



Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers School of Dance

ЯЛИНКА УКРАЇНСЬКІ ТАНЦЮРИСТИ

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Welcome Back!!!

Please watch for Yalenka's monthly newsletter and the whiteboard at the School of Alberta Ballet for updates, upcoming events, additional rehearsals and other important information

Please email dowhanm@gmail.com if you have any comments/suggestions for the newsletter or if you have not received a Yalenka Handbook!



Message from our Chairperson

I would like to welcome all the families and dancers from our previous season and also welcome all the new families and dancers to Yalenka.

Our board stayed intact this year, except we welcome Sherry Kropp as our gaming coordinator and Cathy Reitz as our new secretary. Thanks to Charlene Kiszczak for making the switch from secretary to volunteer coordinator for this year.

We have had an outstanding registration with, I believe, approximately 75 dancers. This will make the volunteer requirements spread over more families this year.

Thank you all for your support in maintaining the Ukrainian Culture through music and dance with Yalenka. We look forward to a wonderful and successful year for our Instructors and Dancers, and I look forward to meeting all the parents during the course of the year.

Thank You and Welcome.
Jarvis Kosowan
Chairperson Yalenka Ukrainian Dance Society.

Artistic Director's Message

Welcome to another exciting year of Ukrainian dance! The fall brings anticipation of a new year to learn new material to add to our existing repertoire. A new storyline is under production for this year, and will make our spring concert the best one to date!

The preparations for Malanka early in the New Year and year-end show in April make it extremely important that all dancers regularly attend rehearsal, equipped with their enthusiasm and dedication to Yalenka. We have many new dances to master and need every dancer in attendance ensure the rehearsals run smoothly.

I have enjoyed my previous years as artistic director and look forward to working with our dancers in the new season.

Sincerely,
Natasha Olshevska



Costumes! Costumes! Costumes!

What an exciting start to the current dance year. We have many new dancers and the instructors are busy with teaching and implementing new choreography.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their names to help with costumes. We will be having a costume organizing day on Saturday October 29 at 10:00.

Our costume storage is at 802 – 7 Ave NE. Dancers from Kvitka and Veselka are also welcome to come and help. It would be an opportunity to learn more about the exciting world of regions and costumes.

We will be distributing the first set of costumes sometime at the end of November. Please watch the white board or next newsletter for the exact date.



Thank you - Lorraine and Rosanne - Costume Committee

BINGO!!!!

Yalenka's fundraising through bingos is in full swing!!!

A few notes:

If you cannot work the bingo you volunteered for, **YOU are responsible for finding a replacement worker.**

Sherry will be emailing out a final bingo list in the next few weeks for your information and will contact volunteers prior to their bingo date.

Contact our gaming coordinator at jskropp@shaw.ca if you require any further information.

Perogy &
Mundare
Sausage orders
are coming in
November!
Stay tuned...

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Instructor Assistant Update!

Please welcome Larissa Franko and Tasha Leskiw who have offered to assist with Veeterets and Promin. They will help the instructors to meet individual needs and provide another dance model for the children.

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Yalenka Calendar of Events

6 November	- Bingo (5-9:30 p.m. – Sunday)
17 November	- Board meeting 6:30 p.m. (*note change in date*)
8 December	- Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
10 December	- Bingo (11-3 p.m. – Saturday)
13 December	- Last Tuesday class before Xmas break
15 December	- Last Thursday class before Xmas break
Have a wonderful Christmas!	
10 January	- Tuesday classes resume
12 January	- Thursday classes resume
12 January	- Bingo (11-3 p.m. – Thursday)
12 January	- Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
Late January or early February	- Malanka in Strathmore (exact date TBA - all dancers performing)
2 February	- Picture night for ALL dancers
9 February	- Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
28 February	- Bingo (11-3 p.m. – Tuesday)
8 March	- Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
11 March	- Bingo (8:30- 11:15 a.m. – Sunday)
mid/late March	- SAUDF in Airdrie (exact dates TBA)
27/29 March	- Spring Break – No classes
29 March	- Bingo (5-9:30 p.m. Thursday)
12 April	- Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
27 April	- Dress rehearsal, Annual General Meeting, details to be announced
28 April	- Year end concert , details to be announced
Date TBA	- Tryzub Festival
8 May	- Bingo (11-3 p.m. Tuesday)
28 May	- Bingo (5-9:30 p.m. Monday)
early June	- Calgary Ukrainian Festival
16 June	- Costume return (tentatively)

**There will be practice during
teachers' convention in February.
Please watch whiteboard, emails
and newsletters for event details
and extra rehearsals.**

A few random notes...

1. Anyone interested in doing **solos & duets** this year is asked to contact our festivals rep, Naomi, at Naomi.hickey@scotiabank.com by October 30th.
2. We still need **Class Reps for KVIKA & VESELKA** this year (see job description in your handbook)! If you are interested in helping with this, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Charlene, at Charlene_kiszcak@nexeninc.com
3. Please respect our dedicated instructors by **ARRIVING ON TIME** (or a bit early!) for classes. Dancers trickling into class take away from valuable warm-up and lesson time!
4. If you haven't already done so, please review your Yalenka **HANDBOOK**. It is a great source of information regarding classes and events and is especially helpful for new families to our organization. If you did not receive one (or have lost it! It happens....) please contact Michelle at dowhanm@gmail.com to get another copy.
5. **CORRECTION NOTICE** – There was a typ-o on one page of the registration package stating that **enhancement class** was for ages eight and up. This should have read **ages TEN and up** (as was correct on the other pages of the package and in the Handbook). As this class is aimed at older dancers and teaches more intensive ballet technique, we want to ensure our dancers are aged appropriately to avoid injury and frustration.

