



Dear Ukrainian Dance Schools and Instructors;

Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble is pleased to invite you to the seventh annual Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival from March 15 – 17, 2019. We are thrilled to announce our new venue for this year, the brand new Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre at Garden City Collegiate 711 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The new facility features state of the art auditorium, spacious changing facilities, ample *free* parking, and a large front lobby area.

Extra copies of entry forms are available for download on our website ([www.troyanda.com](http://www.troyanda.com)). For your convenience, an excel version of the entry form is also available for download. To register for the 2019 Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival, please print and email or mail the forms. Please take the time to review the official Festival rules as there have been many changes and additions.

#### **Highlights to Official Rule Changes:**

- **AGE LIMITS:**

Age of participant shall be considered as of January 1 of the festival year. Averages that calculate as a fraction will be rounded to the nearest whole number to determine the appropriate age category. Should an older teacher/student be registered as a part of a **character** entry, this dancer will not be included in the average age calculation.

- **ENTRY CATEGORIES:**

Performing Ensemble : Senior groups that represent the school in a performing capacity. Also: Enrichment classes. These classes will be adjudicated following a different rubric than all other entries, and are eligible for awards and scholarships.

- **TIME LIMITS:**

Solo:           3 minutes  
Duet:           3 minutes  
Trio:            3 minutes

- Music is the responsibility of the instructor and can be played through iPhone/iPod/iPad, computer or CD. A professional sound system will be provided during the festival. Instructors will be responsible for pressing play when their dance is to start. It is advised to have a backup of music on a CD/iPod in case of technical difficulties. All music must be ready (1) entry prior to performance by the instructor of the group to maintain proper scheduling.

- **SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE**

Will take place on Sunday, March 17 at 4:30 pm. The showcase will consist of winners of all scholarships and awards, all Hopak entries, as well as a dance chosen by participating schools if they did not receive an award.

**Important Dates:**

**January 11, 2019** – Final deadline for entry submission. Entries must be postmarked by this date. Once entries are received, a confirmation email will be sent to the Contact Person listed on your summary form.

**February 1, 2019** – No changes to entries can be made past this date. Exceptions will be made for medical reasons.

**February 4, 2019** – A draft schedule will be released to allow schools to review for any missing entries, spelling errors, etc. Corrections will be accepted for **10 days only**. Exact performance times are subject to change following the draft release; however, changes to dates will be minimized.

**February 15, 2019** – The final schedule will be released one month prior to the Festival allowing schools to notify their dancers and parents of performance times. No changes can be made after this date. If emergency situations/cancelations arise, the final schedule will not be changed, but the emcee will announce any changes during the Festival weekend.

We look forward to our upcoming communication with you as we prepare for a weekend of culture, excitement, and dance!

Sincerely,

Carina Romagnoli  
Festival Chair  
Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival