SHUMKA

UKRAINIAN SHUMKA DANCERS 2022-23 Annual Report June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023





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is Canada's only professional Ukrainian dance company. Shumka presents dance-theatre touring productions, as well as intimate concert repertoire across the country and around the world. Seen by millions on international television broadcasts, the company has presented command performances for Queens, Prime Ministers, and Presidents, and have performed alongside the likes of Andrea Bocelli and Julie Andrews. Along with Alberta Ballet and Edmonton Opera, Shumka is honoured to be a resident company of the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

Over sixty years of performance history has shaped Shumka's signature music and dance style. While maintaining deep respect for their heritage, Shumka continually challenges conventional boundaries to define the experience of Ukrainian dance in the context of today's society.

VISION

Our vision is to inspire the ongoing evolution of Canadian-Ukrainian dance.

MISSION

Shumka promotes, develops and preserves Canadian-Ukrainian culture as professional artists and community leaders.

MANDATE

Shumka creates a broad scope of original and collaborative interpretive works built upon the foundations of the Canadian and Ukrainian life experiences of its artists and the rich heritage of the Ukrainian folk culture.

Shumka achieves this mandate by:

 Respecting the origins of traditional Ukrainian culture, while integrating the Canadian experience and contemporary

- expectations in order to make its programs relevant to today's audiences.
- Creating a centre of excellence in dance education to prepare the next generation of citizens, dancers and creators in the art form.
- Collaborating with other artists in Edmonton, in Canada and internationally.
- Creating a hub of arts and culture activity in the community.
- Presenting art and experiences for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- Engaging diverse communities through performance, education and opportunities for inclusive participation.



t is truly remarkable to see how much this organization accomplishes each year, and this past year has been no different. In 2022-2023, Shumka finished the final leg of the 60th anniversary tour which we were grateful to share with audiences around Canada. We made new connections as we were asked to be guests for various *Nutcrackers*, and we remained involved in our own community with local performances by both the Shumka School of Dance and professional company.

Thinking back through all the craziness and uncertainty the past few years have brought, I am proud of how this organization has remained true to its vision and mission of promoting Ukrainian culture in our community and to our audiences. It is extremely important that Shumka not only maintain its place on the Canadian



landscape but continues to thrive and grow for generations to come. This past year, the USD Board implemented a new strategic plan that will help guide the organization forward over the next three years, and we started to look at process and policy improvements so that Shumka continues to have a strong foundation for years to come.

As always, none of this would be possible without the incredible individuals that make up the Shumka team. Thank you to our board members, operational team, artistic team, instructors, dancers, alumni, and volunteers for all the incredible work you do every day. We are also extremely grateful to our stakeholders and donors for your continued support and contributions. It is because of you that we can keep the magic of Shumka alive.

Ryan Beztilny, Chair

Executive Director's Message

nother whirlwind year has come and gone. And along with it, a myriad of successes and challenges. As audiences have slowly gotten over the fears that covid has brought upon us, the war in Ukraine continues with no end in sight. And the importance of art, is still "now, more than ever." I feel many of us have had an overwhelming feeling of obligation and purpose in preserving, promoting, and developing our culture in a world that has rarely paid attention. Now with the situation in Ukraine, we must use this crisis to bring awareness to the strength of our art form, and ultimately our culture.

We took the "now, more than ever" mantra to heart this past term. I think we're all a bit tired from never stopping, but we're our own masters with high expectations and endless ideas. From new creations to national touring, community engagement to multigenerational experiences, we were a busy company.

We brought in almost \$600,000 in grants and quadrupled our Summer Dance Camp revenues but saw reduced covid subsidies and lower-than-anticipated tour ticket sales. Increased expenses for creation and touring in particular also strained our finances. A very helpful Canada Council Touring Grant brought the final bottom line of the tour project to a \$90,000 profit, but with covid, it was spread over 3 ½ years. This year, we have deferred revenues – specifically for *Lesia Ukrainka*, and the *Nutcracker* refurbishment project - which makes the 2023-24 fiscal year challenging as well. We will, however, pull ourselves out of a tight cashflow situation over the next year or two; just like the

hundreds of other arts organizations recovering from covid across Canada. With our high level of activity, we are just making it a bit more financially challenging, while focusing on Shumka being artistically active and successful. We are in the business of making art. It is risky, not for the faint of heart; challenging and yet, so rewarding.

Looking back at the 2022-23 fiscal year, we have much to be proud of. A Disney-esque production about bugs in love, extremely talented dancers, Echoes of Hopak with the most exhilarating women's dance in Ukrainian dance history, beautiful tributes to our pioneering ancestors and to those risking their lives for our homeland, excellent outreach programs for all ages and abilities, and a growing presence in our community locally, across Canada and globally.

Shumka was honoured with two very prestigious awards this past year: The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Taras Shevchenko Medal for outstanding national contributions in culture and the arts, and the Hnatyshyn Foundation Ukraine – Heritage, Spirit and Future Award which honours accomplished artists from both Canada and Ukraine. As Shumka recently moved into its 7th decade, these awards mean so very much. They reinforce our ongoing vision and day-to-day work, and make us realize the importance of the hundreds of people in the "Shumka Family" whose genuine support of the organization has made Shumka a magical company to be part of. A

place where leaders are made, and dreams come true. Where perseverance and mutual support are the essence of what we do. Where the strength of our ancestors inspires us to work hard. And where the preservation, promotion, and development of the art form of Ukrainian dance is a privilege to be a part of.

Our dancers, artistic team, staff, production team, alumni, Shumka School students and families, seniors, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and funders are the essence of Shumka... they are the magic behind the whirlwind. And we are thankful for their ongoing support of our art form and our culture. Slava Ukraini!

Darka Tarnawsky, Executive Director





ollowing a very busy spring of 2022, Shumka returned to the studio after a short summer break to prepare for the fall portion of our National Tour. With a few small casting changes, we re-mounted *Mosquito's Wedding* and *Echoes of Hopak* for successful performances in Mississauga, Edmonton, and Calgary. Touring with an ensemble such as ours is a difficult task and our company of dancers, artists, administrators and support staff rose to conquer every situation possible to ensure that every show was worth the price of admission.

Behind the scenes, much work was done on the pre-production of Shumka's upcoming piece based on the work and life of Lesia Ukrainka. We continued to collaborate with our team of Ukrainian artists while the war continued to rage in Ukraine. Our new composer, Alexander Rodin, stated that the music that was being written was composed in eight different countries as he continued to travel to find safety away from his home. Costume Designer Anna Ipatieva and Scenic Designer Andrii Zliobin have similar stories.

In April, we welcomed our dear friends Tanya Lozova and Yaroslav Tkachuk to our studios to collaborate for the first time with Shumka as choreographers. For three weeks, our dancers worked with Tanya and Yaroslav daily on the beginnings of new choreography that will eventually become *Shumka's Ukrainka*. This is only the beginning of this new choreographic relationship and I hope there are many more years of collaborative work in the future.

All of our collaborators spoke of the importance of Shumka's creative work, especially during this brutal war. The continued expression of our art is a statement that Ukrainian culture is rich, beautiful and unique. While an evil continues to try and eradicate Ukrainian culture from this earth, it is our duty to uphold and share this beauty for the world to see.

Building these creative relationships is of vital importance for Shumka's long term creative growth. Shumka's art is not created by individuals. There are many, many hands that work all over the world to make Shumka a success, and it is beautiful to see how Shumka is regarded in Ukraine and the respect that our Ukrainian dance company has.

The journey began when Orest Semchuk believed that, artistically, we could be more than a small collection of dances from different regions of Ukraine. Orest and Gene Zwozdesky created full length theatrical shows that shared folk tales and stories about our culture. That job was then passed on to John Pichlyk who began a beautiful multi-decade relationship with choreographer Viktor Lytvynov and composer Yuri Shevchenko. The art became rich with new ideas, directions and expressions. Gordon Gordey, Dave Ganert, Joe Hoffman, Tasha Orysiuk, Paul Olijnyk and many more have all contributed to this ongoing creative journey.

It is incumbent on all of us to ensure that Shumka continues to push forward and never become complacent with our artistic destinies. As time moves on, new people will take over the leadership of this organization. We must ensure that this challenge is met head on and Shumka continues to evolve in its creative journey and continue to express our love for the culture that our beloved Ukraine is fighting so hard to keep alive.

Les Sereda, Artistic Director

FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS



Ainsley Hillyard Good Women Dance
Company artist &
BWDC Artistic Director
As an independent

contemporary dance artist in Edmonton, and the incoming artistic director for BWDC, I am overjoyed and inspired by the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and their support for the dance community at large. They have opened the doors to their studios and offices and now the Shumka Dance Centre is quickly becoming a hub for dance in Edmonton. There are very few facilities in the city that can support dance as a practice, so the Shumka Dance Centre is integral to the health of our arts ecology. Shumka is welcoming and supportive and an absolute pillar in our community.



Cathy Johnson Seniors Can Shumka Dancer
I registered for Seniors Can
Shumka about a year after
Shumka started offering it.

I saw Tasha being interviewed on Global News and knew immediately that this was for me! When I'm at SCS class, any worries I may bring completely disappear. Everything comes into a beautiful focus. I can be in my body, grounded to the earth, yet feel like I'm flying. There is only hilarious, organized chaos. Tasha instructs us in a way that is respectful, knowledgeable, challenging, inclusive and always so much fun! It's lifegiving to spend time with fellow dancers who have become like family. The exercise, fun, laughter, and heartfelt sharing have enriched my life beyond words. Everyone in the class, as well as the staff, is so kind and welcoming. SCS is the highlight of my week!



Michael Zukiwsky Shumka Dancer &
Shumka School Graduate
To say the past year of
performing with Shumka

has been a whirlwind would be an understatement, as we have been busy revisiting classic works and pioneering new pieces to bring to the stage. An exciting part of this season has been developing a show based on the works of Lesia Ukrainka. We were incredibly fortunate to have Tanya Lozova and Yaroslav Tkachuk working with us as guest choreographers. Working with them in this new capacity was a truly amazing experience that pushed us both technically as dancers, and creatively as artists. We ended the season with the start of our Whirlwind Summer performances which, while tiring, were immensely rewarding. Talking with festivalgoers in Dauphin we heard that it was the best show that they had seen in their years of coming to the festival. It served as a good reminder of why we do what we do: to entertain and inspire others.



Rosemary Thompson The Hnatyshyn
Foundation, Director
To see the Shumka dancers in
Ottawa, just a year after the

war in Ukraine began, gave all of us in the audience so much hope. The arts bring us together, and the Shumka Dancers symbolize what is best about the culture of Ukraine. It was an honour to present them in Ottawa.





Tosha Jerebic Shumka School Parent
This September, as we
begin our thirteenth and
final year with the Shumka

School of Dance, I look back with nothing but love and admiration. When we first took our young twins through the Shumka doors, little did we know the amazing journey we were all about to embark upon. Immediately, we felt included as part of the Shumka family and the bonds which we have created have enriched our lives exponentially. SSD has taught our twins time management, work ethic, respect, and given them amazing opportunities and the bonus of lifelong friendships. From auditioning for professional performances, to traveling with fellow families to competitions, to fun summers spent at Shumka Dance Camps, to opportunities for duets and reaching milestones such as earning the infamous red boots, every moment holds a special memory for our family. As our twins reach SSD Graduation later this year, a tear runs down my cheek as we are forever grateful that we walked through those Shumka doors all those years ago...







Stefania Kostiuk - Shumka Alumni & Board Director Working on Shumka's board has given me many learning opportunities and

has provided me the honour to be part of Shumka's legacy. Working so closely with amazing and intelligent individuals from the company towards a common goal of exploring and promoting Ukrainian culture and dance has been very rewarding. Taking on the role of a board member after recently becoming alumni has offered me a new perspective of what it means to be part of Shumka, and I am thrilled to be part of the company's vision and future.



Zoie McIntyre - Silver Swans & Seniors Can Shumka Dancer Silver Swans and Seniors Can Shumka programs have

helped with my balance, flexibility, and strength. By having to concentrate on many areas of my body during each movement and having to remember the steps, my mental functioning has also improved. The most amazing development for me was the lessening or disappearance of pain caused by arthritis in my spine. Dancing is a wonderful way to express oneself and connect with others...being part of a community is so important!



Sanjay Shahani Edmonton Arts Council
Executive Director
The Edmonton Arts Council
is thrilled to support the hard

work and innovation of Shumka's dancers, staff and volunteers through our annual Operating Investments. For more than 60 years, Shumka has carved an ever-expanding place in the local arts community, making Edmonton a city that is alive with arts and heritage. We would like to congratulate Shumka on their strong international voice in the world of Ukrainian dance, their presence across Canada through frequent touring, innovation in both codifying and stretching the form of Ukrainian dance, and their dedication to collaboration and creation.



Sabrina Hallex Shumka School Parent
The Shumka School of Dance
is more than a dance school.
It is a place where I found

community and fellowship with like-minded kids, parents, and instructors. Sharing our love of dance and culture has brought great maturity and happiness to my three girls. They always look forward to dance days and love the challenge of learning new steps. The girls have attended most of the summer camps and it truly has left a mark on their childhood as some of the best times they have ever had. It is like a party for a whole week with their best friends and getting to do what they love!



Natasha Grant Shumka Dancer &
Shumka School Graduate
The dedication and creativity
that emanates from Shumka

is truly infectious, especially during Shumka: EMERGE in summer of 2022. Seeing fellow dancers test their creative boundaries and find an artistic voice was a remarkable experience. As we resumed the second half of our 60th anniversary tour in the fall of 2022, Shumka on Tour became a breathtaking journey filled with anticipation and the sheer thrill of stepping onto the stage in new cities. The applause, cheering and undeniable connection we shared with the audience always ignited a unique rush of excitement. Being a part of this milestone tour was not just about celebrating our history but also reaffirming our passion for dance and Ukrainian culture. After Shumka on Tour, we began preparing for our upcoming show, Ukrainka. We were given a rare opportunity to collaborate with Tanya and Yaroslav from the Kyiv Ballet where they not only shared their incredible talent but also their wisdom, dedication and passion for the art of dance. The grace displayed by them was mesmerizing, especially during a time when the beauty of Ukrainian culture is currently facing challenges. Working with them was a true privilege and an experience I'll always hold on to. I am proud to be a Shumka dancer and am extremely excited for Ukrainka's debut.

THE COMPANY

Keeping with the momentum of the triumphant first leg of Shumka's 10th national tour to Edmonton, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Regina in the spring of 2022, Shumka's 64th season began with a revival of *Shumka on Tour* for eager audiences at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga, Ontario. Quickly after that, the company returned home to Alberta for final performances in Edmonton and Calgary to close off the long-anticipated tour. After years of delays and alterations to what began as *Shumka's 60th Anniversary Tour* due to pandemic restrictions, the company was glad to finally cross the finish line, proud of the resiliency, dedication, and passion that made it all possible.

The winter holidays looked a little different for Shumka in 2022. After 20 years of bringing holiday magic to North American stages, the sets, drops, and costumes of Shumka's Nutcracker were in need of significant repair. The Nutcracker on Film screening event at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium gave audiences a new kind of Nutcracker experience, featuring family-friendly activities and local guest performers. Surrounding the excitement and support of the event, a message was made clear: Shumka's Nutcracker must return to the stage! Thanks to the generosity of Shumka's Nutcracker Rebuild Donors, Shumka was able to begin the necessary refurbishments in preparation for a full return of the cherished holiday spectacle in 2023 with a Nutcracker Tour to the cities of Edmonton, Camrose, and Victoria.





Shumka has always made clear efforts to position itself as a place of learning and opportunity for new generations of Ukrainian-Canadian artists. In the pursuit of bolstering this long-standing mandate, Shumka: EMERGE debuted in Camrose in the summer of 2022. A proud first for Shumka, *EMERGE* featured seven brand-new works of several aspiring choreographers and directors from within Shumka's company membership. Part workshop and part performance, Shumka: EMERGE provided mentoring and handson professional experience to help nurture the potential future leaders of Canadian-Ukrainian dance.

In the spring of 2023, Shumka began work on Українка - Faces of Lesia, Shumka's newest dance theatre production, in preparation for a world premiere in 2024. The production, inspired by the life and work of the Ukrainian literary figure of the same name, features entirely new choreography, music, costumes, and stories that are sure to resonate with Shumka's audiences. Directed by Shumka Artistic Director Les Sereda, the production features choreography from longtime Nutcracker guest artists from the National Opera of Ukraine's Ballet, Tetyana Lozova and Yaroslav Tkachuk. Central to Українка's development is Ukrainian composer Alexander Rodin, who's symphonic score breathes life into the production, as well as costume designer Anna Ipatieva and set designer Andrii Zliobin, both of whom recently worked with Shumka on Mosquito's Wedding.







THE SCHOOL

Following a return to in-person instruction in the 2021-22 season, the Shumka School of Dance (SSD) forged onwards in 2022 with a sharp focus on bolstering the school's long-established cornerstones of high-caliber technical training, exceptionally equipped teaching staff, and unparalleled performance opportunities.

In the 2022-23 season, the SSD welcomed 216 students with a total of 501 class

registrations across 42 different classes. With core-class instruction following Shumka's Syllabus for Ukrainian Dance to ensure a proper progression of technique, strength, and dance vocabulary, students continued to show promising growth and capability. The SSD prepared a total of 44 dances for participation at three separate dance festivals, as well as performances at St. John's Malanka, Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre, UFest, and two SSD concerts at the Jubilee Auditorium.



STUDIA SHUMKA

As the junior training and performing ensemble of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, the primary purpose of Studia Shumka is to build technique and provide performance experience to young Ukrainian dancers with the intention of preparing them to be accepted into Shumka's professional company. Studia Shumka proudly accepted 17 dancers to the group in 2022 – the largest number of dancers Studia had seen since establishment in 2018. Studia Shumka Director Alyssa Eugenio was pleased to premiere two new dances, Nashi Kozaky and Podillia, further adding to a comprehensive Studia-exclusive repertoire. Near the end of Studia's 2022-23 season, five Studia dancers were offered apprenticeships with Shumka, further proving Studia Shumka's effectiveness in preparing young dancers for the professional company.





SHUMKA SYLLABUS

Shumka's Syllabus for Ukrainian Dance has grown its reach in recent years. Following a detailed refurbishment led by syllabus cocreator Doug Rachinski and SSD Principal Peter Eeles in 2021, the Syllabus for Ukrainian Dance remains the only syllabus of its kind and continues to provide the necessary educational structure to nurture the development of new generations of mature Ukrainian dancers. As of the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year, 214 instructors have attended syllabus training workshops, and the syllabus has been officially adopted by eight dance schools across Canada and the United States, most recently including Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble of Minneapolis and Ballet Academy of Silicon Valley.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS & SUMMER CAMPS

The beating heart of Shumka's outreach initiatives, Seniors Can Shumka and Silver Swans, continued to grow and thrive this year. Besides performances at the Shumka School of Dance's Year End Show, dancers in the Seniors and Swans programs had the opportunity to participate in several different interactive workshops at senior care facilities in the Edmonton area. The 2022-23 season introduced an exciting new program: Seniors Can Salsa! In total, all three programs saw a combined 169 registrants – a 41% increase from the



previous season. Dancers in Shumka's Seniors and Swans programs have quickly formed one of the most passionate, proud, and welcoming communities of dance-enthusiasts under the Shumka umbrella.







Shumka Summer Dance Camps (SSDC) were able to resume normal operations in 2022 after two years of limited capacity due to public health restrictions. Once again offering SSDC's established variety of daycamps and overnight intensives, SSDC saw a dramatic 145% increase in registrations from the year before, nearing a full return to pre-pandemic numbers. The skillful mix of high-caliber dance instruction and exhilarating summer-fun activities enticed new and returning registrants of all ages from across Canada and abroad.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

In 2022, Shumka was awarded the Shevchenko Medal by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. The medal is awarded to individuals or organizations for their outstanding national voluntary contribution towards the development and enhancement of the Ukrainian-Canadian community. Shumka's 60+ year history as a leader and revolutionary not only in the performing arts community, but in the greater diaspora, earned Shumka its place among its fellow recipients, which includes the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and many other noble individuals and organizations.

Shumka was also honoured to receive the Hnatyshyn Foundation's Ukraine – Heritage, Spirit and Future Award in 2022. The award was one of 10 prizes given to Canadian



individuals and groups of Ukrainian heritage in the areas of classical and contemporary performing arts. Shumka was pleased to be invited to perform at the Hnatyshyn Foundation's Ukraine – Heritage, Spirit, and Future Gala in Ottawa in June of 2023, in the presence of the Governor General of Canada and other dignitaries. The gala was organized to simultaneously celebrate the award recipients and raise funds to assist in the reconstruction of an arts facility in Ukraine.

In relevance to some of Shumka's most recent work, the company's short film *Promised Land*, featured in 2022's *Shumka on Tour* performances, received two awards from the Film & Video Arts Society of Alberta (FAVA). The film was awarded both "Outstanding Production Design" and "Outstanding Inter-Art or Installation".





OUR BELOVED UKRAINE

When the full-scale invasion of Ukraine began in February of 2022, Shumka did not stand still. Instead, the company continued to do what it has always done: teach, create, and perform Ukrainian-Canadian dance. Promoting and developing Ukrainian culture has been part of Shumka's mission for decades, and with the onset of the tragic war on Ukraine, the organization was reminded not only of that mission's importance, but its necessity.

By the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year, Shumka had been involved in initiatives that have raised over \$160,000 in aid for Ukraine. Inclusive in this sum is over \$60,000 for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation Aid for Artists, raised through various events, fundraising initiatives, and *Shumka on Tour* donation collections.

In fall of 2022, Shumka decided to begin a campaign to celebrate Local Heroes in the diaspora whose efforts have provided humanitarian aid, military support and immigration assistance to Ukrainian families, friends, and fellow keepers of the culture. Shumka dedicated their fall performance of *Shumka on Tour* in Edmonton to these Local Heroes, which included a pre-show reception, an on-stage thank-you, and a photo with the cast.

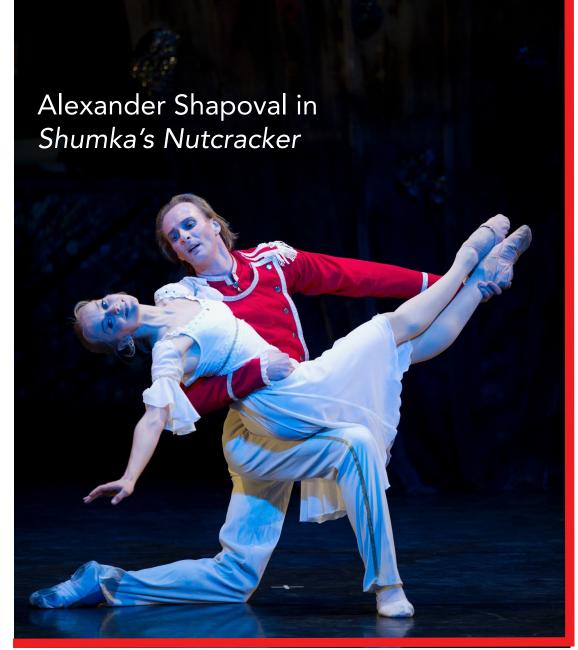




The tragedies of the war on Ukraine have been felt deeply in Shumka's community. Yuri Shevchenko - composer, mentor, and friend of Shumka - passed in the early months of the invasion. Yuri is credited as composer and musical director on many Shumka productions over the last 30 years, including Shumka's Cinderella, Pathways to Hopak, and Kobzar. In September 2022, National Opera of Ukraine artist Alexander (Sasha) Shapoval died in combat while defending Ukraine in its Eastern territories.

Sasha was an accomplished ballet dancer for over 25 years, whose career included performing the roles of the Prince and more recently Mr. Stahlbaum in *Shumka's Nutcracker*. The artistic legacies of Yuri and Sasha continue to live on in Shumka and in the hearts of all those that were fortunate enough to know them. *Вічная пам'ять*. Мау their memory be eternal.

In 2022-23, the company made a distinct effort to uphold collaborative relationships with Ukrainian artists, both in Ukraine and internationally. These relationships are not only important for Shumka, but also for the collaborators, who rely on arts organizations like Shumka to provide a creative outlet and help support their livelihood. The development of Shumka's newest dance theatre production, Українка - Faces of Lesia, began in 2022-23 and features the unique talents of Ukrainian artists in its choreography, music composition, costume design, and set design.





For a full list of Shumka's past, current and future Aid for Ukraine initiatives, please visit our website.

UKRAINIAN SHUMKA DANCERS ACTIVITIES: JUNE 1, 2022 TO MAY 31, 2023

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| 02/06/2022 | 05/06/2022 | Northern Alberta International Children's Festival | Arden Theatre | St. Albert, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Public Whirlwind Dance Workshop with Ukrainian Shumka Dancers |
| 04/06/2022 | 04/06/2022 | Knights of Columbus Dinner & Silent Auction | St Thomas More Parish Hall | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers & Running Thunder | Ancestors & Elders Hopak Video |
| 15/06/2022 | 15/06/2022 | Whirling Dance Discovery Workshop | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | 3 Shumka Facilitators | In studio field trip for students from Alberta School for the Deaf |
| 18/06/2022 | 18/06/2022 | Shumka & Studia Auditions | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Dancer auditions for the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers & Studia Shumka |
| 26/06/2022 | 26/06/2022 | Shumka Hosts a Pride Panel | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Ruby Swanson, Lauren Dzenick, Jasmine Basaraba | Shumka presented a Pride Panel to discuss acceptance and allies in the 2SLGBTQ+ community |
| 26/06/2022 | 26/06/2022 | Hello Ukraine | Shell Theatre Dow | Fort Saskatchewan, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers & Shumka School plus additional Edmonton area Ukrainian dance companies | Ukrainian Song & Dance Showcase Fundraiser for Ukraine |
| 04/07/2022 | 26/08/2022 | Shumka Summer Dance Camps | Shumka Dance Centre & Camp Oselia | Edmonton & Lake Wabamun, AB | Shumka Summer Dance Camp Campers & Instructors | Week-long daytime and overnight camps for children ages 3-18. Dance combined with other Ukrainian/non-Ukrainian activities. |
| 19/07/2022 | 21/07/2022 | Shumka: EMERGE Artist in Residency Week | Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Centre for the Performing Arts | Camrose, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | In-theatre experimentation and technical training for Shumka's emerging artists |
| 22/07/2022 | 22/07/2022 | Shumka: EMERGE Performance & Premiere of Urban Hopak | Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Centre for the Performing Arts | Camrose, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Premiere of 7 new works followed by Artist-Audience Post Show talk |
| 10/09/2022 | 31/05/2023 | Shumka School of Dance | Shumka Dance Centre & St. Sophia's Parish | Edmonton & Sherwood Park, AB | Shumka Instructors & School Students | Shumka School of Dance regular season |
| 23/09/2022 | 24/09/2022 | Shumka on Tour | Living Arts Centre | Mississauga, ON | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Celebrating 60+ years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers |
| 03/10/2022 | 03/10/2022 | St. Matthew Ukrainian Bilingual Shumka School training program | St. Matthew School | Edmonton, AB | 2 Shumka Dancers | Dancers in costume reading Mosquito's Wedding raising awareness |
| 05/10/2022 | 06/10/2022 | Shumka Student Matinees | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | One hour performances for schools and seniors |
| 07/10/2022 | 07/10/2022 | Shumka on Tour | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Celebrating 60+ years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers |

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| 15/10/2022 | 15/10/2022 | Shumka on Tour | Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Calgary, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Celebrating 60+ years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers |
| 17/10/2022 | 05/12/2022 | Seniors Can Shumka Outreach Program | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 17/10/2022 | 05/12/2022 | Silver Swans – Ballet for 55+ | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 17/10/2022 | 07/10/2022 | Seniors Can Salsa Outreach Program | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Guest Instructor Leo Gonzalez from Cuban Movement Dance Academy | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 01/11/2022 | 01/11/2022 | Promised Land - Online Premiere | Filmed at Ukrainian Village | Virtual | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers & Shumka School of Dance | Shumka's newest dance short film released online |
| 07/12/2022 | 07/12/2022 | Alberta Ballet's Nutcracker Storytime | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Storytime Reader to guests before Nutcracker performance |
| 09/12/2022 | 11/12/2022 | Shumka Guest Artists in Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's <i>Nutcracker</i> | Aspen District Theatre | Aspen, Colorado, USA | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Four guest performances of Shumka's Hopak - abridged version in Nutcracker |
| 09/12/2022 | 18/12/2022 | Shumka Guest Artist in Space Coast Ballet's <i>Nutcracker</i> | King Centre for the Arts | Melbourne, Florida, USA | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Two guest performances in Nutcracker |
| 17/12/2022 | 17/12/2022 | Shumka's Nutcracker on Film | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Screening/Fundraising Event |
| 17/12/2022 | 18/12/2022 | Shumka Guest Artists in Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's <i>Nutcracker</i> | Lensic Performing Arts Centre | Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Four guest performances of Shumka's Hopak - abridged version in Nutcracker |
| 23/12/2022 | 23/12/2022 | Nutcracker Outreach Event at Seniors Residence | Seasons Retirement Community | Camrose, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Nutcracker event at seniors residence |
| 03/01/2023 | 03/01/2023 | Shumka's Hopak & Kobzari Kozachok Films as Intermission Entertainment | Clare Drake Arena | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | U of A Golden Bears vs Ukraine U25 Juniors Hockey Team |
| 09/01/2023 | 06/03/2023 | Silver Swans – Ballet for 55+ | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 11/01/2023 | 01/03/2023 | Seniors Can Salsa Outreach Program | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 13/01/2023 | 13/01/2023 | St. John's Malanka | St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Cultural Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka School of Dance Students | Ukrainian New Year's Celebration |
| 16/01/2023 | 16/01/2023 | Mulicultural Day | Al Mustafa Academy | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Videos of Shumka's Hopak and Ancestors & Elders sent to school for multicultural celebration |
| 19/01/2023 | 19/01/2023 | Jube School | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Dancer | Dance Workshop for Grade 3 students visiting the Jubilee Auditorium |

| Date from dd/mm/yy | Date to dd/mm/yy | Name of Self-Produced Public Performance, Event, Tour, Workshop, Class or Exhibition | Venue | City/Town/ Province | Artist, Participant (s) | Description |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|------------------------|---|---|
| 22/01/2023 | 22/01/2023 | Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival | Alberta Avenue District | Edmonton, AB | Studia Shumka | Winter festival celebrating a mosaic of cultures |
| 30/01/2023 | 30/01/2023 | UFest Documentary on Optik TV | Filmed at Borden Park | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers/ Shumka School of Dance | Documentary filmed by Telus at UFest 2022 |
| 05/02/2023 | 05/02/2023 | General Hospital Performance | General Hospital | Edmonton, AB | Shumka School of Dance Students | Performance for Continuing Care Residents |
| 12/02/2023 | 12/02/2023 | Shumka School of Dance Winter Concert | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Shumka School Students & Studia Shumka | Celebration of Dance by students of Shumka School & Studia Shumka |
| 17/02/2023 | 17/02/2023 | Seniors Interactive Workshop | Shepherd's Care Millwoods | Edmonton, AB | Seniors Can Shumka & Silver Swans Dancers | Dance workshop with the seniors living at a care centre |
| 23/02/2023 | 23/02/2023 | Seniors Interactive Workshop | Aster Gardens Seniors Residence | Sherwood Park, AB | Seniors Can Shumka & Silver Swans Dancers | Dance workshop with the seniors living at a care centre |
| 08/03/2023 | 08/03/2023 | Seniors Interactive Workshop | Shepherd's Care Millwoods | Edmonton, AB | Seniors Can Shumka & Ukrainian dancers | Dance workshop with the seniors living at a care centre |
| 13/03/2023 | 13/03/2023 | Jube School | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Dancers & Shumka's Creative Director | Dance Workshop for Grade 6 students centred around <i>Promised Land</i> film |
| 27/03/2023 | 15/05/2023 | Seniors Can Shumka Outreach Program | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 27/03/2023 | 15/05/2023 | Silver Swans – Ballet for 55+ | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 29/03/2023 | 17/05/2023 | Seniors Can Salsa Outreach Program | Shumka Dance Centre | Edmonton, AB | Shumka Outreach Instructor | Dance/fitness program for seniors |
| 05/05/2023 | 05/05/2023 | Taste of Eastglen Performance | Eastglen High School | Edmonton, AB | Studia Shumka | Performance as part of Eastglen High School's "Taste of Eastglen" cultural celebrations |
| 07/05/2023 | 07/05/2023 | Shumka School of Dance Year End Show | Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Studia Shumka, Silver Swans, Seniors Can Shumka | Celebration of Dance by students of Shumka School, Studia Shumka & Seniors Ourtreach Classes |
| 20/05/2023 | 20/05/2023 | BRAVO! Ukraine | University Theatre | Calgary, AB | Studia Shumka | Performance as part of fundraiser for Ukraine |
| 26/05/2023 | 27/05/2023 | UFest | Borden Park | Edmonton, AB | Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Studia Shumka, Silver Swans, Seniors Can Shumka | Outdoor festival & celebration of Ukrainian culture |

SHUMKA BY THE NUMBERS

June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023



7 Emerging artist projects

17
Dancers in
Studia Shumka

Instructors –
SSD: 9 plus 6 Lead
and 13 Junior;
SSDC: 9 Instructors



211 Students in 2022 Shumka Summer Dance Camps (SSDC)

25
Shumka Summer
Dance Camp
personnel –
23 Leaders-inTraining; 2 Camp
Coordinators



221Active donors and funders

83 New donors

710Gifts received

42 GEMs (Donors who Give Every Month)





11Board members

7
Artistic team and committee members

Staff – 4 full time; 4 artistic contracts; 5 production contracts; 1 admin contract

644,518+

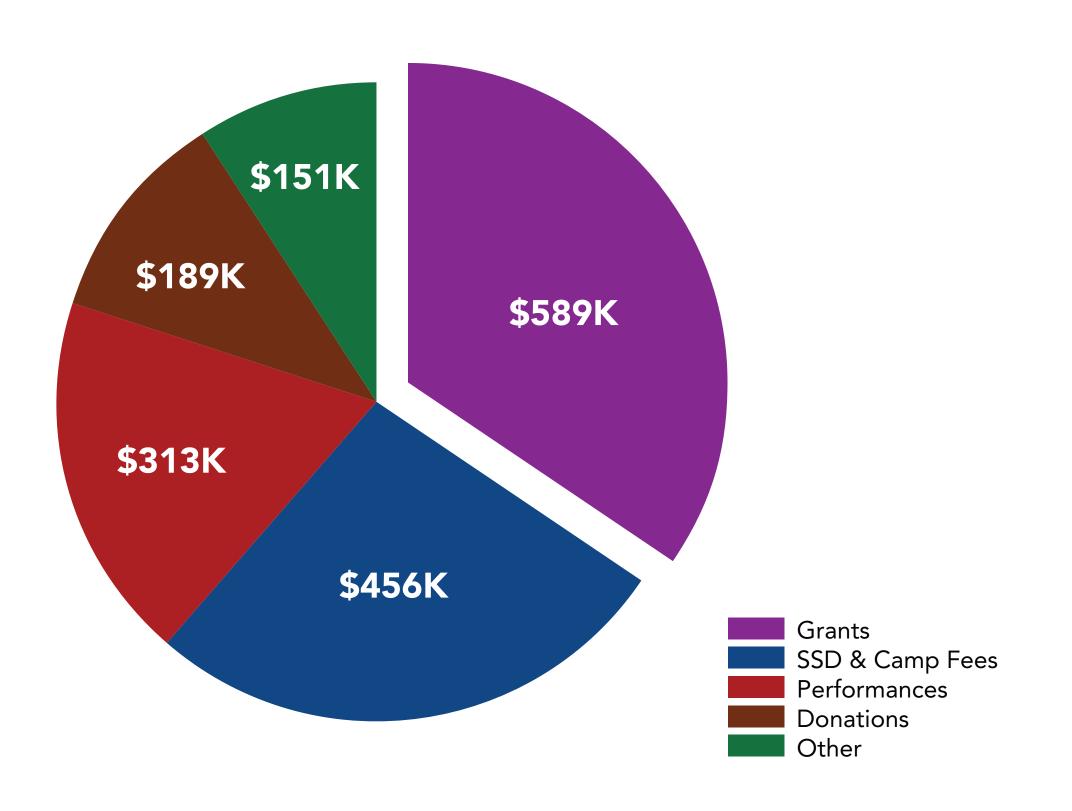
Online Engagement (with comparison to previous year) – Facebook: 460,000 (up 27%); Twitter/X: 1518 (up 25%); Instagram: up 137%; YouTube & Facebook Live: 183,000 (up 20%)

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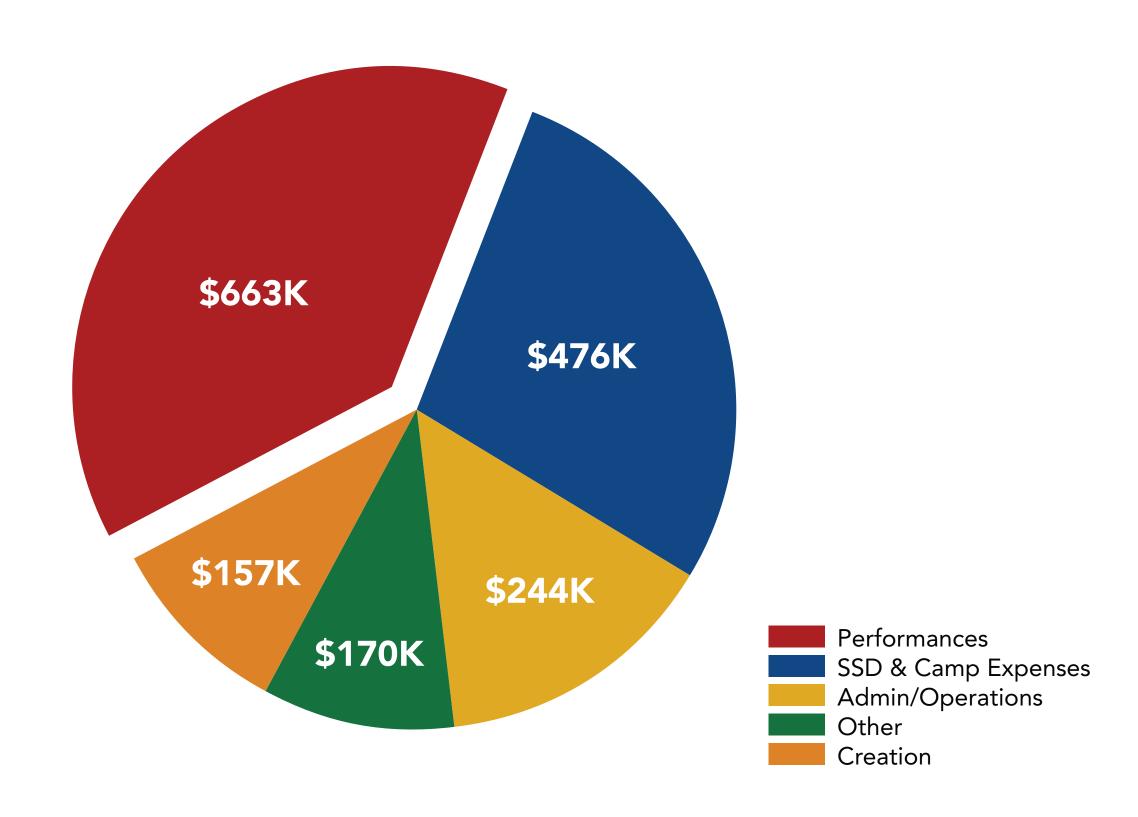
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & NOTES

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2023 REVENUE OVERVIEW



2023 EXPENSE OVERVIEW



ENDOWMENT FUND

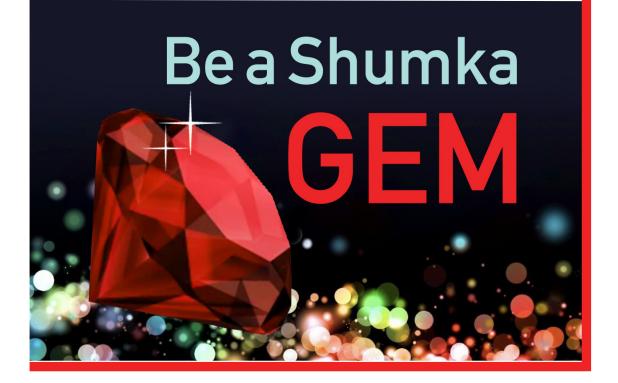
Sustainability is key to Shumka's financial future. To mark the 60th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, an Endowment Fund through the Edmonton Community Foundation was established in 2019. An initial donation from the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers Alumni Association provided this legacy project a solid start. Further contributions will be partially matched annually by the Canadian Cultural Investment Fund, through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

An endowment is a pool of money that is invested, with investment returns provided to the charity to use for their operations. Donations are made into the fund and they are then held and invested in the endowment forever, with only the returns being pulled for the organization's operations.

The Endowment Fund is instrumental in securing Shumka's long-term financial stability. In time, Shumka aspires to have the endowment returns act as one of our major annual revenue sources to help with the creation and presentation of new works.

Leave your legacy with Shumka. See your funds make a difference by donating today or join our donors who have bequeathed funds to the endowment in their wills. For more information or to donate, contact shumka@shumka.com.





SHUMKA GEMS

In addition to regular performance fees, Shumka incurs a number of operational expenses throughout the year, from areas such as facility upkeep, rent, janitorial, utilities, accounting, and legal. With the help of monthly donor support, Shumka is able to continually cover these expenses, which becomes especially helpful in times between large performances and school tuition timelines when cash flow is decreased. In turn, this allows Shumka the financial stability to take on more performing opportunities and to reach wider audiences.

Shumka was proud to see its number of monthly supporters or GEMs (Give Every Month) grow by 8% from the end of last fiscal year. We thank our Shumka GEMs for being the stable backbone of Shumka's day-to-day, and we encourage all of our supporters to join them in their generosity which allows us to explore and create in a more predictable donorship environment.

For more information on becoming a Shumka GEM, visit the Shumka website or email shumka@shumka.com.

FUNDERS & DONORS

Shumka GEMs - Give Every Month

Shumka Whirlwind Endowment Fund Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF)

You make such a difference with your support and Shumka is grateful. As donors, you keep our boots dancing and our dreams alive!

Shumka is ever grateful and acknowledges the following individuals, families, companies, foundations, and funders for their generous help. This list recognizes monetary and in-kind donations received between June 1st, 2022 - May 31st, 2023.

There have also been a number of donations made since the start of our new fiscal year. To view the current donor list and benefits, please visit the Shumka website.

Whirlwind Visionary (\$50,000+)

Alberta Foundation for the Arts Alberta Ministry of Culture Canada Council for the Arts **Edmonton Arts Council Edmonton Community Foundation** Northern Industrial Carriers Ltd.

- Simon Sochatsky

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of Taras Shevchenko

Ukrainian National Federation of Canada

Evan Zukiwsky & Patty Tachynski 🚨 📽

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Anonymous 🌿

Anonymous 🔊

Anonymous

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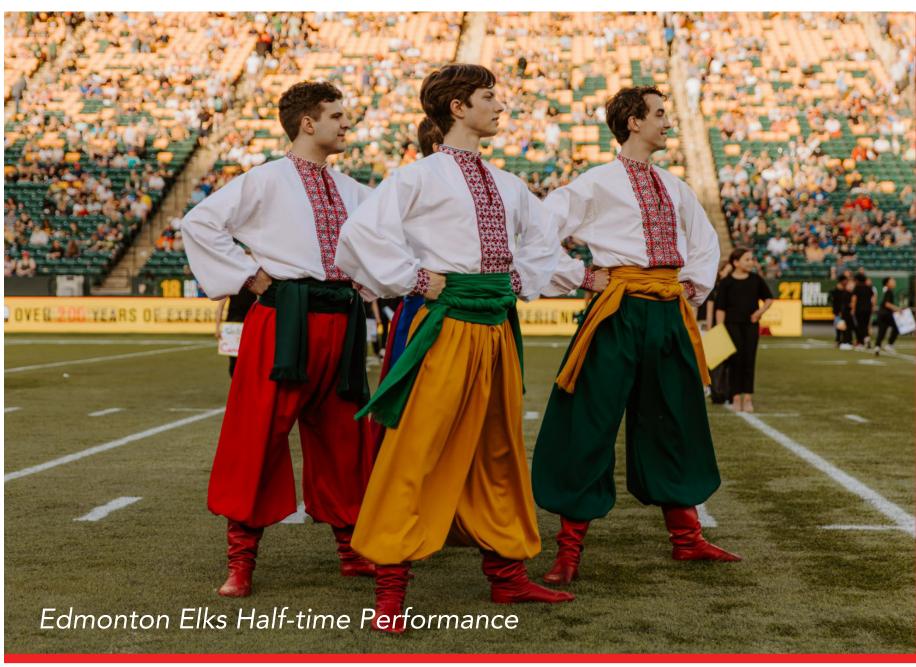
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