



# UKRAINIAN DANCE AT KARAR PERFORMING ARTS

Program Overview

## **Ukrainian Programming**

Ukrainian dance is great for developing your child into a well-rounded dancer! It is strongly based in ballet technique and offers dancers the opportunity to grow technically while teaching them important performance techniques. Ukrainian dance is suitable for both male and female dancers; developing strong male dancers as well as graceful female dancers. Male dancers learn tricks, partnering, and Ukrainian technique; while female dancers learn turns, partnering, and poise.

## **Ukrainian Costuming**

As we all know, costuming plays a tremendous role in the dance atmosphere. Authentic Ukrainian costumes are vibrant, regionally specific and have multiple different folklorique elements to them. It is also the authenticity of the costuming that heightens the overall experience of the dance to participants – whether they be dancers or audience members. Unfortunately, costuming is also the largest expense to our Ukrainian dance students; often creating a barrier for many students who wish to participate in the program.

To help alleviate this barrier, KaRAR has started to implement a Cultural Dance Accessibility Initiative to help offset the cost of costuming for our students. This initiative has allowed the studio to create a costume closet of studio owned costumes. Because of this initiative, parents do not have to bear the exponential cost of purchasing Ukrainian dance costumes each year, as Ukrainian dance costumes are regionally specific and adorned with intricate embroidery. On average each costume exceeds a cost of \$350.00.

Costume rental fees for Ukrainian are paid directly to the program. Unlike other genres at the studio, this fee is not collected at the time of registration. Rather, the fee is collected in October by the Ukrainian Director. Rental fees ensure the cleanliness and upkeep of our costumes and cover the cost of professional alterations so costumes fit your child for the duration of the dance season. Due to the nature of our rentals, and the exponential cost of each costume, each dancer is to provide a \$250.00 undated cheque for the use of studio owned costumes. This cheque will only be cashed should the costume be irreparably damaged or lost at the end of the season.

Costume Rental Fees:

1 costume: \$100.00 for the season | 2 costumes: \$150.00 for the season

## **Studio Attire**

KaRAR's Ukrainian Program follows specific guidelines for class studio attire as well as make up for performances. These guidelines will be discussed at the beginning of the dance season during a parent meeting. Please do not buy any attire until this has been discussed to you by the instructor or the director.

## **Fundraising**

To ensure that our program continues to acquire high quality and authentic costuming, we do require fundraising efforts of our parents and students. As the entire program benefits from our fundraisers, we have 2 (two) mandatory fundraisers and a few voluntary fundraisers:

**PEROGY FUNDRAISER - MANDATORY (\$75.00 undated cheque).**

Our perogy fundraiser typically occurs in late fall (late November/early December). Each student is required to sell a minimum of 2 boxes of perogies. If you do not sell any perogies, or wish not to participate, your fundraising cheque will be cashed.

**BOTTLE DRIVES - ONE OF THE TWO PRE-SCHEDULED BOTTLE DRIVES IS MANDATORY (\$100.00 undated).**

Throughout our dance season, we host two bottle drives; one in the fall, and one in early winter. These events are a great way to build and foster community spirit within our program. Younger students are paired with older students and in the past, the kids have always had a great time! Attendance is required at one of the two drives. If you choose not to participate in the bottle drives, your fundraising cheque will be cashed. If you are able to attend both dates we would be thrilled! More help always helps make these events more successful!

### **OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

We may pursue additional fundraising events throughout the year (most likely in spring). In the past, we have held honey and popcorn fundraisers. Please note that any additional fundraisers held within the program are voluntary.

## **Festivals**

Dance festivals are an important element to KaRAR's Ukrainian program. Outside of the studio's spring and year end recitals, festivals give our dancers additional opportunities to showcase their dances and performances. Our Ukrainian dance program typically attends two dance festivals each year: one festival outside of town and one at the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Festival in St. Albert. Participation at dance festivals is required for ALL students. If for some reason your child is unable to attend, the dance instructor must be notified two (2) months in advance so that choreography may be adjusted. Dance festival fees are \$35.00 per dance per festival. Dance festival fees are collected during the second half of our dance season (late January/early February).

## **Performances**

Outside of dance festivals, Ukrainian dancers will perform at both Christmas and Spring recitals (studio wide recitals). Additionally, as part of KaRAR's community involvement, the Ukrainian dance program has often been asked to dance at various Senior Homes throughout the community. Usually we will perform over the holiday season, and possibly early spring. This will be confirmed throughout the dance season.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR CHILD GROW, DEVELOP AND EXCEL IN OUR  
UKRAINIAN PROGRAM!



## **Our Programming**

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We offer exceptional Ukrainian dance instruction to the Parkland Region.



## **Our Instructors**

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All of our classes are instructed by trained Ukrainian dancers - who have a passion for the genre - and they always will be!



## **Our Studio**

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We have an amazing facility with three fully equipped studio spaces for our dance classes.



## **Our Choreography**

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Strongly based in ballet and character technique, dynamic, regionally specific, Ukrainian dance choreography is developed for all levels (ages 4+).



## **Our Costuming**

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Designed specifically for our program by designers in the Ukraine, our costumes are unique, colourful, and authentic.



## **Our Camaraderie**

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Our dancers participate in various outreach and fundraising events throughout the season, creating a family like atmosphere at our studio.

