



Information Package

JUNE 13-15, 2025

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Your registration at the 2025 Kozatska Sich Workshop includes:

- Access to:
 - Workshop Sessions
 - Speaker Sessions
 - Panel discussion
- Workshop T-shirt
- Catered lunch on Saturday
- Free entry to the Zabava

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**JUNE
13**

BBQ

SENIOR & ENSEMBLE WORKHOPS

SPEAKER SESSION

**JUNE
14**

DANCER WORKSHOPS

LUNCH

SPEAKER SESSION

KOLOMEYKA

PANEL DISCUSSION

ZABAVA - OPEN TO PUBLIC

**JUNE
15**

JUNIOR & SENIOR WORKSHOPS

SPEAKER SESSION

MAP

RUTH CARSE CENTRE FOR DANCE

11205 107 AVE NW

- JUNE 14 ENSEMBLE WORKSHOPS
- JUNE 14 LUNCH

SHUMKA DANCE CENTRE

10515 111 ST NW

- JUNE 13 ALL EVENTS
- JUNE 14 SR. & JR. WORKSHOPS
- JUNE 14 SPEAKER SESSIONS & PANEL
- JUNE 15 ALL EVENTS

UKRAINIAN YOUTH UNITY COMPLEX

9615 153 AVE NW

- JUNE 14 OILERS WATCH PARTY
- JUNE 14 ZABAVA



JUNIOR DANCER DETAILED SCHEDULE

Location: Shumka Dance Centre: 10515 111 Ave NW

JUNE 13

6:00	PM	BBQ Opens
6:15	PM	Welcome Announcement
6:30	PM	Food/Drink Sales Begin
8:00	PM	Speaker Session with Emily Noton <i>Dancer Wellness & Caring for Your Body</i>
9:00	PM	End of Day Announcements

Dancers will be accompanied by volunteers when walking to and from the Ruth Carse Centre for Dance for lunch

JUNE 14

9:15	AM	Dancer Check-In
10:00	AM	Workshop Session with Dima Bodyan & Kostya Frolov
11:15	AM	Lunch Provided at Ruth Carse Centre For Dance
12:30	PM	Speaker Session with Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn <i>Vasyl Avramenko & the Arrival of Ukrainian Dance in North America</i>
1:30	PM	Workshop Session with Corey Koliniak & Eastin Normand
2:30	PM	Kolomeyka
3:15	PM	Panel with Les Sereda, Rick Wacko, & Austyn Kozun
4:30	PM	Closing Remarks
8:00	PM	Zabava ft. "Steppe" at Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex

JUNE 15

9:15	AM	Dancer Check-In
9:45	AM	Workshop Session with Nic Pacholok
11:00	AM	Speaker Session with Paul Olijnyk <i>The Kozak Within: Strength, Style, & Staying Power in UA Male Dance</i>
12:00	PM	Workshop Session with Jessie Balan
1:00	PM	Closing Remarks/End of Day

SENIOR DANCER DETAILED SCHEDULE

Location: Shumka Dance Centre: 10515 111 Ave NW

JUNE 13

6:00	PM	BBQ Opens
6:15	PM	Welcome Announcement
6:30	PM	Workshop Session with Dima Bodyan & Kostya Frolov
8:00	PM	Speaker Session with Emily Noton <i>Dancer Wellness & Caring for Your Body</i>
9:00	PM	End of Day Announcements

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JUNE 14

8:45	AM	Dancer Check-In
9:15	AM	Warm-Up
10:00	AM	Workshop Session with Corey Koliniak & Eastin Normand
11:15	AM	Lunch Provided at Ruth Carse Centre for Dance
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8:45	AM	Dancer Check-In
9:15	AM	Warm-Up
9:45	AM	Workshop Session with Jessie Balan
11:00	AM	Speaker Session with Paul Olijnyk <i>The Kozak Within: Strength, Style, & Staying Power in UA Male Dance</i>
12:00	PM	Workshop Session with Paul Olijnyk and Murry Steele
1:00	PM	Closing Remarks/End of Day

ENSEMBLE DANCER DETAILED SCHEDULE

Location: Check location details beside each day below

JUNE 13

Location:

Shumka Dance Centre: 10515 111 Ave NW

6:00	PM	BBQ Opens
6:15	PM	Welcome Announcement
6:30	PM	Workshop Session with Paul Olijnyk
8:00	PM	Speaker Session with Emily Noton <i>Dancer Wellness & Caring for Your Body</i>
9:00	PM	End of Day Announcements

JUNE 14

Location:

Ruth Carse Centre for Dance 11205 107 Ave NW

8:45	AM	Dancer Check-In
9:15	AM	Warm-Up
10:00	AM	Workshop Session with Zhenia Bahri & Chase Rylance
11:15	AM	Lunch Provided
12:15	PM	Workshop Session with Dima Bodyan & Kostya Frolov
3:00	PM	Kolomeyka
3:15	PM	Panel with Les Sereda, Rick Wacko, & Austyn Kozun
4:30	PM	Closing Remarks
8:00	PM	Zabava ft. "Steppe" at Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex

JUNE 15

Location:

Shumka Dance Centre: 10515 111 Ave NW

10:45	AM	Dancer Check-In
11:00	AM	Speaker Session with Paul Olijnyk <i>The Kozak Within: Strength, Style, & Staying Power in UA Male Dance</i>

ADDITIONAL BBQ INFORMATION

JUNE
13

6:00 PM Gates Open

6:30 PM Food Purchases Open

9:15 PM BBQ Ends

FOOD MENU

Food is available for purchase
at the listed prices.

Card or cash will be accepted.

BURGER

\$5

WATER

\$2

POP

\$2

Kubie Burgers
provided by
Widynowski's
Sausage House


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ZABAVA

Location: Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex
9615 153 Ave NW

JUNE
14

5:30 PM Oilers Watch Party Doors

6:00 PM Oilers Watch Party Begins



Join us for a pre-zabava Oilers watch party at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex!

The Edmonton Oilers take on the Florida Panthers in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals.

FREE ENTRY

\$5 DRINKS

**Hot Dogs & Pulled Pork
Sandwiches for Purchase**

8:00 PM Zabava Doors Open - Free entry
for workshop participants

Dress code: Zabava attire (Semi-formal)

9:00 PM Music by Steppe

11:00 PM Perogy Late Lunch

1:00 AM Zabava End

The Zabava event is open to anyone and everyone: workshop participants, friends, families, parents. All are welcome! Don't have Zabava tickets yet?

Click [HERE](#) for
zabava tickets or
scan the QR code



WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS



Dima
Bodyan



Kostya
Frolov



Zhenia
Bahri



Paul
Olijnyk



Nic
Pacholok



Jessie
Balan



Corey
Koliniak



Eastin
Normand



Chase
Rylance



Murray
Steele

SATURDAY PANELISTS



Richard Wacko

Richard Wacko earned an MFA from the University of Utah in ballet research, a B. Admin from Athabasca University and a Diploma in Marketing Management from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Early studies began at the Ukrainian National Federal School of Dance and continued at the Alberta Ballet School. He received private instruction with Maria Bokor at the Dance Art Academy, and has studied at the Virsky Academy in Ukraine, and at Les Ballets Russes de Montreal. He has served as artistic director of the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Vohon Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, and the Volya Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. During a 23 year tenure as Professor at the University of Utah, Department of Ballet, he served as Artistic Director of the Character Dance Ensemble. Richard also instructed Character Dance, Ballet History, Technology-Multimedia and Portfolio Design.



Les Sereda

Les has an extensive portfolio of production credits within the dance community. From 2018 to 2024, he served as Artistic Director of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, leading the creation of multiple stage productions and dance films. His final work with the company was a landmark production inspired by the life and writings of renowned poet Lesia Ukrainka. Overseeing every aspect, from scriptwriting to direction, Les crafted a powerful theatrical experience featuring a newly composed 60-minute symphonic score, more than 60 custom-designed costumes, and imaginative sets brought to life through animated projections.



Austyn Kozun

Austyn Kozun grew up in Nipawin, SK and began Ukrainian dance at the age of four with the Nipawin Veselii Dancers. He started dancing with the Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble (PFE) in 2017 and has since toured internationally with the ensemble three times.

Austyn continues to perform with PFE and is passionate about helping grow the next generation of Ukrainian dancers through teaching across Saskatchewan. His dedication to preserving and sharing Ukrainian culture shines through both his performances and his work in the community.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn



Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn serves as the Kule Chair of Ukrainian Ethnography at the Kule Folklore Centre. She received her BFA in Art & Design at the University of Alberta in 1981 and has become a well-known Ukrainian Canadian artist and illustrator. Many previous exhibitions and collections have been inspired by folklore themes, including *Flowers of the Americas*, *Flowers of the Bible*, *Baba's Garden*, and *Celebrating Women*. She also has an MA in Ukrainian Folklore from the University of Alberta. Her thesis, "Stitched Narratives: The Ukrainian Canadian Embroidered Pillow" is based on research conducted in communities across Canada from Victoria, BC to Sidney, NS.

Larisa's research interests are related to media and cultural studies, specifically cultural identity through textiles and fashion, family and community photographic documentation, as well as comics and graphic novels. Larisa has also been inspired by various historic events to collaborate on several modular, traveling exhibits including "Journey to Canada" and "Making a New Home" for the Kule Folklore Centre, and "Lest We Forget" for the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta. She is currently creating a new traveling installation based on her thesis entitled "The 1000 Pillow Project", as well as a future illustrated project inspired by the WWI internment of Ukrainians in Canada.

Larisa facilitates interdisciplinary, academic, and public programming for the Kule Folklore Centre including: USchool activities for elementary grades, Folklore Lunches, social media postings, publications, as well as exhibits & displays.

Paul Olijnyk



Toronto-born Paul Olijnyk began his association with Canada's Ukrainian Shumka Dancers in 2001 when he moved to Edmonton and joined the company to pursue his passion for Ukrainian dance. Since then, Paul has taught Ukrainian dance throughout the province of Alberta, adjudicates dance festivals throughout Western Canada, and has been a guest choreographer for dance ensembles throughout Canada.

Paul is a graduate of the Edmonton School of Ballet's Pre-Professional Dance Training Program and a certified teacher under the Shumka Dance Syllabus Academy. He holds a diploma from the Institute of Culture in Kyiv, BFA Honours degree in dance from York University, and a Master of Arts degree, specializing in Ukrainian folklore, from the University of Alberta. In 2018, Paul graduated with a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and is currently a Grade 5 Ukrainian language teacher at St. Theresa Catholic Middle School, in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

During his tenure as a performer with the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Paul has performed throughout Canada and China with various productions, including Shumka's *Cinderella*, *Absolutely Shumka*, *Travelling Chumaky*, *Shumka at 50* and *Clara's Dream*, a collaboration with Ukraine's Virsky and Kyiv Ballet companies. Since 2011, Paul has been involved with Shumka as a répétiteur and choreographer. In 2018 he began working as one of Shumka's Creative Directors, contributing choreographically to Shumka's *Kobzar*, *Ancestors & Elders*, *Mosquito's Wedding*, *Kobzari Kozachok*, *Echoes of Hopak*, *Promised Land* (film), and *Ukrainka - The Four Faces of Lesya Ukrainka*.

Emily Noton



Emily is a ballet and contemporary dance artist originally from Edmonton, where she started her career with Citie Ballet (now Ballet Edmonton). She holds a B.A., an M.A. in Kinesiology/Dance Pedagogy, has Cecchetti teacher training, and is certified from the American Ballet Theatre's teacher training program in New York. In New York she performed with graham-based Saba Dance Theatre and LiNK Contemporary Jazz Dance Company, and in Philadelphia with the Rebecca Davis Dance Company. Internationally she has worked with several ballet schools in Japan, taught at Broadway Dance Centre New York, Broadway Dance Centre Tokyo, and Harbour Dance Centre in Vancouver. In addition to ballet and contemporary stage seasons, Emily has worked commercially with artists like Zach Galifianakis, has modeled for the well-known dance photographer Lois Greenfield, has been sponsored by Bloch and Sansha dancewear, and has also worked in the film industry as a dance coach for actors. Emily is known for her impeccable technique and musicality, and is passionate about the pursuit of physical training in dance; recently, Emily has been a core faculty member of

Harbour Dance Centre in Vancouver and has been adjudicating across North America. In Alberta she has been working with Ballet Edmonton, the Alberta Ballet School, the U of A, MacEwan University, mentoring artists for NextFest, and is the Program Director of Edmonton Dance Theatre.

Thank you for attending

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We look forward to seeing you next year!

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