



NADIYA UKRAINE  
PROGRAM



Taras Shevchenko National Opera House

# WELCOME TO NADIYA UKRAINE

Ukraine is fighting for freedom – for itself and the world. Besieged by a tyrannical regime who seeks to destroy our people, sovereignty, and culture. Many theatres, museums, and concert halls renowned for their architecture, art, and music now lay in ruins – bombed, looted, desecrated. Our existence and history are under threat like never before.

But amid this darkness, there is light. The spirit of the Ukrainian people is alive wherever we draw breath and strengthens our resilience to defend our lands. As this curtain rises, the National Ballet of Ukraine from the Taras Shevchenko National Opera and Ballet Theater embark as ambassadors on a daring charitable tour across Canada which we support and endorse with great pride.

These dancers are not simply showcasing Ukrainian culture, they are preserving it, reminding the world that our identity has always been our own. Let every movement, graceful step, and daring leap tell of Ukraine’s amazing history and the countless preceding generations that made us who we are.

The humanitarian needs across Ukraine today are profound. From emergency needs on the frontlines, to shelter for children in schools, and kindergartens. From digital devices for those displaced to continue their education, to the reconstruction of our homes and hospitals. The organisers of this tour are supporting qualified charitable organisations which work across Ukraine to help our people survive and rebuild. But they cannot accomplish this alone.

In this hour of need, we turn to you, our friends in Canada, for love and support. We wish you enjoy amazing performances, feel inspired with Ukrainian culture, and be sure that only life can triumph over death, only light can overcome darkness, and only beauty can defeat destruction. Only together we will win.

Funds raised during this incredible tour will be directed to charities supporting Ukrainians and our children. All participants will become a part of our mission – to restore and improve the lives of people in Ukraine. To become stronger than we were, despite this brutal war.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people amid our continued struggle for democracy, dignity, and the future.



**Olena Zelenska**  
First Lady of Ukraine



Dear Friends of Ukraine,

The Embassy of Ukraine in Canada would like to enthusiastically endorse the Canadian tour of the internationally-renowned National Ballet of Ukraine from the Taras Shevchenko National Opera and Ballet Theater in Kyiv. These cross-country performance dates are an opportunity for Canadians to stand with Ukraine and affirm the power of art and beauty over tyranny and devastation – not to mention witness some of the most talented ballet dancers in the world!

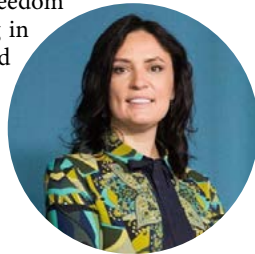
Since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022, Russia seeks to destroy our sovereign nation, not only through the occupation of land, but through the subjugation of our people and the destruction of our cultural heritage. While much has been lost and so many people displaced, the international community has supported us to help preserve our rich history, arts, and traditions. For this we will be forever grateful.

Amid this continuing war, the dancers from the National Ballet of Ukraine will use music, poetry, and art to showcase our culture to North America and raise funds to support humanitarian aid in their homeland. All fundraising proceeds go toward helping Ukrainians affected by the war, so they can help others rebuild our country tomorrow.

We proudly invite all Canadians to join us for these splendid afternoons and evenings of unforgettable ballet– together, we can restore Ukraine’s freedom and the integrity of the free world. Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and our continued struggle for democracy, dignity, and independence.

Slava Ukraini!

**Yuliya KOVALIV**  
Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada



We are glad to welcome you on behalf of the dancers of the Taras Shevchenko National Academic Opera and Ballet Theater of Ukraine.

For us, this event has a sense of deep meaning as our country is going through a difficult time caused by the aggression of Russia.

Under these conditions, it is especially important for us to demonstrate Ukrainian artists and patriots serving the cause of peace, democracy and humanism through art.



We are deeply grateful to everyone who made efforts to implement this unique project, confirming the support of Canada to Ukraine in our struggle for freedom and independence.

**Petro CHUPRYNA**  
General Director – Artistic Manager  
of the Taras Shevchenko National Academic  
Opera and Ballet Theatre of Ukraine,  
Peoples’ Artist of Ukraine, Academician

## EMMY® AWARD WINNING

This historic performance by the National Ballet of Ukraine from the Taras Shevchenko National Opera House was first performed live in August 2022 at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando, Florida. Accompanied by the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, this monumental performance united Ukraine and America in sharing the light of hope to the world through the power of art and expression. This one-night performance raised more than \$1 million for humanitarian aid programs to help Ukrainians impacted by the Russian invasion.



Presented by the Ginsburg Family Foundation, this performance was filmed and produced by the Adrenaline Films, in partnership with Full Sail University and Parable Foundation. In December 2023, this broadcast of “Nadiya Ukraine: The National Ballet of Ukraine” was honored at the 47th Annual Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards winning Best Special Event Coverage – Edited.

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THE NATIONAL BALLET OF UKRAINE





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## THE NATIONAL BALLET OF UKRAINE

Comprising 150 dancers, the National Ballet of Ukraine is considered one of the top-ranked ballet companies in the world. Prior to the outbreak of war in February 2022, the company staged 16 productions every month at the Taras Shevchenko National Opera House in Kyiv.

Following Ukrainian independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, the National Ballet of Ukraine began extensive international touring, performing across North America, Europe and Asia. Choreographer Anatoly Shekera directed the company from 1992 to 2000 and was a driving force behind bringing it to international prominence. Kyiv State Ballet College within the Taras Shevchenko National Opera House produces some of the most respected ballet talent for the world stage. Agrippina Vaganova, inventor of the legendary Vaganova ballet method, worked and taught at the Kyiv State Ballet College.

The ballet company on the North America Tour features premier soloists including: Natalia Matsak, People's Artist of Ukraine; Olga Golytsia, Honor Artist of Ukraine; Tetiana Lozova, Honor Artist of Ukraine; Olga Kifiak, Honor Artist of Ukraine. This company has danced all over the world and is responsible for keeping the national and classical repertoire standards for the Taras Shevchenko National Opera House.

## TARAS SHEVCHENKO NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE

Petro Chupryna  
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Artistic Director

## UKRAINIAN DANCERS FROM THE NATIONAL BALLET OF UKRAINE

### Principals

Iryna Borysova  
Olga Golytsia  
Olga Kifiak  
Sergiy Kryvokon  
Volodymyr Kutuzov  
Tetiana Lozova  
Nataliia Matsak  
Oleksandr Skulkin  
Mykyta Sukhorukov  
Yaroslav Tkachuk

### Corps de Ballet

Ivan Avdijevski  
Hanna Dobrova  
Alina Duliesova  
Olena Karandieieva  
Daniela Kipen  
Oleksandra Koshova  
Daria Kosmina  
Kateryna Kurchenko  
Illia Morozov  
Daniil Silkin  
Maryna Stepanchenko  
Artem Tymoshenko  
Anastasiia Zaberezhna

## PRODUCTION

Sergii Bondur  
Ballet Manager

Kseniia Ivanenko  
Stage Director

Oleksandr Myakushko  
Lighting Designer

Oleksandr Rizol  
Sound Engineer

Svitlana Mangusheva  
Costume Designer

Nina Beletska  
Make-up Artist







# PROGRAM

## OPENING

Welcome  
Canadian National Anthem  
Ukrainian National Anthem

### Grand pas from “Don Quixote”

Music by: L.Minkus  
Performed by: Natalia Matsak (Kitri),  
Sergii Kryvokon (BasyI),  
Kitri’s friends - Maryna  
Stepanchenko, Kateryna Kurchenko,  
Corps de ballet - Alina Duliesova,  
Daria Kosmina, Anastasiia  
Zaberezhna, Daniela Kipen

### Pas de deux from “Esmeralda”

Music by: C.Pugni – R.Drigo  
Performed by: Iryna Borysova,  
Volodymyr Kutuzov

### Melody in A Minor

Music by: Myroslav Skoryk\*  
Performed by: Olga Golytsia, Mykyta  
Sukhorukov

### Pas de deux from “Harlequinade”

Music by: R.Drigo  
Performed by: Tetiana Lozova,  
Yaroslav Tkachuk

### Pas d’esclave from “Le Corsair” (adagio, code)

Music by: Adolphe Adam  
Performed by: Olga Kifiak, Oleksandr  
Skulkin

### Pas de deux from “Giselle”

Music by: Adolphe Adam  
Performed by: Kateryna Kurchenko,  
Daniil Silkin

### Prayer for the Fallen from “Lacrimosa”

Music by: W. A. Mozart  
Performed by: Natalia Matsak, Sergii  
Kryvokon, Volodymyr Kutuzov

## INTERMISSION

### Adagio from “Forest Song”

Music by: M.Skorulsky\*  
Performed by: Tetiana Lozova,  
Yaroslav Tkachuk  
Corps de ballet - Alina Duliesova,  
Ganna Dobrova, Daniela Kipen,  
Daria Kosmina, Oleksandra Koshova,  
Anastasiia Zaberezhna

### Pas de deux from “Le Corsaire”

Music by: Adolphe Adam  
Performed by: Olga Golytsia, Mykyta  
Sukhorukov, Daniil Silkin

### Pas de deux from “La Sylphide”

Music by: H.S. von Levenshold  
Performed by: Olga Kifiak, Oleksandr  
Skulkin

### “The Night Before Christmas”

Music by: Ie.Stankovych\*  
Performed by: Olena Karandieieva,  
Volodymyr Kutuzov, Ivan Avdijevski,  
Illia Morozov

### Kozachok, folk music

Performed by: Iryna Borysova

### Hopak from “Taras Bulba”

Music by: Mykola Lysenko\*  
Performed by: All participants of the  
concert

*\*Ukrainian composer*

## FINALE





The full military invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 has caused mass civilian casualties and the destruction of countless homes, hospitals, schools, and cultural sites. The war in Ukraine remains one of the most dangerous conflicts in the world due to its regional and global implications, humanitarian impact, and potential for escalation.

Every day, innocent civilians bear the brunt of this war, especially children, the elderly, those with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. The United Nations reports that at least 6 million Ukrainians have fled to neighboring countries or farther abroad, with another 8 million internally displaced by ongoing violence. People in displacement centers and communities living on the frontline in damaged homes without access to heating are particularly at risk. Millions of Ukrainians facing another winter of war need immediate humanitarian assistance – everything from food and water to shelter and medicine.

The deliberate destruction of Ukrainian theaters, museums, music halls and UNESCO heritage sites has been a consistent feature of the conflict, amounting to a cultural genocide. Artists, musicians, dancers, writers, poets and creatives of all kinds have fled the country, jeopardizing Ukraine's rich cultural heritage.

Your attendance at these dazzling performances across Canada supports the arts and talented artists, while donations directly fund non-profits operating in Ukraine. HUMANITE and the Olena Zelenska Foundation work directly with Ukrainian families to provide crisis relief, refugee aid, and seed long-term projects to rebuild the country once peace prevails.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

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Paula Bronstein (top)  
Aris Messinis (bottom)



## BENEFICIARIES



Olena Zelenska  
Foundation

On September 22, 2022, Olena Zelenska presented her Foundation during a charity evening in New York City during the 77th UN General Assembly. The Foundation's primary goal is to restore Ukraine's human capital so that every Ukrainian feels physically and mentally healthy, protected, and able to exercise their right to education, work, and build a future in Ukraine. The Foundation has three key directions: healthcare, education and humanitarian aid. Within these areas, the Foundation provides targeted assistance to Ukrainians who have lost their homes due to the war, as well as to large foster families from the frontline regions. It supplies technology to teachers and students who cannot attend schools due to the war, and also repairs shelters in schools and kindergartens. The key healthcare project is the restoration of the Iziium Hospital in the Kharkiv region.

### Additional Beneficiaries

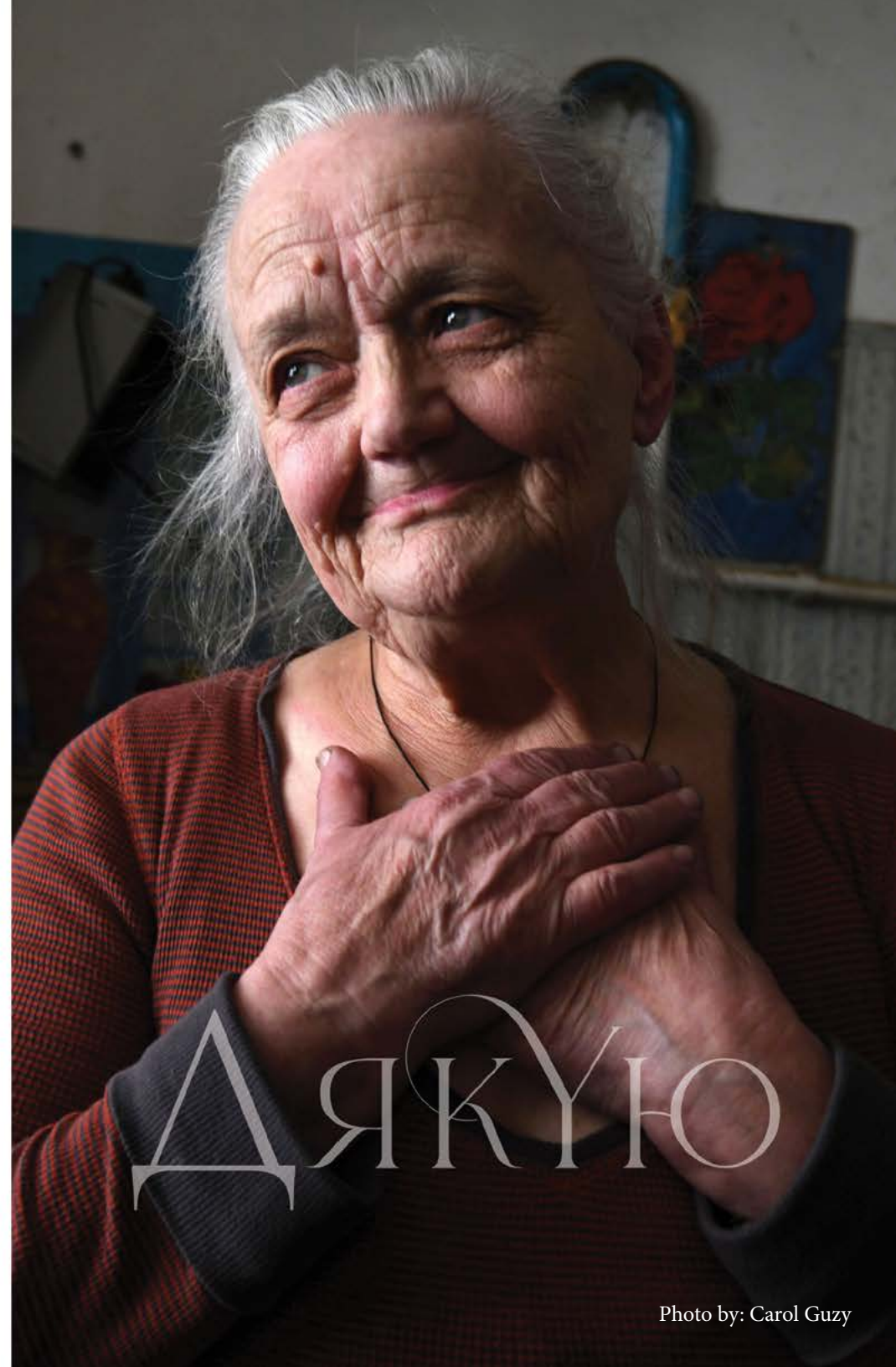
Additional qualified beneficiaries will be awarded grants which provide critical human services on the ground in Ukraine based on the current circumstances of the conflict.

## DONATED FUNDS

- Collected and distributed by HUMANITE, a nonprofit collective with longstanding experience meeting the needs of people in conflict zones and rebuilding efforts.
- Distributions are awarded through a formal grant submission process with ongoing professional support, monitoring, evaluation, and learning.
- Public reports will be provided by HUMANITE Canada on how the funds were distributed to help the Ukrainian people.

## HUMANITE

HUMANITE is a global peace collective working to reduce the inequalities and exclusions in fragile states that lead to violence. Founded by refugees and war survivors, HUMANITE takes a unique, survivor-led approach to local peace, prioritizing full-cycle support for the communities it serves, before, during, and after war. Their humanitarian work has been covered by The New York Times, CNN, The Washington Post, the BBC, Al Jazeera, and countless others. As an organization founded by refugees and war survivors, HUMANITE challenges the status quo of humanitarian aid and brings a fresh, local perspective to the sector, aiming to raise the quality of work and impact for people in need.



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# CANADIAN-UKRAINIAN ARTIST COLLABORATIONS

It is very intentional to include the local Canadian-Ukrainian community of each city into these performances. Together we demonstrate and celebrate Ukrainian culture as a unified community through our national anthems and traditional folk dance. We are honored to recognise the individuals and groups who have made these performances so meaningful:

Akord Ukrainian Men's Choir of Ottawa

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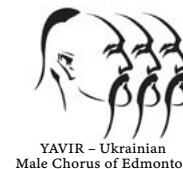
Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble

Yuriy Konevych

Zabutnyy Dance Company



# SINGERS



Yuriy Konevych



Olesia Shewchuk



Andrii Svyrsa



# DANCERS

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Слава Україні!



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The Huculak Foundation is very happy to support the National Ballet of Ukraine Canadian Tour and the Olena Zelenska Foundation. At a time when Ukraine's future is at risk as a result of unprovoked Russian aggression, it's vital to support the strong and rich culture of its people.

We celebrate the partnership between the Ukrainian National Ballet and the Olena Zelenska Foundation, which is making great strides in the rebuilding of healthcare and educational infrastructure and the delivery of humanitarian aid where it is most needed.

Enjoy the performance and please keep Ukraine in your hearts!

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BALLET OF UKRAINE**



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**We stand with Ukraine and keep the  
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peaceful, free,  
and democratic  
country.*

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*Culture and sport, vectors of peace.*



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