

Vitaemo Festival Celebrate "All Things Ukrainian"

March 23, 24 & 25, 2018 Douglas J Cardinal Performing Arts Center **Grande Prairie Regional College**



Dear Dance Club,

Vitaemo! Welcome to our festival. The Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage is very pleased to be hosting the Vitaemo Festival at the Grande Prairie Regional College. The Vitaemo Festival is not just about dancing, but a place where performers have fun and build fond memories of their experience. We take great pride in presenting a festival with a commitment to excellence. Our adjudicators are experienced, we run on schedule, and we create a fun and professional environment with an emphasis on improving the technique and performance qualities of participants. The Douglas J Cardinal Theatre provides an exciting stage experience for dancers and a luxurious setting for audience members. Spacious dressing rooms and a dedicated practice area will help to enhance your festival experience. When dancers return home with their DVD adjudication to share with instructors and families, the benefits of the Vitaemo Festival continue well beyond the weekend! In keeping with tradition, the Dance Extravaganza will be interspersed with the other festival attractions, as we celebrate "all things Ukrainian".

Our Vitaemo Festival will feature:

- Ukrainian Dance Extravaganza featuring over 250 youth performers from across Alberta and British Columbia.
- ❖ Ukrainian Kitchen enjoy Ukrainian style food in the college food court area
- ❖ Baba's Marketplace browse and/or purchase Ukrainian artwork, crafts and treasures.
- Kinder Kraine children can create Ukrainian crafts and enjoy fun and games with a Ukrainian twist
- ❖ Baba Ana's Children's Arts Fair Pysanky, Cyrillic Printing and art entries for children in grade one through twelve. Pre-registration is required.
- Saturday Evening Social Activity for dancers
- ❖ Master class with adjudicator

. ADJUDICATION

Video adjudication provides the opportunity for dancer(s) and instructor(s) to review the performance and the adjudication comments, providing an excellent teaching and learning tool. Adjudicator comments may be muted if you wish to watch & enjoy the performance without interruption. Videos are professionally recorded to ensure quality.

Ukrainian Dance Entry Deadline January 1, 2018

Confirmation packages will be sent once all registrations have been received and scheduled. These packages will include a draft program of the dance extravaganza, a festival schedule, maps and city information.

We look forward to your participation,

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Vitaemo Festival Team



General Information and Rules of Conduct

Registration for the Vitaemo Festival will be accepted until <u>January 1st, 2018 –space is limited so entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.</u> One entry form per entry is required; please duplicate forms as necessary. Please send all registration forms, summary of entries, dance group bio and logo and cheque payable to:

Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage Attention: Vitaemo Festival Box 732 Grande Prairie, AB T8V 3R5

- ❖ A confirmation package will be forwarded to the contact person of the participating dance clubs after all entries have been received and scheduled. It is the responsibility of the contact person to ensure correct spelling of names and category information and to advise the festival coordinators of any corrections required.
- Dressing rooms with clothing racks will be provided. Boys will share one or two changing areas. Dressing rooms are assigned by festival coordinators and will be marked on the Festival site map. Dressing rooms will be available after 8:00 am each morning. Please do not move furniture as we incur additional charges when staff is required to "reset" the classroom. Please make certain that dancers respect the space and leave it clean and clutter free at the end of each day. We appreciate your consideration in collecting bobby pins.
- Please ensure dancers arrive on time (at least 1 hour prior to performance) and well prepared. We pride ourselves on running the festival "on time" so we appreciate your assistance with this.
- ❖ PRACTICE MUST ONLY OCCUR IN THE PRACTICE ROOM AS WE MUST NOT DISRUPT COLLEGE CLASSES AND INSTRUCTIONAL PREPARATIONS. PLEASE HELP US TO ENSURE WE ARE COURTEOUS TO EVERYONE WHO IS USING THE FACILITY.
- ❖ A practice area will be provided on a first come first serve basis for the next adjudicated session, in 5-minute intervals. There will be a white board in the rehearsal area to sign up for rehearsal time. If you require more than 5 minutes, you may join the end of the line to have a second practice. There is to be no rehearsal on stage or backstage. All dancers must report to the backstage holding room at least 15 minutes prior to their session start time.
- In an effort to keep the backstage area clear and calm for dancers, only instructors will be permitted backstage.
- Once finished performing, dancers will remain in the holding area until adjudication. We ask instructors to keep dancers quiet and courteous while waiting. Medals will be presented during adjudication.
- ❖ The decision of the adjudicator is final. Instructors, competitors and parents are not permitted to discuss the results or the scoring with the adjudicator. Please direct all comments to the Festival Coordinators.
- ❖ To show respect for the dancers and audience members, we ask there be no flash photography or videotaping in the theatre. Please ensure cell phones are turned off or place in vibrate mode.
- Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage will not be held liable for any injury of damages suffered by participants attending the festival. Participants shall hold harmless Troyanda for all loses, claims, suits or damages that in any way relate to or result from participant's actions during the festival.
- Troyanda does not accept any responsibility for lost or stolen items during the course of the festival- but we will do our best to assist you to locate misplaced items.
- If you require any additional information, please contact: Festival Dance Extravaganza Coordinator: Pam Pierson 780.228.6364 or troyanda@telus.net

Dance Entry Form Details

Categories

The following categories are offered.

Solo

Duet

Small Group

Large Group

Adult Group

*Adult Group category is for groups with average age over 18

Group sizes are classified as follows:

Duet/Trio 2 – 3 dancers Small 4 – 6 dancers Large 7+ dancers

Regions/Disciplines of Dance

Bukovyna

Hutsul

Transcarpathian

Polissian

Volyn

Central Ukraine

Pryvit

Hopak

. Character

Other (please specify on the entry form)

Age Classifications

Participant's age is to be determined as of January 1, 2018

Entry Fees:

Solos: \$25.00 per entry
Duets & Groups: \$14.00 per dancer

Appropriate entry fees must accompany all entry forms. Please make cheques payable to Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage.

*****UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO ISSUE REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS****

Time Limits

*We do not impose time limits on entries - however, for scheduling purposes please indicate <u>actual</u> <u>length</u> of each dance in the specified area of the entry form.

Music

Instructors play music for their entries to ensure accuracy for entrance and exits. The College sound system is compatible with CD & auxillary ipod/ipad/computer. It is recommended to have back up music available in case of technical incompatibility or damage to original music source.

Adjudication & Standings

Dancers will be adjudicated on technique and presentation. Consideration will be given to the following:

Ability Synchronization
Precision Use of space
Execution of steps Expression
Form Enthusiasm

Musicality

All entries will be awarded a mark by the adjudicator established strictly on his/her expert opinion. Each participant will receive an award. Verbal Adjudication will be provided on video for the dancer's further development. Instructors will receive a private dropbox link to the adjudication videos for their review.

All decisions of the adjudicator are final. No one will discuss marks or comments with the adjudicator at any time- Ignoring this request will cause disqualification of your dance group. Please direct any complaints, comment and/or concerns to the Festival Coordinators.

Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded in the following categories:

- 1. Morris Smetaniuk Memorial Award ~ Best of Show
- 2. Alex Klack Memorial Award ~ Most Memorable Performance
- 3. Feschuk Family Spirit Award
- 4. Outstanding Hopak Performance
- 5. Outstanding Choreography
- 7. Most Promising Group Performance 11 & under
- 8. Most Promising Group Performance 12 & over
- 9. Outstanding Group Performance 12 & Over
- 10. Outstanding Group Performance 11 & under
- 11. Outstanding Duet Performance
- 12. Outstanding Solo Performance

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the adjudicator and announced at the end of festival.

^{*}Additional categories may be added at the discretion of the festival committee

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ENTRY FORM

Dance Extravaganza

Please print. Use one entry form per entry – complete Part A & B for groups Please duplicate forms as necessary.

PART A

DANCER INFORMATION								
Name of Dance (for solos & duets – Name of Dancers)								
Average Age (as of January 1, 2018)								
Name of Dance Club								
Choreographer/ Instructor								
Length of Dance:	min	utes	second	s				
CATEGORY				REGION/DISCIPLINES OF I	DANCE			
Solo		Girls		Central Ukraine				
Duet		Boys		Polissia				
Small Group		Mixed		Volyn				
Large Group		Adult		Bukovyna				
			[Hutsul				
				Transcarpathian				
				Pryvit				
			[Hopak				
				Character				
				Other				
ENTRY FEES								
Fee		;	# of Participant	s Total Fee				
Solo	25.00	х _		_ = \$	_			
Duet	14.00	х _		_ = \$	_			
Group	14.00	х _		_ = \$	_			

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PART B

	NAME	AGE	Male/Female
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	To	otal Age	
CALCULATE AVER	AGE AGE– As of January 1, 2018		
Total Age of all Danc	cers / # of Dancers	= Average Age	

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SUMMARY OF ENTRIES Dance Extravaganza

Please print. Use only one summary sheet for entire dance club.

DANCE CLUB INFORMATION								
Name of Dance Club								
Mailing Address	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
City			PC	 				
Contact Person								
Telephone			Fax					
Email Address								
Instructors Nam	ies							
Instructors Attending								
ENTRY SUMMARY								
	Total # of Entries	Total # of Dancers						
Solo			X \$25.00	= \$				
Duets			X \$14.00	= \$				
Groups			X \$14.00	= \$				
			Total Fees	= \$				

Please return completed Entry Forms, Summary of Entries and payment on/before

January 1, 2018

Please make cheques payable to:

Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage Box 732 Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 3R5