



BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival Society proudly presents:

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BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival

'Keeping Ukrainian Culture Alive'

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Greetings to our new and returning dance groups/troupes,

We are excited to invite you to join us for our 29th Annual BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival being held May 9th 2026 at the Clarke Foundation Theatre, Mission BC. Whether you are taking in the music and movement of the largest Ukrainian dance competition in the province; browsing the various vendors, listening to the live entertainment, or enjoying some pierogies and kielbasa; there really is something for all the family.

As many of you are aware, October 2025 was a devastating time for our Society and the Ukrainian Community in British Columbia. Our Festival Founder, Gladys Andreas, peacefully passed away in the company of her family. We collectively mourn the loss, but celebrate the life of Gladys. Her individual impact has touched countless people's lives, and her efforts will echo into future generations through each and every one of us.

This year, the Society introduces a new trophy: the Gladys Andreas Visionary Award. Donated by the Kvitka Ukrainian School of Dance, it honours the spirit of creativity, innovation, and cultural pride within Ukrainian dance. It celebrates those choreographers whose imagination and dedication bring new life to Ukrainian traditions, while preserving their authenticity and cultural richness.

This trophy acknowledges the artistry and vision required to craft original works, and encourages choreographers to continue developing pieces that showcase the beauty, stories, and heritage of Ukrainian culture. Through this award, we pay tribute to Gladys Andreas and her lasting legacy of inspiring creativity within our dance community.

To be eligible for this award, dances must feature original choreography. For the purpose of this award, original choreography is defined as work created solely by the instructors of the performing group. Choreography commissioned from or created by individuals outside the organization, as well as choreography replicated or adapted from other groups, is not considered original and will render the piece ineligible.

Please follow the link to our [2026 Terms & Conditions](#), which is posted on our website. Details regarding the new award will be found here. Our registrations are officially open, and our links can be found at <https://bcucf.ca/register/dance-competition/>. Please be reminded that our deadline for entry is March 1. We look forward to seeing and celebrating with you at our annual BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival.

Sincerely,

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