DesnaSpring Showcase 2019





What a great year!

We would like to say how proud we are of all of our dancers. You have worked so hard and we have seen a tremendous amount of improvements in each and every one of you!

In Desna we are continuously aiming to tighten and strengthen our dance community and this year both the school and company have seen growth. With this in mind Desna has decided to begin to merge the two and bring us all closer together.

We'd like to thank all the parents for your endless support with volunteering and fundraising initiatives which has helped the school in making some amazing costume purchses. We'd also like to aknowledge all our wonderful instructors: Yuri & Luba Grekov, Andrew Polischuk & Lesia Harhaj, along with those who have substituted throughout the year: Halyna Polischuk & myself - your help is greatly appreciated - thank you.

Although this concert marks the end of the year, we will still be busy dancing in the summer at various events including: Mississauga and Ottawa Ukrainian Festivals as well Yonkers Festival in New York.

Have a safe and wonderful summer holiday - see you in September :)

Danya Wasylyk

School Administrator | Desna School of Ukrainian Dance



Another successful year has flown by!

It feels like just yesterday we were having our opening week of classes and getting to know all the kids. And what wonderful kids they all are! The willingness to learn, the desire to improve and the natural talent these children have, really make them a wonderful group to work with.

The organization is thriving and the positive energy is pulsing. The significant growth we've seen in Desna School as well as the rise in numbers and dancing standard of the Desna Company makes it an extremely exciting time to be part of Desna.

Of course none of this would be possible without the help of our parents and volunteers. Enough thanks cannot be given for all the effort and time put in; you have all helped in the success of this year!

There are some changes coming next year to the structure of the organization as Adriana Wasylyk will be stepping down as School Administrator. Thank you to Adriana for her commitment and hard work this year. Her infectious passion for dance drove this school throughout the year and she will be missed. Adriana's role will be replaced with a Parent Committee that will work directly with the Board of Directors of Desna to handle the day-to-day operations of the School.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work this past year. Also a big thank you to Yuri and Luba Grekov for their continued teaching and leadership within Desna. Their invaluable experience and drive continuously inspires us to improve.

Enjoy the summer and we'll see you all in the Fall!

Andrij Polischuk

President | The Desna Ukrainian Dance Company



Today's Program

First Half

I. Pryvit

Class: Mak & Apprentice Instructor: Yuri Grekov

2. Tanciuvalni Zaychyky

Class: Parent and wTots Instructor: Lesia Harhaj

3. Holubka

Class: Zirky Instructor: Luba Grekov Assistant: Benjamin Slywka

4. Melenka Polka

Class: Zhabky Instructor: Lesia Harhaj

5. Kozachok

Class: Zaychyky Instructor: Andrij Polischuk Assistant: Sofia Ponomariv

6. Volynskyj Vykrutas

Desna Company Instructors: Luba & Yuri Grekov

7. Vohon

Class: Dnipro Instructor: Luba Grekov

8. Sopilka

Class: Apprentice Instructor: Yuri Grekov

9. Polka

Class: Veselka Instructor: Andrij Polischuk

10. Kozachok

Desna Company Instructors: Luba & Yuri Grekov

II. Bukovynian

Class: Mak & Apprentice Instructor: Yuri Grekov

Second Half

12. Hutstul

Desna Company Instructors: Luba & Yuri Grekov

13. Gypsy

Class: Mak & Apprentice Instructor: Yuri Grekov

14. Hylianochka

Class: Zirky Instructor: Luba Grekov Assistant: Benjamin Slywka

15. Shawl dance

Class: Dnipro Instructor: Luba Grekov

16. Hutstul

Class: Veselka Instructor: Andrij Polischuk

17. Pozunets

Class: Mak Instructor: Yuri Grekov

18. Vesilna Polka

Class: Dnipro Instructor: Luba Grekov

19. Swords dance

Desna Company Instructors: Luba & Yuri Grekov

20. Hopak

Class: Mak & Apprentice Instructor: Yuri Grekov

Sponsorship Thank You's

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Desna School, Year at a Glance



2018Toronto Ukrainian
Festival

2018 TVOkids 'Around the World' segment 2018 Holodomor Statue Unveiling

2018 Ukraine Trip



2018

Christmas market at Nathan Philips Square

2018Mississauga Ukrainian
Festival









2019 International Children's Day @ Nathan Phillips Square

2019 Mississauga Ukrainian Festival

2019 Oakville Malanka



Desna Company, Year at a Glance



2018Toronto Ukrainian
Festival

2018/2019 Kolyada



2019 Karaoke night

2019 Epilepsy fundraiser





Chinese New Year		2019 Mississauga Festival		1	2019 Yonkers	
	2019 Edmonton Ufest		2019 End of year concert		2019 Toronto Ukrainian Festival	

Chervoni Boots Summer Camp









This year marks the 5th annual Chervoni Boots Summer Dance Camp.

Your children will be able to explore Ukrainian culture through 4 hours of dance every day! They will also create their own Ukrainian arts & crafts, participate in sports, swimming, new friendships, and campfire activities.

We look forward to meeting your wonderful children and experiencing their love for dance!

Desna Volleyball Tournament



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