



Dear Friends of the Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival,

As the world continues to be a very strange place, we are unable to safely host an in-person Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival for 2021. However, we know how hard you have been working to provide a sense of normalcy for our beloved dancers and the creativity that has ensued in order to make things work. Therefore, I am pleased to announce MUDF for 2021 will be virtual! Attached is the Festival information book that includes all necessary information.

I know this year is tricky. Everyone has hopes and plans for a potential year-end recital of some sort, but whether or not this will be possible remains to be seen. That being said, I have altered the way we will be accepting entries for this year's festival in order to provide some flexibility.

I encourage you to enter every solo, duet, trio and group dance you have planned for this year regardless of whether they have happened yet or not. You will not be invoiced for any entries at this point, just encouraged to dream big! I ask that these entries are completed electronically and submitted by **March 1, 2021**. On **April 12, 2021** I will contact each of you for a final tally of your submissions. As with everything else this year, I expect things to change with your entries. If you find that you were not able to make your group dances work, let me know. If you managed to teach more solos to your dancers and want them entered, let me know. We will make as many changes as needed to meet the needs of your school's reality. I ask that you let me know by **April 19, 2021** what your school's final entries will be. At this time, I will invoice the school for entries received. It is the expectation of the Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival that ***all provincial health and safety protocols are followed in the submission of entries.***

You have until **May 10, 2021** to submit video files of your entries. Files will be uploaded to the Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival Google Drive. More information on how to complete this task will follow in April. During Festival weekend **May 14 – 16, 2021**, our accomplished adjudicator Mr. Dave Ganert will view each entry and provide a full adjudication as well as an overall mark.

As our situation continues to evolve, I urge you to ask questions and provide feedback. I may not have all of the answers immediately, but I promise to work with everyone to make this a great experience for all involved!

Happy New Year! Stay well, stay dancing!

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Festival Chair  
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