

# NEWSLETTER



## KRISTINA'S KORNER

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas!  
As we enter the second half of the dance year, there's an array of exciting events and festivals. We eagerly anticipate seeing you take the stage and showcase your talents!

*Kristina Frykas*  
Artistic Director

## COLD WEATHER & SNOW "HOUSEKEEPING RULES"

The winter weather is upon us and with that comes a change in how we enter and exit the studio. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the expectations and to communicate this information to your dancer.

- If at all possible, please just drop off and pick up. The teachers and Kristina are more than happy to help the little ones get dressed into their outdoor clothes. The less bodies in the lobby will make for a much easier transition between each class.
- Stomp as much snow off your boots **BEFORE** entering the lobby.
- Have your dancer put their boots in the cubbies provided as much as possible. If they are full, place them on the mats to the RIGHT of the outside door in order to keep as much muck away from the studio as possible.
- Bring all outdoor jackets **INTO** the studio. Getting undressed and dressed in the studio will again, eliminate some congestion in the lobby and keep the dancers from getting a chill
- Under no circumstances are outdoor shoes to go on the blue/green mat directly outside the studio door. The rocks and salt used outside can cause extensive damage to the studio floor.

**THANK YOU** in advance for following these simple rules. Much time and a great deal of effort go into keeping the studio clean for everyone to enjoy!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**FEBRUARY 1** Perogy/Chz/Kubi order forms emailed

**FEBRUARY 10** Sopilka Annual Zabava!

**FEBRUARY 18 & 19** Louis Riel - **No Classes**

**FEBRUARY 23** Perogy/Chz/Kubi Orders Due

**MARCH 8** Perogy/Chz/Kubi Orders Pick Up

**MARCH 14-17** Tavia Dance Festival - Regina

**MARCH 24 - 31** Spring Break **No Classes**

**APRIL 1** Easter Monday **No Classes**

**APRIL 5-7** Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival

**APRIL 12-14** Brandon Troyanda Dance Festival

**APRIL 27, 2024** Recital **DRESS REHEARSAL & PHOTO DAY**  
- St. Mary's

**APRIL 28, 2024** Annual Recital - St. Mary's Academy

## Absences from Class

This is a reminder that if your dancer will be missing class due to illness or other reasons, you must email the school to advise of this [sopilkawinnipeg@gmail.com](mailto:sopilkawinnipeg@gmail.com)

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# 2024 ANNUAL ZABAVA

Our Annual Zabava is just a month away on **Saturday, February 10, 2024** at Petrus Hall – 2624 Inkster Blvd. The LAST day to purchase tickets is January 19, 2024, and there are just a few left!

## Important Information:

**Doors will open at 3:30 pm**  
**Dancers Performance at 4:30 pm**  
**Dinner scheduled to start at 5:30 pm**  
**Late Lunch served at 9:00 pm**

We will be sending more information regarding dancers details closer to the event.

As always, this event will have assigned seating. A seating chart will be emailed out prior to the event, we will also have a chart at the event and dancers to help you find your table.

Tickets are required for entry, *no exceptions*. All guests will also be required to show ID and will receive a bracelet upon entry (for 18+).

If you have **not** purchased your tickets, you will not be able to attend the evening event. Your dancer(s) will be able to participate in the performance however, they will not be able to stay after.

Tickets for wine, spirits and raffle will be available at the “Will Call” table, under your last name. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION – NO ONE UNDER 18 WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT TICKETS FOR ALCOHOL.

**Please ensure that you bring the electronic or paper copies of your tickets as they will be scanning tickets for entry at the door.**

*Please note tickets are priced to cover our costs. When we open our doors for the Zabava, we are just breaking even. We look forward to and appreciate the community support through the purchase of cocktails, silent auction tickets and 50/50 tickets which make up a large part of our school fundraising. Please remember to bring cash to the event.*

Should you have any questions, please email  
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### FUNDRAISING

#### KUBASA, PEROGY & CHEESE SALE

Get ready to loosen your belts and put on your stretchy pants because our legendary kubi, perogy, and cheese fundraiser is coming! Keep those peepers peeled on your inbox because we'll be sending out the forms on February 1, 2024!

#### SOPILKA SCRUNCHIES!

Sopilka has teamed up with Blush Silks to create a custom logo'd Sopilka hair scrunchie! We will be selling a set of a Custom Silk Sopilka Scrunchie along with a Blush silk mini for **only \$20**. ORDER YOURS NOW on your Studio Director account.



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SILKS

#### SHOE BIN

***"Need a Pair, Take a Pair,  
Have a Pair, Leave a Pair"***

As many of you know, we have a bin of shoes that have been previously loved! Little feet grow quickly, so if your dancer needs a bigger pair, just ask to look through the bin and see if there is something that works. If there is, wonderful! Feel free to leave the old ones!

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### UKRAINIAN DANCE FESTIVALS

Each year, Sopilka participates in Ukrainian Festivals ("competitions") in Manitoba and some ensembles travel out of Province.

Sopilka has taken home many accolades over the years, such as school with overall highest marks, Hopak Trophy and our instructors have also received many awards for choreography. We are so lucky to have such talented instructors in our school!

This year, we will be participating in the following Dance Festivals:

#### **Tavria Ukrainian Dance Festival** **Regina, SK**

Druzi, Radist', Dusha & Krasa Ensembles

#### **Brandon Troyanda Dance Festival** **Brandon, MB**

Dusha & Krasa Ensembles

#### **Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival** **Winnipeg**

Pershyy Krok to Adult Ensemble

We are looking forward to an amazing time at these festivals!

Invoices will be emailed to each family this month. Please watch your email!

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