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# SHUMKA

UKRAINIAN SHUMKA DANCERS

## SHUMKA invited to perform at National Gala Showcase

Edmonton's Ukrainian Shumka Dancers have been invited to perform in Regina, Saskatchewan, as one of the featured guests for the National Gala Showcase celebrating 125 years of Ukrainians in Canada. The event is part of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress' 25 Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians.

The gala event will be held on Friday September 30 2016 at Conexus Arts Centre in Regina.

"It is an honour to be invited to perform at this prestigious national event," says Shumka Executive Director **Darka Tarnawsky**. "Along with 160 Ukrainian musicians and dancers from across the nation, Shumka is proud to participate in recognizing 125 years of Ukrainians in Canada. We see it as an opportunity to salute the efforts of the pioneers who helped build our nation."

Shumka means "whirlwind," a powerful display of artistry, energy and passion, and for over 55 years of performance history that word has shaped the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers' signature dance style. While maintaining deep respect for their heritage, Shumka continually challenges conventional boundaries to define the Ukrainian Canadian experience in a current context.

Edmonton's oldest dance company, Shumka has been seen by millions on international television broadcasts; presented command performances for Queens, Prime Ministers, and Presidents; and performed around the world. In addition to the performing company, Shumka operates the Shumka School of Dance in Edmonton and Sherwood Park, providing high-level multidisciplinary dance instruction to hundreds of youth from 3 to 63 years of age annually. The School utilizes the only recognized Ukrainian Dance Syllabus in North America, developed by Shumka over the past two decades.

Shumka is honoured to be a resident company of the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton. Shumka operates and rehearses in Edmonton's Shumka Dance Centre, located near the Ice District, the Brewery District, and the Heart of Downtown Edmonton.

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