

DESNA Spring Showcase Program

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- Zviriatka Parents & Tots Lesia Harhaj
- 2. Persha Hutzulka Zaychyky
 Christina Zenchuk & Andrew Panczenko
- Volynskyj Tanok Mak Yuri Grekov
- Bukovynskyj Tanok Dnipro Luba Grekov
- 5. **Bukovynka** Zirky *Adriana Wasylyk*
- 6. **Hutzulskyj Tanok** Veselka *Halyna Polischuk*
- Spring Rain Sofia Bolonna, Sofia Matla & Larysa Grod Yuri Grekov
- 8. **Hutzul** DESNA Company & Apprentice Yuri & Luba Grekov

- 9. **Varenyky** Adult Class & boys from Mak and Dnipro Instructor: Adriana Wasylyk Choreography: Yuri & Luba Grekov
- 10. **Zabava** Zirky Adriana Wasylyk
- 11. Hopachok Mak Yuri Grekov
- 12. **Polka** Dnipro Luba Grekov
- Kozachok DESNA Company Yuri & Luba Grekov
- 14. **Doroha** Veselka *Halyna Polischuk*
- 15. **Hutzul Duet** DESNA Apprentice Lesia Harhaj
- 16. **Hutzuly** Mak & Dnipro Yuri & Luba Grekov
- 17. FINALE All dancers

DESNA School (2015-2016 Season) Event Summary



ivana Kupala: July 2015 The DESNA School joined the DESNA Ukrainian Dance Company at Hawkestone last July to perform at the annual Ivana Kupala Festival. It was a fun-filled day of swimming and barbeque,



Halloween: Oct 2015
This year we invited our classes to dress up in their best Halloween costumes and they out-did themselves! The costumes were out of this world and made for a fun class.





"Teach Me To Dance" Toronto Ukrainian Festival: Sept 2015
The DESNA School of Dance once again hosted the Teach Me To
Dance intervals on the Runnymede Stage during the Ukrainian
Festival. We are the only school who participates in this way and we
have always had a positive response. In addition to the stage segments, the students walked (danced) in the parade and dazzled the
audiences with their spins and impressive footwork.

Bowling Night: Nov 2015 We had a great time at our annual bowling night! We had the largest turnout to date with a full 14 lanes! We raised just under \$700 from this event. It's always a good way for the kids and parents to mingle and have a enjoy a fun evening.





Youth Festival of Ukrainian Dance: Feb 2016

In February, all of the Ukrainian Dance schools in the GTA and surrounding areas got together and put on a fabulous show at the Living Arts Centre. This was the first time DESNA School was asked to be involved and the first time the kids danced on such a large stage - Veselka, Dnipro and Mak all participated and they did an amazing job! What a great show!



Christmas Concert: Dec 2015
As usual the kids had a blast showing off what they had learned to their family and friends. They did so well that even St. Nicholas paid them a visit. It's always a fun show that brings us all together before we wrap up for Christmas Holidays.



What a fabulous way to start the new year! A group of students (and parents) enjoyed a FULL day of caroling - organizing kudos goes to Natalka Markewycz who organized a seamless day which maximized our fundraising efforts. This year the school raised just over \$1,250.00. Thank you for all of the dancers and parents that participated. Way to go!

Koliada: Jan 2016

DESNA Administration Message

What a Year!!

We would like to say how proud we are of all of our dancers. You have worked so hard and we have seen a tremendous amount of improvements in each and every one of you. You are awesome!

As school directors, our overarching mission was to create a DESNA School of Dance Community. Last year we had 3 major goals that reflected our mission: increase enrollment & the number of classes, have a large presence within the Ukrainian Dance community and organize and run a Ukrainian summer dance camp. Having met this goal, this year was all about growth and solidifying a reputation for the DESNA School of Dance within the dance community. We shifted our focus on involving all you lovely parents with volunteer hours and fundraising initiatives. We have seen the school really take shape this year and we were very happy to see everyone pitch in and help where they could – thank you to ALL of you, you have made this year a success!

We want to thank everyone involved with the school and keeping it running like a well-oiled machine. To all our wonderful instructors: Yuri & Luba Grekov, Andrew Panczenko, Adriana Wasylyk & Christina Zenchuk as well as our parent volunteers Yuri Pawluk and Larysa Osmak - Thank you!

As this concert brings the year to an end, we have much more going on this summer. Please keep up to date with our emails and don't hesitate to contact us anytime. Also remember that we are accepting early registrations for Chervoni Boots Summer Camp and the 2016/2017 Dance Year; get yours in early to ensure enrollment.

Have a safe and wonderful summer holiday and we will see you in September!

Lesia Harhaj & Halyna Polischuk DESNA School Directors, Ukrainian Dance Enthusiasts

Summer Dance Camp

