



Zavirukha Ukrainian Dance School
45th Anniversary Season
Faculty 2015-2016

Jennifer Droniuk, Artistic Director

Jenn began her love of dance with the Selo Ukrainian Dancers, then moved to the Zavirukha Ukrainian Dance School, and from 2002 - 2011 was a performing member and soloist with the Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. In the summer of 2011 along with a collective of Ukrainian Dancers, Jenn became a founding member of the [Verba Ukrainian Dance Company](#). She has studied ballet and jazz with the Stoney Brook Dance Company and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School (Rec. Division). Jenn has completed her Level III Certificate at the Pavlo Virsky Choreographic School, in conjunction with the University of Arts & Culture in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Jenn has performed nationally in three Canada's National Ukrainian Festival's, the Pan American Games Closing Ceremonies, the Bloor Street Festival and numerous local cultural events. In 2009 she performed in the Razom Western Canadian Tour featuring Rusalka, Cheremosh & Tryzub Ensembles, as well as with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in their production of Swan Lake. In late 2015, she will be performing with Verba and alongside the Chai Folk Ensemble in "Meridian". Internationally Jenn performed in Scotland for the Aberdeen Youth Festival, with Rusalka in their production "Legend of Rusalka".

Jenn brings over fifteen years of teaching experience gathered from working with various schools including the Zavirukha Ukrainian Dance School, the Sarto Polevnyi School, the Sopilka School of Ukrainian Dance, and the St. Anne Ukrainian Dance School. She has previously adjudicated the Dauphin Zirka Festival and the Svoboda Ukrainian Dance Festival. Jenn is thrilled to be part of the Zavirukha Family and hopes to share her passion of Ukrainian Folk Dance with all its members.

*Recent Professional Development: Ukrainian Dance Instructor Conference 2010 & 2011.
Ukrainian Dance Instructor Workshop - Serhij Koroliuk 2013, Vince Rees 2014, Tasha Orysiuk 2015.*

Crystal Cruz, Faculty Member

Crystal began dancing with the Veselka Ukrainian Dance School (Kenora, ON) until the age of fourteen. She then joined the Zoloto Ukrainian Dance Company, travelling every week to Winnipeg for practices. With Zoloto, she had the opportunity to be a grandstand performer in Dauphin, work with choreographers from Ukraine, and perform at various events throughout Manitoba. After moving into the city, Crystal began to expand her dance knowledge by taking classes with the Hispanic Dance Theatre, Salsa Rueda, and the Ballet Folklorico of Winnipeg. Crystal currently is a member of the Adult Focused Class at Zavirukha.

Crystal brings with her over ten years of teaching experience, working with Zoloto, Salsa Rueda, Ballet Folklorico of Winnipeg, and as a private Instructor for Quincenera (15th Birthday Celebrations) and Weddings. She has taken workshops with Yuri and Luba Grekov formerly of the Virsky State Ensemble now with the Desna Ukrainian Dance Company (Toronto), the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (Calgary), and with the Aztlan Ballet Folklorico in Mexican Dance. She also has taken Pointe classes with the Bravado Dance Studio in Winnipeg.

Crystal was also a dancer in the movie "Shall We Dance" (featuring Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere), which was filmed here in Winnipeg. Crystal is very excited to be a member of Zavirukha's Faculty and is looking forward to sharing her varied dance experience with her students.

Paul Droniuk, Faculty Member

Paul was trained at the Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance in Toronto, Ontario, where he had the opportunity to learn from various choreographers and Ukrainian Folk Dance professionals. As a member of the Yavir Ensemble, Paul performed nationally at the Bloor Street Festival, the International Multicultural Festival in Lachine Quebec, as well as at numerous local cultural events. Internationally he has performed at the Soyuzivka Festival in New York, in Zacatecas, Mexico for the International Folklore Dance Festival and in Ukraine for Yavir's Summer Tour in 1999. Paul is an active member of the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company in Winnipeg. In late 2015, he will be performing with Verba and alongside the Chai Folk Ensemble in "Meridian".

Paul had the opportunity to take a workshop (Gypsy and Zakarpattia) with Roman Lewkowicz of the Obrij Ensemble from New York. He has completed his Level I Certificate at the Pavlo Virsky Choreographic School in conjunction with the University of Arts & Culture in Kyiv, Ukraine, and also has his Tier I Teacher Certification from the Shumka School Syllabus. Paul brings over eleven years of teaching experience and hopes to pass his enthusiasm for Ukrainian Folk Dance onto his new students.

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Ukrainian Dance Instructor Workshop - Serhij Koroliuk 2013, Vince Rees 2014, Tasha Orysiuk 2015.*

Stacie Langner, Faculty Member

Stacie began dancing at the age of 4 and was trained at the Holy Eucharist's & St. Anne's Ukrainian Dance School. She then moved to the Zoloto Ukrainian Dance Company where she had the opportunity to perform numerous solos and duets as well as ensemble pieces with the Company. There, she had the chance to tour Ukraine in 2005 and study with a number of Ukrainian Ensembles. Stacie received her Ballet & Tap training at the Rising Star Dance Academy in Transcona.

Since 2007 Stacie has been a performing member of the Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble where she has had the opportunity to travel and perform across Canada (Edmonton, Calgary, Foam Lake, Dauphin, Saskatoon, Regina) and internationally (South America, the United States & Ukraine). Stacie has had the opportunity to learn under some of Canada's most talented Directors & Ballet Instructor's (Anna & Vasyi Kanavets, Marijka Stanowych, Kristina Washchysyn and Jamie Vargas).

Stacie has worked with the Selkirk Zorya Ukrainian Dance School. In 2011 & 2012, Stacie had the unique opportunity to attend a dance workshop in Ukraine where she studied with a number of groups: Hutsul Ensemble (Ivan Koroliuk), Kosiv Hustul Children's Ensemble (Oksana Sokaliuk), Pokuttian Ensemble (Dana Denkiw) and the Bukovynian State Ensemble (Leonid Sidorchuk). Stacie is very excited to join the Zavorukha Family is looking forward to sharing her love of dance with her new students.

Recent Professional Development: Ukrainian Dance Instructor Conference 2011, 2014, 2015.

Ukrainian Dance Workshop Tour 2011, 2012.

Shumka Tier 1 Certification 2012. Shumka Tier 2 Certificate 2013.

Ukrainian Dance Instructor Workshop - Serhij Koroliuk 2013, Vince Rees 2014, Tasha Orysiuk 2015.

Oryanna Maximiuk, Junior Faculty Member

Oryanna was raised in Vegreville, Alberta and after moving to Winnipeg in 2006 joined the Zavorukha Ukrainian Dance School and was a member of the senior performing group "Zavorukha" where she worked on developing her Ukrainian Dance skills until Spring 2014. She is a current performing member of the Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. Oryanna has been assisting with classes at Zavorukha for a number of years and is looking forward to working with Zavorukha's youngest members!

Markian Maximiuk, Assistant Faculty Member

Markian was raised in Vegreville Alberta where he started dancing at the age of 6 at the Vegreville School of Ukrainian Dance. In 2006 he moved to Winnipeg and joined the Zavorukha Ukrainian Dance School and has remained there since, continuously developing his skills and capabilities as a dancer in the senior performing group "Zavorukha". Markian has 2 years experience assisting at the school and looks forward to meeting all his new students!