak	Troyanda



PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

12:30 PM

KYIVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Sadochok

Sadochok

Olive Petr-Wagemakers

Barvinok

First Steps

Sadochok/ Barvinok

Scarf Dance

Yalenka

Michael Kowel

Vykrutas

Бережи Україну

Anastasiia

Ой, земля.

Anastasiia

Я хочу

Anastasiia

Malenki Zirky

Barvinok

Slava Ukraini

Yalenka

Hutsul'shchyna

Vitretz

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1 PM

KYIVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Ivana Kupala

Troyanda

Danica Glagau

Vykrutas

Hopachok

Hopak

Bukovinian Stars

Hopak

Kolomyika

Tryzub

Tambourine Suite

Viter

Obzhynky

Troyanda

Emilee

Tryzub

Karissa

Tryzub

Dubotantes

Tryzub





PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

1:30 PM **WVS STAGE**

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Oi u hayu, pry Dunayu	Calgary Bandurysty
Kolomyika	Calgary Bandurysty
Kozachok	Barvinok
Spring Garden	Yalenka
Wreath Dance	Fun 'n' Dance
Metalitstya	Yalenka
Dubotantes	Hopak
Hutsul Dance	Yalenka
Bahchalarda cestane	Elviie Kataki
Hutzul Vohon	Barvinok

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2 PM **KYV STAGE**

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Hey Vydno Selo	Korinnya
Hraj Muzyko	Korinnya
Mav Ja Raz Divchynu	Korinnya
Zelene Zhyto	Vitretz
Oy, U Vishnevomu Sadoo	Troyanda
Bukovinian Beats	Hopak
Lisoruby	Troyanda
Central Meledy	Hopak
Viter na Hutsulshchynyi	Viter
Hopachok	Yalenka







PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

2:30 PM

WVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Oj Muzyku Duzhe Ljublju	Korinnya
Pyrohy	Korinnya
Jikhaly Kozachenky	Korinnya
Tropotyanka	Barvinok
Tim Tim	Elviie Kataki
Vechirka	Tryzub
Volyn	Barvinok
Karicka	Suzirya
Chycherryi	Yalenka
Kalyna	Barvinok

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3 PM

KVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Лугом іду, коня веду	Yevheniia Kocherha
Bukovyian Dance	Tryzub
Bukovynksi Zhinky	Viter
Hopak	Yalenka
The Wedding	Festival Performers
Hopak	Viter







PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

3:30 PM

WVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
St. Martin Children’s Strings Society	St. Martin Children’s Strings Society
Central Ukraine	Tryzub
Hrailyva Polka	Tryzub
Seasons	Suzirya
Hutsul	Tryzub
Sasha & Dianna	Vykrutas
Polissia	Vitretz
Volyns’ka Polka	Yalenka

4 PM

KYVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Vodohraj	Korinnya
Ja Pidu v Daleki Hory	Korinnya
Chervona Ruta	Korinnya
Zelenayi Zheto	Viter
Sailor Dance	Yalenka
Bukovynian Rhythms	Tryzub
Kozatkyi	Troyanda
Bukovnysky Sharfy	Troyanda
Hopak	Tryzub





PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

4:30 PM

WVS STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Аркан

Khrystyna Iyalyuk

Україна понад усе

Khrystyna Iyalyuk

Hutsul Tanets

Barvinok

Ally

Tryzub

James & Cassie

Vykrutas

Bukovinian Dance

Yalenka

Pleschkach

Tryzub

Transcarpathian Dance

Yalenka

Ivanku

Troyanda

Hutsul Trio

Tryzub

5 PM

KYVS STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Zaporizhian Kozaks

Yalenka

Hannah Hitchcock

Vykrutas

Cheremchina

Anna Pompeeva

Good colors

Anna Pompeeva

I know that I have a sin

Anna Pompeeva

Paige McCloy

Vykrutas

Bukovynian Prytupy

Barvinok

Ivana Kupala

Yalenka

Hopak

Suzirya



PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

WVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Pershi Kroky

Vykrutas

Hutsul'shchyna

Vitretz

Jorja & Matthew

Vykrutas

Neshuhyanay Konyki

Troyanda

Volyn Dance

Tryzub

Crying Heart

Vykrutas

Norah & Caspian

Vykrutas

Polissian Dance

Tryzub

Cherevychky

Yalenka

Hopachok

Vykrutas

6 PM

KYVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Metelyk

Daryna Lavryshyn

Tantsuite z namy

Vykrutas

Koperoush

Suzirya

Kuban

Barvinok

Vasyl & Myron Hnatchuk

Hnatchuk

Kalyna

Troyanda

Bukovina

Vitretz

Hutsuliia

Tryzub



7 PM

KYIV STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Pryvit

Yalenka

Hutsul Selo

Barvinok

Lubin Suite

Polanie

Hopachok

Vykrutas

Hopak

Vitretz

Hopak

Barvinok

Hopak

Tryzub

Hopak

Yalenka

Hopak

Troyanda

Bukovynian Suite

Tryzub

Hopak

Suzirya





PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА



SUNDAY

11 AM

KYIV STAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Orest Tsymbala	Orest Tsymbala
Volyn'ska Polka	Yalenka
Karissa Polissian Solo	Tryzub
Hutsul Medodies	Vykrutas
Volyn	Vykrutas
Mila Volyn Solo	Tryzub
Pre Beginner Central	Tryzub
Bereznianka	Yalenka





PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SUNDAY

11:30 AM

WVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
St. Martin Children’s Strings Society	St. Martin Children’s Strings Society
Carpathian Khloptsi	Yalenka
Polissian Dance	Yalenka
Ackdeniz	Elviie Kataki
Hopachok	Tryzub
Bukovinian Duet	Yalenka
Polissian Jr Girls	Tryzub

12 PM

KYVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Pryvit	Barvinok
Pleskach	Vykrutas
Hutsul	Hopak
Polissia	Vitretz
Pidkivochky	Vykrutas
Gypsy Fire	Yalenka
Bukovynsky Sharfy	Troyanda
Na Polonyni	Yalenka
Tambourine Kozachok	Barvinok
Hopachok	Vykrutas







PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SUNDAY

12:30 PM KYIVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Pryvit	Barvinok
Там за тинoм	Iryna Pletenchuk
Zapletu Vinochok	Hopak
Donets'ka Kadryl	Yalenka
Dance with Candles	Elmira Katak
Koperoush	Suzirya
Hutsul Tanets	Barvinok
Gordorazom	Vykrutas
Kalyna	Barvinok
Vechirka	Tryzub

1 PM KYIVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Cheremchina	Anna Pompeeva
Good colors	Anna Pompeeva
I know that I have a sin	Anna Pompeeva
James Chadder	Vykrutas
Zapletu Vinochok	Hopak
Bukovynian Tanets	Barvinok
Hutsulshchyna	Vitretz
Polissian Tanets	Barvinok
Hopak	Troyanda







PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SUNDAY

1:30 PM

KYIVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Krakowiak	Polanie
Central	Tryzub
Divochiy Tanets	Yalenka
Olive Petr-Wagemakers	Barvinok
Rachel	Tryzub
Jackson	Tryzub
Volyn Duet	Yalenka
Seasons	Suzirya
Transcarpatian	Tryzub
Bukovyna Suite	Tryzub

2 PM

KYIVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Zaporizhian Kozaks	Yalenka
Volyn'ka Kozachok	Hopak
Kuban	Barvinok
Hrechanyky	Yalenka
Norah & Caspian	Vykrutas
Dubotanets	Troyanda
Bukovina	Vitretz
Karissa Gypsy Solo	Tryzub
Madeline Miles	Vykrutas
Spring Kozachok	Barvinok







PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SUNDAY

2:30 PM

WVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Beskid Slaski	Polanie
Tropotyanka	Barvinok
Elizabeth & Mila	Tryzub
Rakhivchanka	Barvinok
Karicka	Suzirya
Central	Tryzub
Norah Hillstead	Vykrutas
Hutsuliia	Tryzub

3 PM

KYVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER	GROUP/ARTIST
Pryvit	Yalenka
Danica & Mason	Vykrutas
Vyshen'ka-Chereshen'ka	Tryzub
The Wedding	Festival Performers
Zelene Zhyto	Vitretz
Tysowski Family Trio	Yalenka
Shchedrivochka	Troyanda
Sobitky	Tryzub





PROGRAMME  
ПРОГРАМА

SUNDAY

3:30 PM

WVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Gordo Razom

Vykrutas

Polissian Polka

Suzirya

Dubotanets

Hopak

Norah & Caspian

Vykrutas

Vesna

Barvinok

Jorja & Matthew

Vykrutas

Hopak

Tryzub

4 PM

KYVSTAGE

NAME OF NUMBER

GROUP/ARTIST

Lublin Suite

Polanie

Spring Kozachok

Barvinok

Україна є, Україна буде

Pereveslo

Ти до мене не ходи

Pereveslo

Dubotanets

Hopak

ProMova / ПроМова

Puerto Friko

Hopak

Tryzub

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Vitretz

Hopak

Suzirya

Hopak

Tryzub

Hopak

Yalenka

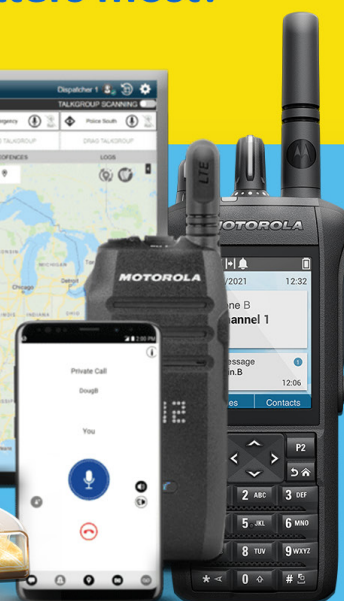
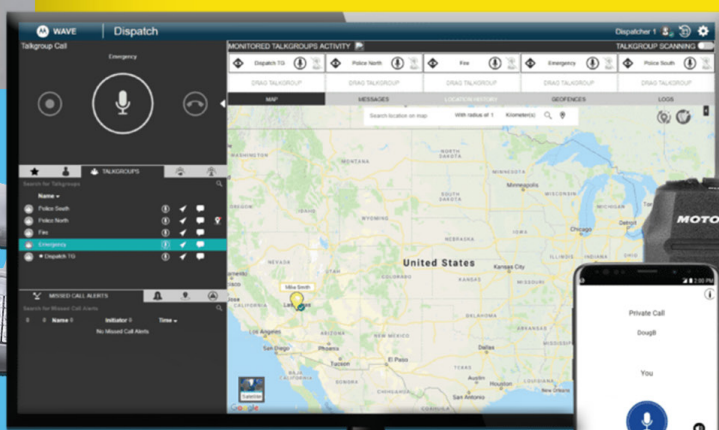
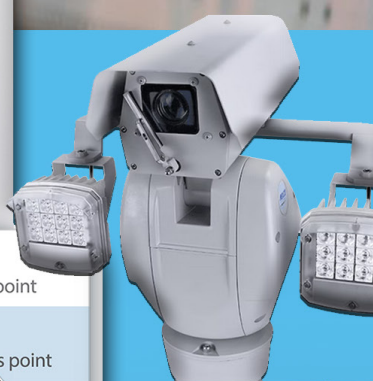
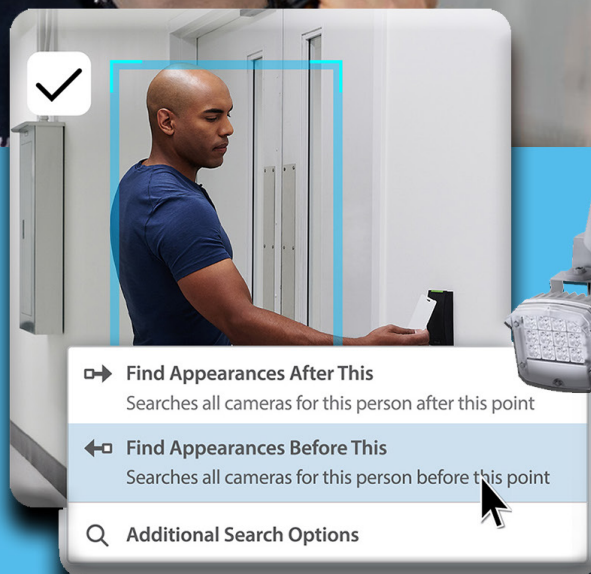


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# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### ANNA POMPEEVA

CLASSICAL  
SINGER  
Calgary, AB

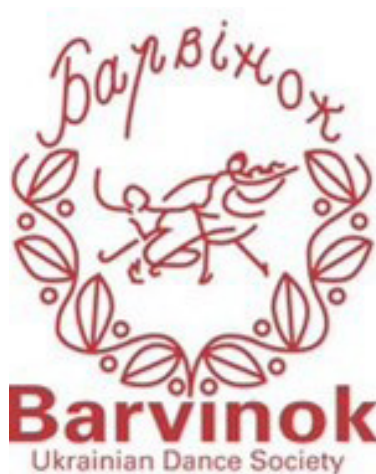


I'm Anna Pompeeva, an opera singer who now lives in Calgary. I heard about the Ukrainian festival, I thought it was a very good idea and a place to become a part of it. I sing both classical arias and Ukrainian songs - I have a large repertoire.

<https://youtu.be/BbFDXJvwjjQ>

### BARVINOK

UKRAINIAN DANCE  
SOCIETY  
Calgary, AB



Since its establishment in 1990, Calgary's Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Society has played an integral role in Alberta's Ukrainian community. Barvinok acts a medium for dancers to learn about the Ukrainian culture through music and dance in a fun but professional atmosphere. All of our dancers, from age 3 to adult, are provided with the finest instruction, and are encouraged to feel welcome and to develop lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories. Each piece in our impressive costume collection has been specially designed by Artistic Director, Trevor Shular, to create Barvinok's authentic look. Depicting nine Ukrainian regions, all 26 sets of costumes have been hand crafted in Ukraine! Each year, Trevor and his artistic team bring new choreography to the stage, ensuring each dancer is exposed to different regions and styles of Ukrainian dance, while also being challenged to become their personal best. In 2006, to further this artistic vision, Barvinok commissioned the creation of ten original musical works, which were created in Ukraine for the exclusive use of the dance organization. Throughout the year, our dancers participate in several Ukrainian dance and cultural festivals throughout Western Canada. Additionally, over the last 33 years, Barvinok has organized four tours to Ukraine. On these tours our dancers partake in professional dance workshops, perform in various cities and towns throughout the country, and get to experience the Ukrainian people and culture firsthand. Dance with us to be apart of this once in a lifetime experience! We welcome you to the 13th annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival, and we hope you enjoy the show!



# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### CALGARY BANDURYSTY

BANDURA  
ENSEMBLE  
Calgary, AB



Calgary Bandurysty is a young group, performing since 2016, under the sponsorship of CYM Calgary and the direction of Iryna Kalinovich, Calgary

Bandurysty are working hard to popularise Ukraine's national instrument and the folk songs of Ukraine. They have performed at T. Shevchenko concerts, Calgary Carol Festival, the Hetman Awards and the Calgary Ukrainian Festival. On August 18, 2019 Calgary Bandurysty successfully performed at Ukrainian Day at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. In 2022 Bandurysty performed at various fundraising concerts and events for Ukraine: at The Ranchmen's Club, Studio Bell National Music Centre, St. David's United church and other stages. On August 27 - 28 Calgary Bandurysty successfully performed at Ukrainian Day in Lamont. The Calgary Bandurysty were recently awarded first prize in the international competition "Ukraine, you are in my heart".

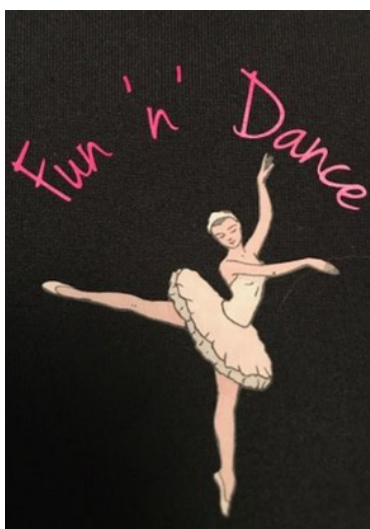
The group is very thankful to the Taras Shevchenko Foundation for their sponsorship in purchasing four new banduras from Ukraine for our younger students.

The Calgary Bandurysty welcomes opportunities to perform in the community at all events.

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### FUN'N'DANCE

DANCE SCHOOL  
Calgary, AB



Fun'n'Dance is celebrating their 26th anniversary this year under the direction of Julie Pratt. They offer a variety of classes that include ballet, Ukrainian, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary and acro. They offer classes for students start at age 3 all the way to adult. Natasha Krochak runs the Ukrainian dance program, and dance school is very excited to be returning for their second year at the Calgary Ukrainian Festival.



# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### CALGARY HOPAK ENSEMBLE

UKRAINIAN  
DANCERS  
Calgary, AB



The Association of United Ukrainian Canadians is the parent body of the Calgary Hopak Ensemble. The ensemble has been active since the late

1920's when on September 3, 1927 there was "the first mass appearance of students of Ukrainian folk dance" held in Calgary. We continue to be active in Calgary and we are extremely proud of our choir, orchestra and dancers. Our ensemble sponsors the Children's Dance School for youngsters aged 4 to 13 years. The dance classes consists of an only "boys group" along with our mixed dance groups. The dance school performs at least 3 times a year to live music by our Calgary Hopak Ensemble orchestra. We are a non-competitive organization.

The Calgary Hopak Ensemble Senior Dancers is our adult dancers and prides themselves in presenting diversity of dances from different regions of Ukraine and surrounding areas. Some of our dancers have taken part in dance seminars in Ukraine and in Canada. The Calgary Hopak Ensemble Orchestra consists of talented musicians that have been with us for as recently as 2 years to 45 years. The orchestra plays for all performances that are held throughout the cultural season. The Calgary Hopak Ensemble Choir repertoire consists of Ukrainian and English songs and are accompanied by our Ensemble Orchestra. We are proud to boast that participants include fourth and fifth generation Canadians of Ukrainian descent, as well as members of other ethnic backgrounds. Our concerts are held at community facilities throughout the city with two major performances a year. We maintain an active Ukrainian Senior Citizens' Club. The Calgary Hopak Ensemble is committed to the promotion of Ukrainian Culture in Canada and to help Canadians of Ukrainian descent keep their Ukrainian heritage alive.



# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### IVAN KHARLAMOV

PIANIST,  
COMPOSER, AND  
IMPROVISER  
Ukraine

Ivan Kharlamov is a professional pianist, composer, improviser, and arranger from Ukraine. He started his musical path in early childhood, beginning to play the piano at the age of 4. He started studying piano and violin in a music school at an early age and for over 9 years.

He realized his passion and talent for jazz music and pursuit of improvement, starting to perfect his skills professionally, entering the College of the Luhansk State Academy with a jazz piano specialization. Afterward successively starting to study at Luhansk State Academy, shortly thereafter joining the teaching staff, already being qualified as a highly-skilled jazz pianist and piano teacher. During his training at the Academy, he was acquiring more skills by participating in various jam sessions and masterclasses. Afterward successfully graduated from Luhansk State Academy of Culture and Arts with honours, obtaining a master's degree in Music, and remaining to be a professor at the higher educational institution.

Ivan is a laureate of various international competitions and festivals. In 2010 he was a winner of the III prize in the Donetsk youth jazz competition of young performers, held in the city of Donetsk, Ukraine. In 2013 has was a laureate of the II. prize of the American International Jazz Festival-competition of young improvisers named after D. Tyomkin, which took place in Kremenchuk, Ukraine. In 2013 he participated in the All-Ukrainian Youth Delphi Games, in Kyiv city. In 2020 he was registered at the records, for playing the longest piano performance of the National Anthem of Ukraine with its rock interpretation.

In January 2023 Ivan is a laureate with two Grand Prix of the Ukrainian International Christmas Festival, in the categories of piano performance, and audiovisual art.

Since the beginning of his musical career, he was collaborating with famous artists and musicians from all over Ukraine and worldwide, such as Andriy Kondakov (piano), Milan Tsonich (Serbia, vocals), Stefan Pavlovsky



# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### IVAN KHARLAMOV

PIANIST,  
COMPOSER, AND  
IMPROVISER  
Ukraine

(Serbia, tenor saxophone), Daryna Gromova (Ukraine, vocals), Andriy Arnautov (USA, bass guitar), Enver Izmailov (Ukraine, guitar), Burhan Gedike (Turkey, piano) and many others. He was also participating in plenty of jazz festivals in Ukraine.

In 2011 he was leading the jazz collective “Jazz & Sons” and “Ivan Kharlamov Trio” project, in the meantime being a collaborative pianist of the “Sunday Jam” band.

Since 2013 Ivan proved himself as a successful entrepreneur, he founded the audio and video recording studio “H&F Production” (Luhansk, Ukraine), as well as he owned his original Music School “Allegro” (Irpın, Ukraine), where Ivan kept sharing his musical talent and skills with students in his special unique and entertaining way.

From 2019 to 2022 he was a leader of the Kyiv Theater named after Vladimir Vysotskyi.

His repertoire is impressively wide-ranging and encompasses various music genres. His improvisation skills and performance are emphasized as a brilliant and outstanding work of art. As a teacher, Ivan is very open and friendly, so far as this is his personality as well! Ivan is a passionate performer and instructor, and he loves sharing his knowledge and experience with students.





# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### KORINNYA

UKRAINIAN FOLK  
ENSEMBLE  
Calgary, AB

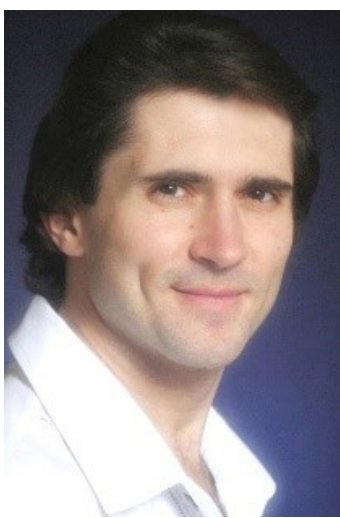


Korinnnya Ukrainian Folk Ensemble is celebrating their 30th year. The group was formed in Calgary in 1993 and has performed around Alberta and BC, in

the USA and in Ukraine. Korinnnya’s repertoire is primarily folk songs, but the choir also enjoys singing the Divine Liturgy when the opportunity presents itself. Korinnnya is always open to perform at public and private events and welcomes interested new choir members

### OREST TSYMBALA

CLASSICAL  
SINGER  
Lviv, Ukraine



A famous Ukrainian singer, a well-known cultural and public figure, author of art projects, founder of International Song Festivals, organizer of concerts and evenings. He was born in a singing family of the Tsymbals in Lviv. Laureate of the 1st degree of the 10th international festival-competition of the Ukrainian song “Golden trembits”. Author of high-profile projects:

“Insurgent Tango” (poetic and song heritage of Olga Ilkiv) and “Carpathian Tango” (unknown and forgotten pop songs of the outstanding composer Anatoly Kos-Anatolskyi), which are successfully held at the Lviv Philharmonic every year. Organizer, director-producer of creative evenings of memory, jubilee concerts of notable figures of Ukrainian and world culture, which took takes at the Lviv Philharmonic.

### PEREVESLO UKRAINIAN CHOIR

UKRAINIAN FOLK  
ENSEMBLE  
Calgary, AB



The Ukrainian choir PEREVESLO The choir was created by Kateryna Sakson and a group of same minded people right at the beginning of unfortunate events in Ukraine. The idea of bringing Ukrainian culture into Canadian society and popularizing Ukrainian songs during charity concerts was in the minds of choir members and all organizers.



# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### PEREVESLO UKRAINIAN CHOIR

UKRAINIAN FOLK  
ENSEMBLE

Calgary, AB

From the beginning, the choir is actively involved in social events and helping to raise awareness to cruelty of the war and needs of the people who flee the homeland and trying to establish a new life in Canada.

The choir created a scale project “Stefaniia”. The project is the result of the big inspirational movement in the community in March-May 2-2, when Ukraine won a Grand prize of the Eurovision music festival.

Kateryna and the team of creators brought a variety of professional and nationalities, people of different paths of life together to make this impactful project . The project was videotaped in a beautiful backyard on one of the Calgarian residences. The videographers, dancers, musicians and members of the community gathered together to create this scale project.

“Pereveslo ” also became an active participant in Calgary Carole festival. Trying to bring this native Ukrainian tradition to a lot of Calgariens during Christmas.

Throughout its short history “Pereveslo” became a community, a family for people who became displaced and mourned the loss of their community, the centre of cultural gatherings that carefully preserves national traditions and rituals.

The choir members call themselves “ Perevesliany” - in Ukrainian translation it means-”those who belongs to “Pereveslo “. the feeling of belonging, love, that helps to survive in new place, feeling of family and homeland so far from home - that what this choir is to its members!





# PERFORMERS

## ВИКОНАВЦІ

### POLANIE POLISH SONG AND DANCE

DANCE ENSEMBLE  
Calgary, AB



Polanie” Polish Song & Dance Association was founded in Calgary, in 1977, under the initiative of Siostra Alojza. Since its onset, the ensemble has developed and established

a unique style which has become a recognized landmark in Canada and Internationally. A significant highlight in their history and past achievements is marked by the group’s performance at the opening ceremony of the Calgary Olympic Games in 1988. This past year, Polanie celebrated their 45th anniversary, and the dancers can look forward to participating once again in Rzeszow’s international festival for the first time since 2019.

The group exists to present and promote the rich heritage and artistic tradition of Polish folk and national dance, to enrich and foster the artistic development of youth, and to entertain audiences with our dynamic interpretations of the Polish dance form. Our vision is to celebrate the Polish heritage of Canadian youth through projecting our Polish folk-dance team onto the global stage where we can share our culture and passion with the world. Thank you to the Calgary Ukrainian Festival for hosting us this year! We are beyond grateful for the opportunity.

### PUERTO FRIKO

AUTHOR/  
PERFORMER  
Sylvan Lake, AB



PUERTO FRIKO is a musical project of the author-performer Vitaly Vasiliev, who lives in Alberta, in the picturesque town of Sylvan Lake.

Songs performed by PUERTO FRIKO of various genres and styles, but with the beginning of Russian aggression against Ukraine as a key theme of creativity became a heroic struggle of the Ukrainian people against the occupiers.

Tears of Mariupol, Bizhenka, Volunteer - the names of these songs speak for themselves. At the Calgary Ukrainian Festival, you will be able to listen to these works born of the war. <https://www.puertofriko.com/listentopuertofriko>



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### TROYANDA

UKRAINIAN DANCE CLUB

Lethbridge, AB



The Lethbridge Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Club, established in 1994, is a not-for-profit group with the mission of offering high quality dance instruction while encouraging its members

to discover their love for Ukrainian dance. Troyanda is comprised of volunteers and presently has over 40 members ranging in age from 4 to timeless. With the instruction of Ms. Anastasia Sereda and their performing ensemble currently under the artistic direction of Mr. Dean Mackedenski, Troyanda is proud to be preserving and promoting the artful heritage of Ukrainian dance in Lethbridge and abroad.

The Troyanda Ensemble entertains audiences with dances embodying the culture and spirit of Ukraine. While continuing to expand their horizons, some past performance highlights for the Troyanda Ensemble include: guest performing with Global Drums from the University of Lethbridge Music Department, dancing at the 10th anniversary of Calgary's annual Globalfest Multicultural & Fireworks Festival, attending the Centennial Celebrations in Rossburn, MB, and staging a joint production with the live music of the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra and Vox Musica Choir in 2013. To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Troyanda created their "Celebrate the Seasons" show and they also annually host a Ukrainian cultural presentation to over 1000 elementary school students each year to educate them about Ukraine. Troyanda has created multicultural dance showcases each spring for the past 4 years with other ethnic groups in southern Alberta, including a joint performance with First Nations Indigenous dance groups from the Lethbridge area in 2018. Troyanda is once again very excited to be performing at the Calgary Ukrainian Festival!



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### SERGIi NEVEROV

DIRECTOR OF  
FOLK INSTRUMENT  
ENSEMBLE

Kharkiv, Ukraine

Folk music ensemble “Musical souvenir” is a very bright creative figure in folk and instrumental sphere of Kharkiv city, Ukraine and abroad.

In 2010 at the holiday concert in Kharkiv National Kotlyarevsky University of Arts there was a debut performance that can be considered the beginning of the ensemble. Since that moment the ensemble has been successfully performing on various stages of the city: the Hall of the administration office of Nemyshlianskyi district, the Philharmonic Hall, the Opera and Ballet Theatre, Horkyi Park, the Academy of music, the Palace of culture of Politechnical Univesity and so on.

Folk music ensemble “Music souvenir” takes part in various music competitions (contests) having a great success at some of them. The ensemble regurlaly participates in district events: conferences, seminars, master-classes.

From year to year the folk music ensemble has been collecting a diverse repertoire of styles and genres, with duration exceeding 90 minutes, and it is accepted with great success by the audience. It includes adaptation of Ukrainian folk songs, stylized music, jazz works, classical arrangements, others.

Geographical spread of the ensemble’s performances is not limited only by the territory of Ukraine. Participated in the international festivals: “OHRID WAVES” (Macedonia, 2013), Ukranian song festival (Poland, 2017), “Oktawa kultur”, Ukrainian festival (Poland, 2018); Accordion festival (Hungary, 2017); FIMU festival (France, 2018); Ukrainian festival (Italy, 2019); Tumburica festival (Montenegro, 2019,2021,2022), Folk festival (Slovakia, 2022).



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### ST. MARTIN'S CHILDREN'S STRING SOCIETY

UKRAINIAN STRING  
ORCHESTRA  
Edmonton, AB



Formed in 2000, the St. Martin Children's Strings Society is a group of instrumentalists age 4 - 17 years, who enthusiastically play

the violin, viola, cello and classical guitar. Over the years, we have performed at various school and community celebrations in the Edmonton area as well as the Malanka in Jasper.

[stmartinstrings.com](http://stmartinstrings.com)  
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### ST. VLADIMIR'S SADOCHOK

UKRAINIAN  
BILINGUAL  
SCHOOL  
Calgary, AB



Sadochok is Calgary's only accredited bilingual Ukrainian/English preschool and daycare program for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old. Our program is open

to all children who may already speak Ukrainian or have no experience with the language. Sadochok is a parent volunteer-run, non-profit organization governed by the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (Calgary Olga Basarab branch). Sadochok is celebrating its 35th year of serving the Calgary community and is licensed by Alberta Child Child and Family Services.

[ukrainianpreschool.ca](http://ukrainianpreschool.ca)

Facebook: St. Vladimirs Sadochok Ukrainian Preschool



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### SUZIRYA

Ukrainian Dance  
Theatre  
Calgary, AB



Suzirya is thrilled yet again to be able to perform and take the stage at the 2023 Calgary Ukrainian Festival!

Under the direction of T. Shular and artistic team, Suzirya shines with a display

of magnificent combinations of music, dazzling costumes, and skilled expertise in acrobatics, ballet, and folk dance. Founded in 2004, under the direction of S. Makarov, an ensemble of passionate, dedicated and trained dancers came together to form the Suzirya Ukrainian Dance Theatre. Suzirya, meaning a constellation of many stars, is founded on the eloquent fusion of ballet and traditional folk dance. Suzirya has entertained audiences worldwide with countless choreographic compositions embodying the culture and spirit of Ukraine. Through the years, Suzirya has also been a community leader and takes pride in supporting the Ukrainian dance community in Calgary. This year at the festival, we are humbled to present a Collaborative piece, Virsky's HOPAK... featuring an array of Calgary's 28 talented dancers that will be sure to get you on your feet and clapping! We hope to see you there!

[suzirya.com](http://suzirya.com)

### TRYZUB SCHOOL

Ukrainian School Of  
Dance  
Calgary, AB



For over 20 years, the mission of the Tryzub School of Ukrainian Dance has been to provide the best Ukrainian dance instruction in Calgary.

Composed of students ranging in age from four to adult, the Tryzub School guides and encourages their dancers with technical training, preparing them to become the Ensemble of tomorrow.

Currently under the artistic direction of Shane Gibson, the Tryzub School has a faculty of 8 instructors and an enrollment of over 120 students who practice the core values of excellence, teamwork, community, and pride. In addition to the Fundamentals Dance Program where



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dancers are taught syllabus-based principal steps and skills, Tryzub School also offers: Advanced Classes, a boys' technical class, private instruction for solos and duets, dance festival participation, and Royal Academy of Dance ballet training. Classes commence in September and registration forms are available online. Tryzub School demonstrates that regardless of age or experience, anyone can discover a love of dance!

### TRYZUB

Ukrainian Dance  
Ensemble  
Calgary, AB



In September of 1974, seven dedicated individuals put together the framework for the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and Calgary's

first prominent Ukrainian dance group was created. The Ensemble was named after the Tryzub ("trident" in English, pronounced tre-zoob), the national symbol of a free and independent Ukraine. This ancient emblem has endured within the hearts of all Ukrainians as a symbol of honesty, health, power and protection from evil and all enemies. Proud to call Calgary home, Tryzub has represented Calgary's vibrant arts scene on stages around the world.

Currently under the artistic direction of Mr. Shane Gibson, Tryzub continues to bring to life the beauty and colour of Ukrainian dance and folklore. The Ensemble is comprised of dancers from sixteen to thirty-five years of age, who are all volunteers and proudly continue Tryzub's tradition of exceptional Ukrainian dance in Calgary. Tryzub has performed extensively throughout Western Canada, the United States, Australia, Mexico, Turkey, Panama, and Colombia. Performances have ranged from fully presented concerts to guest appearances including conventions and festival shows.

Tryzub is currently celebrating their 45th Anniversary and has recently debuted a brand new original production, titled "Heroiam Slava - Glory to the Heroes"! Tryzub will be touring this new production to Ukraine this summer and throughout Western Canada in the fall.



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### VITER

Ukrainian Dancers  
and Folk Choir  
Edmonton, AB



In its over twenty-five-year history, Viter has aimed to infuse the folk art of traditional Ukrainian dance and song with modern themes. Our vibrant presentations preserve traditional Ukrainian cultural elements while introducing a contemporary flair. Our group of choristers and musicians interact with the dancers, creating an entertaining and harmonious blend of storytelling.

Viter brings together talented young dancers, exciting choristers and experienced musicians to create a harmonious blend of storytelling through song and dance. Meet our accomplished artistic team that works tirelessly to bring Viter’s work to the stage and community. The Viter Ukrainian Dancers and Folk Choir have taken their place among the major performing ensembles of Canada, by infusing the folk art of traditional Ukrainian dance and song with a modern flair.

### VITRETZ

Ukrainian Dance  
Ensemble  
Rossdale, MB



Established in 1977 in Rossdale, Manitoba, Vitretz Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, as part of Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School sought to preserve Ukrainian culture for future generations through Ukrainian dance instruction. In the past 45+ years, the Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School and its performing ensemble, Vitretz, have performed locally, nationally, and internationally. Having been reformed in 2015, Vitretz truly captures the spirit of Ukrainian culture through talented dancers presenting the beauty of dance, and their pride in their own Ukrainian roots wherever they perform. Vitretz, meaning “wind” in Ukrainian, has garnered a reputation of professionalism with its contagious enthusiasm and high-energy performances.

Under the direction of Kevin and Kristi Groot, Vitretz has recently performed across both Manitoba and Canada to wide acclaimed audiences.



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### VYKRUTAS

Ukrainian Dance  
Society  
Calgary, AB



Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society is known in Calgary for its authentic, polished, high-energy performances which emphasize spirit and finesse while focusing on sharing the traditional folk dances and stories of our

Ukrainian people and current-day life in Ukraine.

Vykrutas was formed by a small group of arts enthusiasts, to preserve Ukrainian culture, heritage and traditions through - the art of Ukrainian dance and the vision of the talented Kyiv (Ukraine) native, Artistic Director, Vasyl Kanevets. Mr. Kanevets is very proud of Vykrutas for their execution of his vision; he is humbled to receive awards and recognition within Canada and more recently from Ukraine, for exceptional choreography.

Dancers follow an intensive dance program that develops serious and strong dancers combining high level technical requirements with extensive performance experience. Dancers begin dancing at the age of 3 and move to the Ensemble at the age of 15. We encourage the dance experience at Vykrutas to include collaboration with other Ukrainian and folk-dance schools and many dance instructors. We believe that this develops stronger, more collaborative dancers and people. We also encourage a strong volunteer commitment to the Ukrainian Canadian Community of Calgary.

In 2020 Vykrutas premiered BRAVO!, a joint collaborative show that delivered inspiring performances by junior ensemble dancers from Ukrainian and other folk-dance groups in Alberta. The recent devastation unfolding in Ukraine has driven our organization to produce BRAVO! 2022 Ukraine We Believe in Your Glory! fundraising concert. Over 100 dancers from across Alberta came together to perform a benefit performance for our homeland Ukraine where many of the dancers still have family and friends or roots linking back to their forefathers. Together, we were



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able to raise over \$20 000 to help Ukrainians displaced by the war. BRAVO! Ukraine, We Believe in Your Glory!, a Benefit Performance for Ukraine had our dancers channeling their energy into showing their unwavering pride and strength of character and conviction as Ukrainian Canadians and Ukrainian dancers and showing that the Ukrainian spirit simply cannot be extinguished.

Vykrutas continues to support the numerous Ukrainian families displaced by the war; this year Vykrutas is offering free Ukrainian dance lessons to all newly arrived Ukrainian families. We are honored that over 20 dancers have chosen Vykrutas to engage with their cultural and ethnic heritage.

[www.vykrutas.com](http://www.vykrutas.com)

Follow us on: Facebook @ Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance

Instagram @ vykrutas\_calgary

### YALENKA

Ukrainian Dance  
Society  
Calgary, AB



Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers Society was the first Ukrainian Dance School in Calgary. In the upcoming

2023/2024 season, we will be celebrating 45 years of dance! Classes will be taking place at Absolute Dance Studio.

Students range in age from three years to adult. They receive instruction from highly qualified instructors who are professional dancers with Suzirya Ukrainian Dance Theater. Yalenka School is unique in that in addition to our repertoire of individual class dances, every spring concert we include a storyline performance that showcases the combined talents of the entire school. We also offer performance enhancement classes for boys and upper level students.



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### YALENKA

UKRAINIAN DANCE  
SOCIETY

Calgary, AB

Yalenka encourages our students to participate in various opportunities to perform. Not only does this help with self-esteem and team building for our dancers, it also helps promote Ukrainian Heritage locally, provincially, and internationally.

For more information about Yalenka, please visit our website, find us on social media, or contact our registrar, Kim, at [info@yalenka.com](mailto:info@yalenka.com). If you are an alumni, we invite you to connect with us now to see how you can be involved in our 49th year!

Yalenka Ukrainian Dance Society Calgary, AB  
[www.yalenka.com](http://www.yalenka.com)

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