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Ukrainian Christmas Carolling

Tyler Bernakevitch

To celebrate Ukrainian Christmas, the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble will once again be going out Christmas carolling to houses and families throughout Calgary on January 6th and 7th! The dancers carry on a long-standing tradition of travelling to many different houses and spreading the good news and joy of Christmas through a variety of Ukrainian carols. If you are celebrating Christmas with your family that evening and would like carolers to stop by, please get in touch with Tyler Bernakevitch at info@tryzub.ca or 403-720-4840. If your family celebrated Christmas earlier and would just like to have carolers over to continue the Christmas celebrations, please feel free to get in touch with us. We will do our best to accommodate your house in the evening's schedule. Donations are welcome.

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Tryzub School Update

Dean Mackedenski

With the first semester for Tryzub School soon wrapping up, we wanted to give everyone an update on the events from these past few months.

Classes for Tryzub School kicked off in mid-September, with over 120 students currently enrolled. We are very proud to have Mrs. Anna Kanevets return for her ninth consecutive year as our Artistic Director. Also returning are Dean Mackedenski as School Director, Anne Copeland as our Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Mistress, and our exceptional and valued instructors Vasyl Kanevets, Christine Ochitwa, Kimberley Bushell, and Anisa Hoda. This year we have welcomed two new assistant instructors, Ivan Savytskyy and Alex Tarasenko, to the School and are proud to be offering a new boys technique class to build the skills of our upcoming male dancers.

As an additional fundraising venture, Tryzub School was very fortunate to have been awarded two round-trip tickets to any destination that WestJet flies and sold raffle tickets for these during the month of October. With such a fantastic prize of endless possibilities, parents and dancers were given the task of selling 500 tickets. We are very pleased to report that almost all of the tickets were sold with proceeds of over \$9000 being raised and directed primarily towards costuming our dancers. The draw was held at the Tryzub Society Harvest Gala Zabava on November 7, 2015, with the winner being a long-time Tryzub parent, volunteer, and former Tryzub School Director, Joan Simpson! We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising venture with special thanks given to Kathrina Ivanus and the WestJetters Caring for our Community Program for providing these tickets and this wonderful opportunity.



November kicked off our annual perogy and sausage fundraising campaign with the new addition of beet borscht on the item list! In addition to our current Tryzub families, we also reached out to our past alumni members and would like to thank everyone who continues to support this important annual fundraiser.

After receiving some very generous donations this fall, Tryzub School is excited to be expanding its costume inventory by ordering new costumes from Ukraine. After adding two sets of costumes last year for our older Level 3 dancers, we will be focusing on updating the Transcarpathian costumes for our younger Level 1 dancers and adding a new set of Polissia costumes for Junior Tryzub. These are currently on order and are expected to arrive in the spring for our busy performance season.

Our focus now is on the upcoming Tryzub School Zabava scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016, at the Thorncliffe-Greenview Community Centre. This is a family-oriented evening consisting of a dinner, dance, and our students' first performance in costume for the year. The night includes our young Fundamental dancers, Junior Tryzub, and even our Tryzub Adult Class, in addition to a guest performance by the Tryzub Ensemble! We are pleased to again have Ollie's Homestyle Catering for our event and very excited to announce we have a new Ukrainian band coming down from Edmonton to perform this year!

The purpose of this evening is to allow students the opportunity to showcase their first dance in a positive atmosphere for family and friends while providing a social event for Tryzub families to interact outside of the Studio. With music and games, this evening is all about the kids! After the success from last year, we will again be holding our old-fashioned Cake Walk game, in addition to our ever-popular Ukrainian Bazaar and silent auction. Donations towards our small silent auction would be greatly appreciated. Tickets will go on sale in the month of January when Tryzub School classes resume.

Tryzub Zabava Continuing to Move Upward

Christine Ochitwa

Reflecting on the Tryzub Harvest Gala Zabava on November 7, 2015, the word that comes to my mind is "upward". Coming off the 40th anniversary of Tryzub last year, the goal of the event was to perpetuate the momentum we had found in our largest annual fundraiser, continuing to create an enjoyable atmosphere for our membership to celebrate premiere Ukrainian dance. Each year, our Tryzub family continues to grow, bringing with it an undeniable upward trend in support of our mission to honour Ukrainian culture through dance.



A near sell-out crowd filled the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre to enjoy a night of dance, food, drink, and friendship. The staff of the Polish Hall certainly outdid themselves on the meal this year, serving a delicious Ukrainian/Canadian dinner buffet which came highly complimented by the guests. A full spectrum of silent auction items saw bidding wars on all things Ukrainian dance - particularly a print of Larisa Sembaliuk-Cheladyn's



"Waiting Backstage", donated by Tryzub School, and a pair of custom dance boots by Master Bootmaker Victor Stepovy, donated by the Maruschak family. Bryan Pitchko, the evening's Master of Ceremonies, showed his enthusiasm for dance (and fun) hosting the Vinok and Poyas game. And of course, the evening's raffle for two plane tickets anywhere WestJet flies, donated by Kathrina Ivanus and WestJet, will be sending its winner, former Tryzub School Director, Joan Simpson, upward into the airspace sometime very soon.

As usual, a highlight of the Zabava was the performance. Junior Tryzub, featuring an almost all new cast of dancers, showed off their hard work since September with a fun performance of their girls Volyn number, Na Bad'Or. The Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble also featured a substantially new cast, as ten new Ensemble members donned their korsetkas and sharovary for the first time, bringing the Ensemble's dancer





count to a whopping 27! They sent the energy of the room flying upward with two highly technical regional dances – Poliski Nadhuriy and Yihaly Kozaky. The show ended emotionally, celebrating Charles Pullan’s 425th and final show with the Ensemble, as he hung up his boots after 18 years of dance, and one final Virsky Hopak to a well-deserved standing ovation.

Nights like these would not be possible without the constantly growing “upward” support Tryzub receives from our membership, friends, and alumni. Thank you so much for joining us for our Harvest Gala; see you next year! □

Who is in the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble?

Artistic Director:

Vasyl Kanevets

Ensemble Members:

Tyler Bernakevitch	Brooke Miller
Jordan Biss	Yuliya Muranets
Emma Bolt	Christine Ochitwa
Kimberley Bushell	Ivan Savytskyy
Kristen Bushell	Adam Shykula
Christina Chumak	Ewa Sudyk
Dylana Dohan	Alex Sydoruk
Victoria Dumka	Alex Tarasenko
Kristen Fidierchuk	Joren Tzitzoglakis
Taylor Funk	Nolan van Ryzewyk
Anisa Hoda	Victoria Vatne
Victoria Ivanus	Rachel Weisensel
Natasha Krochak	Stephanie Yaremko
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

6 & 7 Ukrainian Christmas Carolling
 29 Tryzub School Zabava

June

4 & 5 Calgary Ukrainian Festival

August

18-27 GlobalFest

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Member at Large	Alex Tarasenko

Tryzub Colombia Tour

Charles Pullan



In August, Tryzub travelled to the town of Florida, Colombia, to attend the 13th Festival Colombia Baila. We flew through Toronto, to Bogota, then to Cali, Colombia, where we met our guides and travelled by bus to the town of Florida where the festival was taking place. There are about 45,000 people that

live in Florida, and they were all so welcoming. We were joined by groups from Argentina, Mexico, and four groups from throughout Colombia. Being the only caucasian group, we were very identifiable, having many locals tell us how glad they were to host us and how excited they were to see us dance.



We had two days before the performances which allowed us some sightseeing in Florida and Cali, and to have some truly amazing coffee. Our first performance was in a parade through the streets of town that had essentially everyone at and watching. The crowd kept filling the streets fuller and fuller as we got towards the central plaza;

luckily we had a great group of volunteers that linked arms and held them back enough so we had some space to dance.



The main performances were all held in the evening on a covered stage in the central square. There was a cordoned off area for ticket holders, volunteers, and performers to watch, and the whole area of the plaza behind that was open for anyone else to stand and watch. The performances ran between three and four hours, and we were usually in the latter half of them (with us having a dance go on-stage after 11:00pm at least twice). While the crowd numbered well over a thousand when the show started, by the time we went on stage, there were a few hundred left. However, the audience that remained were very excited to see us, and applauded loudly.



Overall, it was a great tour to have new and different experiences. This was Tryzub's first foray into South America, and I am very glad to have been a part of it.

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