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# Tryzub's 40th Anniversary Zabava

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## Calgary Ukrainian Festival

Jordan Biss

The Calgary Ukrainian Festival is extremely excited to be celebrating our 5th anniversary festival on June 7th and 8th, 2014! Once again the Ukrainian community is joining forces to showcase the very best in song, dance, cuisine and hand crafted artwork that Calgary and surrounding area has to offer.

What began several years ago as just an idea has blossomed and grown into a major collaboration between artists, performers, local businesses, and many more organizations. We had modest beginnings and relied heavily on the generosity and dedication of the Calgary Ukrainian Community to help make it all possible. Without this support, our first year and every subsequent year since would never have been the fantastic successes they were!

The Calgary Ukrainian Festival Foundation was formed with a specific agenda in mind: bring Calgary's diverse Ukrainian community together under one roof and "showcase Ukrainian arts, cuisine, entertainment and culture while highlighting true Ukrainian hospitality." As an organization, we are driven to share our rich



heritage with local Calgarians, while bringing to light all the amazing aspects of what it means to be Ukrainian.

Once again, the CUF is extremely excited to play host to the spectacular dances to be performed by the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Junior Tryzub, Tryzub School of Ukrainian Dance along with many other performers from across Southern Alberta. For many dancers, the CUF offers a unique opportunity to perform outside traditional competitions, zabava's and year end concerts. It's a chance for some to have a taste of performing for over a one thousand person crowd; for others, it's a chance to simply perform for Baba and Dido and for others still, it's a perfect opportunity to perform that new solo for the first time. It has been the CUF's pleasure, over the past 5 years, to have been able to provide this fantastic outlet for all our performers, young and old, to perform together - side by side in some cases!

Personally, when I see the glowing smile of a young performer just lighting up the stage or kids running through the arena with their faces painted and a hand made paper vinok or cossack balloon sword – when I see Calgarians learning about Ukrainian history and all that the many Ukrainian organizations have to offer – all the sleepless nights and countless hours of meetings and preparation are instantly worthwhile, knowing the next generation of proud Ukrainians is among us and all the honorary Ukrainians are learning why it is that Ukrainians are so proud of their culture.

On June 7th & 8th, I invite you to join me and Calgary's Ukrainian community for the 5th Anniversary Calgary Ukrainian Festival at the Acadia Recreation Complex (240, 90th Ave SE) and experience true Ukrainian hospitality and culture!

For all the latest information check out [www.calgaryukrainianfestival.ca](http://www.calgaryukrainianfestival.ca), follow us on twitter at CalgaryUkeFest and on Facebook at Calgary Ukrainian Festival.

See you there!



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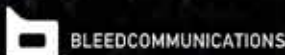
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## Razom 2

Tyler Bernakevitch

This spring the Tryzub Ensemble finished off the Razom 2 tour with a bang; a hometown performance in Calgary on February 9th and then flew out to Winnipeg for the final performance on March 23rd! These were the final two performances with Saskatoon's Yevshan, Regina's Tavria, and Winnipeg's Rusalka. Over 100 dancers joined together to put on a dazzling show featuring each of the four groups, with the highlight being the joint performance of Virsky's Pryvit and Hopak.

Each weekend brought the dancers back together from across the prairies, and after months apart, rehearsal was required. As familiar faces walked into the studio, friendships continued to grow and develop. During practices of the joint dances, as steps were remembered and arm positions clarified, you could feel a true energy growing in the room as something amazing was being brought together.

The show days brought with it long hours of warm-up, tech rehearsals on stage, and preparing costumes. Nerves and emotions began to grow



as the minutes drew closer to the start of the show. Dancers in a wide variety of costumes began to gather on stage and take their positions, finally the curtain went up and everything began to fall into place. As the finale approached, the excitement backstage grew larger and larger. The final minutes before the start of Hopak were a chaos of poyas tying, headpiece checking, and quick costume changing (some dancers with only 45 seconds). But as the iconic music started and over 50 dancers flew out onto stage, the exhilarating rush of performing Virsky's Hopak with that many people took over and it became a truly unforgettable experience. When the curtain finally dropped at the end of the show, hugs were exchanged between new and old friends and the sweat and hard work all became worth it.



The success of the Razom 2 tour was the ability for four different Ukrainian dance organizations to come together to create something better. After more than a year of planning, the end goal had finally been achieved and that was to create "A Fusion of Ukrainian Dance". As a result of the tour, friendships were formed from across the Canadian prairies that will last a lifetime!



### Alumni Update

Dear Tryzub Alumni!

Our 40th Anniversary is fast approaching and 2014/2015 are exciting years for our organization. Without the dedication and commitment of our dancers, board members and families over the years, we would never have reached this impressive milestone. This legacy continues as Tryzub has grown into an organization featuring the Tryzub Ensemble, Junior Tryzub and highly successful Tryzub School of Ukrainian Dance. Anyone wanting to be part of the 40th Anniversary planning is encouraged to email [alumni@tryzub.ca](mailto:alumni@tryzub.ca). We want to hear your ideas and need your help. Let's work together to make this an anniversary year to remember!

Tryzub Alumni Association

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### June

- 1 40th Anniversary Zabava  
Tickets On Sale
- 1 Tryzub School Online  
Registration Now Open
- 7 & 8 Calgary Ukrainian Festival

#### July

- 4 Calgary Stampede Parade  
Prelude

#### August

- 14-23 GlobalFest

#### November

- 8 40th Anniversary Zabava

#### January

- 3-7 Ukrainian Christmas  
Caroling
- 30 Tryzub School Zabava







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## Interview with an Alumni Peter Woytiuk

Tiffany Gogowich

### 1. What was the time period you danced with the Ensemble?

I danced from January 1995 - August 1998, September 2003 - July 2004, June 2012 - July 2012. There would be more but they stopped returning my calls.

### 2. Do you still keep in touch with your fellow Ensemble members?

Yes. Some are tired of hearing from me.

### 3. What did you enjoy about dancing with Tryzub?

The late nights, the early mornings, and the friends who know more about me than I do.

### 4. Why did you continue to dance even when it might have conflicted with other activities?



If you have to ask 'why' then there's no answer I can give you that will make any sense.

### 5. Which dance was your favourite and why?

Hopak because of the 'solos', no big surprise. Hutzul was always fun because of the choreography. Chronik's Transcarpathian was also great because I was never ever in it and it was a chance to catch my breath during any show.

### 6. Was there someone specific who had a profound effect on your success as a dancer and how did they influence your development?

Blaine Wicentovich, Boyan Blocka and George Chronik. I looked up to Blaine and Boyan when I first joined as they were both excellent dancers who pushed me to be better at what I did. Also, neither of them owe me money like that Horbachewski guy does. George Chronik was an excellent teacher and was a lot of fun in the rehearsal hall; I was fortunate enough to continue dancing under him even after my time with Tryzub.

### 7. Do you have a memorable Tryzub moment to share?

The look on my parents' face when I said I travelling across the country with a performing group, actually

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## Who's in the Tryzub Ensemble?

### Artistic Director:

Vasyl Kanevets



travelling across the country with a performing group, Ilarion Borody making guacamole in the middle of rehearsal, dancing in New York just off Broadway, the Australia trip, rehearsing on a Friday night then working all night in a workshop building a set then going straight to rehearsal the next morning...

### 8. What advice would you give to dancers interested in joining the ensemble?

It is a lot of work and a lot of time but, in the words of Jackson Browne, "Once the lights come up and you hear that crowd, you'll remember why you came."

### 9. Any closing remarks for Tryzub in their 40th year?

To another 40, and here's to the sponsorship with Advil eventually becoming a reality.



### Ensemble Members:

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