



Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers School of Dance

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Celebrating 35 Years of Ukrainian Dance

February 2010

Due to unavoidable illness and messy winter weather there have been many dancers absent from practices this fall. Please make an extra effort in the new year to get our dancers to rehearsal as it is difficult to complete dances with so many dancers missing. We want our 35th anniversary show to be the best ever!

Dance Workshop!!!

Sunday February 28th noon-2 p.m.

North Glenmore Community Centre
2231 Longridge Drive SW

***Promin, Sonechko, Kvitka,
Veselka & Radist Dancers only***

Please attend so we can work on the dance school's story line together!
If you cannot attend, please let your instructors know as soon as possible.



Arts & Community Night at the Mustard Seed

Yalenka has been invited to participate in this community event on **Friday, February 26th (5:30 pm)** with **Radist and Veselka groups** (tentatively) participating.

Natasha & Jordan will

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Don't Forget...

SAUDF is March 19-21st at the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie (exact times for performances will be available the week before & emailed to you)

Tryzub festival will be held April 30th through May 2nd

Mark these dates on your calendars!!!

Multicultural Festival

Trinity Christian School
333 Midpark Way SE
March 13, 2010 3:30 p.m.

Yalenka has been invited to participate in this cultural celebration this year. We have ten minutes to showcase our dancers, groups and exact time of performance to be determined soon.

Your instructors will inform you soon if your group is performing at this event.

Perogy and Sausage Orders!

Perogy and Sausage orders will start **February 22, 2010 and dead line for orders March 15, 2010**. Cost of Perogies is \$5.00/dozen and Sausage(Mundare) is \$9.00/ring.

Delivery date is **Thursday March 25, 2010**, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the School of Alberta Ballet downstairs Lobby.

Lorraine Leskiw will be looking after all orders, which can be e-mailed alleskiw@telus.net, or call 403-934-2065 or in person Tuesday and Thursday night classes.

Costumes!!!

As we approach the last few months before our spring concert our school is busy preparing for our new Hopak and story line. Our costume committee and costume moms will help to ensure that the Hopak costumes that were distributed before Christmas fit properly.

Natasha has also indicated what she needs for the story line and information will be distributed.

If you can sew or are “crafty” this is a great opportunity to put in your volunteer hours:

1. The three youngest groups will need “wings” that will attach to the sleeves of their costumes (made from a light flowing material).
2. Sonechko and Kvitka will be making vinoks from spring flowers and grass.
3. We will need fresh cookies shaped like birds for the final concert.
4. We will also need Easter bread shaped like a cross.
5. For stage props we will need pussy willow branches.

Please contact us if you can help out in any way. Our story line is a feature of our dance school. Details about the theme of the story line will be coming soon...

Thanks for your help
Lorraine & Roseanne



We still need volunteers for upcoming Bingos and Casino days!!!

CASINO (April 7th & 8th): We need chip runners during the day & people for the count room (10 pm-close)

BINGO DATES: March 18th, April 27th, May 16th

Please help us maintain staff for these vital fundraisers – without them our fees will increase dramatically and/or we'll have to add a *huge* number of fundraisers to make up the difference

(How many chocolate bars do we have to sell to make what we do in two casino days???)

Answer: approximately 35,000..)

Upcoming Calendar of Events

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- February 23/25** Parent viewing nights
February 26 Arts & Community Night at the Mustard Seed (Veselka & Radist to perform – approximately 5:30 p.m.)
- February 28** **BINGO**
February 28 **DANCE WORKSHOP** for Hopak & Storyline 12-2 p.m. for Promin, Sonechko, Kvitka, Veselka & Radist groups (see page 1 for details)
- March 7** **Dance workshop** for story line 12-2 p.m. (classes to be announced)
March 11 Board meeting 7 p.m. at School of Alberta Ballet board room
March 13 Multicultural Festival (approx. 3:30 p.m. - please see page 2 for details)
March 14 **Dance workshop** for story line 12-2 p.m. (classes to be announced)
March 18 **BINGO**
March 19-21 SAUDF in Airdrie (exact dates/times TBA)
March 23/25 Parent viewing nights
March 30 Regular Tuesday night rehearsals held at North Glenmore Community Centre (tentatively)
- April 1** Holy Thursday/Easter – NO DANCING
- April 6** Board meeting 7 p.m. at School of Alberta Ballet board room
April 7 & 8 **CASINO** – Volunteers still needed!!!
April 10 & 12 Performance at nursing home (tentative – details to be announced)
April 23/24 Dress rehearsal, Annual General Meeting, Year end concert
April 27 **BINGO**
April 30/May 1 Tryzub Festival
May 16 **BINGO**
June 12 Costume return (tentative)

Please email dowhanm@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Yalenka, and our hardworking instructors, I would like to thank all the parents and their guests that attended the Malanka Celebration on January 23, 2010.

This is our 35th Year of Dance and it was decided to have all the Children Dance at Malanka and not have a Christmas Concert.

The feedback has been very positive and we have had many compliments from those who attended, not only for the program but also for the food that was served.

I understand that Lorraine and Barb have been asked to cater at other functions since they did such a wonderful job of catering at Malanka.

Well done ladies.

The topic of having a Christmas Concert will be discussed at our Annual General Meeting, to determine if we continue with the whole class participation at Malanka or we revert back to a Christmas Concert and only older children dance at Malanka as in previous years.

Parents we need your input.

Also there will be a number of Board members that have faithfully served on the Yalenka Board that will not be returning in 2010-2011 Dance Season.

We need volunteers to fill those positions.

We would encourage all who are interested in serving on the Board to attend as an observer our next board meeting on March 11 at 7PM at the school board room.

This would give any potential volunteer an appreciation of what is required for each coming vacant position.

The duties of each position on the board are detailed in the Handbook.

The vacant positions will be posted at the March 11 meeting.

We have received a number of requests from different organizations to have Yalenka perform at their location. Jordan Trechka has graciously volunteered to organize the dancers for these performances in cooperation with Marlene Cain our Special Events coordinator. These requests have come from a school, a senior citizens manor and The Mustard Seed.

Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers Society has been requested to participate in the First Annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival being held May 29&30, 2010 at the Triwood Sportsplex.

This Festival would be great exposure for us. This will be the first time that a Ukrainian Festival has been held in Calgary.

For those parents that have volunteered to help out at the bingos and the forthcoming Casino April 7&8, 2010 at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino, we thank you.

For those who still wish to volunteer, please contact Debra Stevenson our Gaming Coordinator:

debra.stevenson@gmail.com

As always, we the Board appreciate any and all ideas, suggestions, and participation from you as the parents to help promote Yalenka.

Final rehearsals will be held on Friday April 23 at the Bert Church Theatre. Our Year End concert will be held at Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie Saturday April 24, 2010. Natasha, Jordan and Andrea are putting together a storyline for the Final Year end Concert which we are all excited to see.

It is imperative that dancers try to be at all practices and rehearsals as scheduled as it makes it easier for the Instructors to put the program together.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank You

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