



SHARE THE SPIRIT OF UKRAINIAN DANCE

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Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance

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New students are welcome and are placed
according to ability, age and experience.

Classes begin in September and we accept
registrations in person, by mail or fax.

Download a registration form at www.YAVIR.ca,
or call our office and we'll mail or email you a copy.

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Catch The Excitement!

Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance is dedicated to fostering the art and joy of Ukrainian dance in children and youth in a community environment. It has evolved from its humble beginnings in 1962 and emerged as a highly professional dance school, with nearly 200 dancers and five performing ensembles. The goals of



Yavir School are to provide its dancers and audience with an experience that is exciting, inspirational, and educational while encouraging interest in Ukrainian dance and culture.

Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance trains its dancers in a fun and stimulating way using the Shumka Academy's Syllabus for Ukrainian Dance, the leading curriculum-based, age-appropriate Ukrainian dance program in Canada.

The Syllabus for Ukrainian Dance guides dancers through a step-by-step training program, ensuring proper growth, fostering critical skill development and ensuring safety from injury, while providing students with a broad base in Ukrainian dance and culture.

Building self-esteem and friendships are also essential elements to a dancer's progress. As a community-based school, Yavir offers the opportunity for friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.



So jump high, spin fast, and join us to catch the excitement of the Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance!



YOUR INVITATION TO SHARE THE PASSION OF UKRAINIAN DANCE

Yavir Ensemble welcomes new dancers to its performing group. Dancers 14 and up are encouraged to join. Rehearsals are weekly on Sunday evenings with extra rehearsals before performances and tours.



The focus of the Yavir Ensemble is to nurture its members to demonstrate and experience their ancestral heritage through Ukrainian dance, culture and tradition. The ensemble trains its members using ballet, character, and Ukrainian dance technique methods that create an ensemble that infuses a unique style and energy on stage. This energy has given the Yavir Ensemble a reputation of professionalism. Their style is characterized by the genuine love of Ukrainian dance and culture that each dancer shares.



Since 1962, the school has trained thousands of Ukrainian-Canadian dancers who have performed both near – in Etobicoke and Toronto, and far – in Ukraine, Belgium, Mexico, U.S.A., and across Canada. Be a part of Yavir's rich history. Join us on our next journey to spread the joy and passion of Ukrainian dance!

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As a non-profit organization, Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance relies on fees and fundraising to cover its operational expenses. Our school has a dedicated group of parent volunteers who support the school by generously volunteering their time and expertise in



the areas of social planning, promotions, fund-raising, costumes, communications and co-ordination. Parent involvement embellishes the team spirit and dedication to Ukrainian dance excellence that each child experiences. We welcome all volunteers to share and spread the joy and passion of Ukrainian dance!

Yavir prides itself on its impressive collection of costumes spanning the regions of Polissia, Bukovyna,

Hutsulschyna, Podillia, Transcarpathia, Central Ukraine and others, that provide the dancers with an opportunity to be a part of a rich variety of regional dances. Costumes are provided to dancers for an annual fee payable with registration.

We strive to ensure your child dances in a clean, safe and professional environment. Our professionally-equipped main studio features hardwood flooring, full-length mirrors and ballet barres. Our studio is enhanced by a stereo system and professional lighting capability. Our second studio space also has a stereo system, and ballet barres. The school is located at our convenient location with ample parking within St. Demetrius Catholic School.



YAVIR'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND INSTRUCTORS



*Passion, skill
and energy...*

Beginning his training as a dancer at the Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance, Paul Olijnyk quickly developed a passion for Ukrainian culture and its dance. As a graduate of the Edmonton School of Ballet's Professional Dance Training Program and a certified instructor under the Shumka Syllabus Academy, Paul has become well versed in the art of dance. Complimenting his studies, Paul has also attended numerous workshops throughout Ukraine and North America led by some of the world's most prized choreographers and instructors.

As a member of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Paul has been a part of the professional Ukrainian dance circuit, performing and touring extensively. In addition to dancing, Paul is dedicated to inspiring Ukrainian dancers through his instruction and leadership. Paul has spent two years as a Recreation Coordinator for Shumka Summer Dance Camps, programming and directing activities focused on dance and culture. Paul has taught Ukrainian Dance to over 300 students, in eight dance schools in Toronto and throughout Alberta. His students have won various gold medals and awards under his instruction and choreography and have each achieved the passion, skill, and energy needed to be a Ukrainian dancer. Paul's commitment to high technical standards, limitless enthusiasm, and love for Ukrainian culture, have made him a well-respected member of the Ukrainian dance community.

The Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance School is made up of instructors with deep expertise and experience. The instructors challenge their students to achieve a high standard of technical skills, understand the role of dance within Ukrainian culture, and develop long-lasting relationships based on the mutual love of dance.