

# NEWSLETTER



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- OCTOBER 8-9** No Classes - Thanksgiving
- OCTOBER 13** Wine Raffle Tickets deadline
- OCTOBER 18** Wine Raffle Draw
- OCTOBER 27** Sloohai Event
- OCTOBER 31** Halloween - **No Classes**
- NOVEMBER 5** Daylight Savings "Fall Back"
- DECEMBER 22** Christmas Break Begins
- JANUARY 6** Classes Resume
- 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
- MAY 2024** Recital DRESS REHEARSAL - St. Mary's
- MAY 2024** Annual Recital - St. Mary's Academy

## KRISTINA'S KORNER

This year is off to an amazing start! The dancers are really motivated and excited to be at class and I can see the energy. Our instructors are having a blast working and teaching new dances and getting ready for an exciting year!

*Kristina Frykas*  
Artistic Director

## FUNDRAISING

### WINE RAFFLE

Draw date of October 18th is coming soon!

**As a reminder, all tickets (sold and unsold), wine and money are to be turned in by Friday, October 13th.**

**We still have a number of books of tickets to be picked up, please be sure to pick up your tickets this week.**

We are asking that each family sell a minimum of 1 bundle of 25 tickets at \$2 each. Ideally, we want this fundraiser to SELL OUT!! Please don't be shy in asking for more tickets, as we encourage all families to sell as many as you can!

If you prefer - a donation of \$20 will be accepted in lieu of purchasing a bottle of store-bought wine. Let us do the wine shopping for you!

If anyone has a spare bottle of wine, we will gladly accept your donation.

Questions or ticket requests: [sopilkafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:sopilkafundraising@gmail.com)

E-transfers: [sopilkatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sopilkatreasurer@gmail.com)

## STUDIO DIRECTOR

We are so excited at how registration for classes flowed this year! Studio Director has given our Board of Directors many useful tools to be able to run the school more effectively from an administration perspective. You can access your Studio Director account at any time.

Just Click Here!

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New to Sopilka Ukrainian Dance School?  
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This year Halloween falls on a Tuesday. As such, our Pershyy Krok class will have the night off to enjoy the night of "trick or treating"!

Students are invited to wear a costume they can dance in (no weapons or masks, please!) the week before Halloween starting October 24!

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you own a business, provide a public service or sell any type of product or merchandise to the general public?

As a member of the Sopilka Dance School, we would like to be able to support our community members. Please complete the following form so we can include you in our Sopilka Community Business Directory. [CLICK HERE](#)

## BLUSH SCRUNCHIES!

COMING SOON! Sopilka has partnered with Blush Silks to create our own custom hair scrunchie!

We are finalizing details and print design with hopes of having these ready for Christmas.

## SLOOHAI ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE

We are thrilled to have Radist, Dusha and Krasa Ensembles representing Sopilka at the Sloohai Anniversary Celebration on Friday, October 27th.

If you are attending this event or have a dancer performing, please review important details. [CLICK HERE](#)

## UKRAINIAN DANCE FESTIVALS

Each year, Sopilka participates in Ukrainian Festivals ("competitions") in Manitoba and, as of recently, we have taken our Ensembles 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 & Adult Ensembles

### Brandon Troyanda Dance Festival - Brandon, MB

Dusha & Krasa Ensembles

### Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival - Winnipeg

Pershyy Krok to Adult Ensemble

Information about each of the festivals will be emailed to the classes attending as soon information is released. Please mark these dates (listed under important dates) on your calendar!

## 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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### 2024 ANNUAL ZABAVA

Planning is underway for our 2024 Zabava, mark your calendars- **Saturday, February 10, 2024**. This is a fun community event which includes a showcase performance by our dancers, a traditional Ukrainian meal and live polka band.

We anticipate that tickets will be on sale towards the end of November. Our tickets for this event are priced to cover our costs of the event and we make every effort to keep ticket prices as low as possible.

We will be organizing a silent auction and welcome all prize donations. Please utilize our donation letter ([link here](#)) requesting prizes for the Zabava if you or someone you know owns a business.

Ticket sales at the event for silent auction, alcoholic beverages and 50/50 contribute a large part to our fundraising requirements for the school.

We sell out every year welcoming over 500 people to our event and **greatly rely on volunteers** to assist in running the event. Please sign up here. [CLICK HERE](#)

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are thrilled to be one of the largest and most recognized Ukrainian Dance Schools in Manitoba. To date many of our classes are wait listed as we continue to grow each year.

It requires a team of volunteers to organize and run the school and the many associated activities and events.

We welcome new ideas and fresh perspectives and hope you may consider volunteering. We have various roles to help with.

We still require **Class Reps** for the following classes: Koneky, Sokoly, Kalyna, Kvitky, Druzi, Radist and Spadok

Class Rep role includes: Assembling the class prize basket for the Zabava; Recital Volunteer for younger classes; Assisting with class communications (on an as needed basis) & Supporting possible student and/or parent get together at start of the dance year to welcome new families.

Please email: [sopilkawinnipeg@gmail.com](mailto:sopilkawinnipeg@gmail.com) if you can assist.

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We require **Zabava** volunteers. Would you be interested in 1 of these roles?

**Late Lunch Coordinator** - your role would include ordering the late lunch and leading the set up/take down of late lunch on the night of the Zabava. The late lunch coordinator would coordinate specific roles with their volunteers.

**Pickle Cutter** -there are too many pickles to cut the night of the Zabava - your role would be to cut up all the late lunch pickles and deliver them to the hall the day before or day of the event.

**Entrance/Ticket Scanner Coordinator** - you would work with the senior dances to ensure our guests scan their tickets and finds their tables upon arrival. Your role would assist in creating tent cards for the tables and a map of the seating arrangements.

**Zabava Decorator** - your job would start with fine tuning and fixing up a few of our flower arrangements. You would order our bread baskets and linens for table decorations. Pick up and return of bread baskets and linens ahead of the event and after the event would be required. Duties also include testing the batteries in our candles and purchasing additional candles for center pieces. A key role will be to assist with setting up the day before or day of event.

**Raffle Prizes Coordinator** - in this role you would work with each Class Rep to plan each basket theme and collect all of our amazing prize baskets. This includes 2-3 grand prizes. and 12-13 regular prize baskets. Collection and pick up of donated prizes or sponsorship may be required and transportation of prize baskets to the event would be another important task.

**Volunteer Coordinator**- are you somebody that is organized and likes technology? This role includes planning and arranging our volunteer assignments for the night and ensuring everyone knows their role.

The Sopilka Zabava Planning Committee and Sopilka PAC members will play a role in assisting with each of these positions.

Maybe you would like to sell tickets at the Zabava or help with set-up and tear down? Please visit this link to sign up as a volunteer. [CLICK HERE](#)

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## KOZAK TRAINING WORKSHOPS



Sopilka is pleased to offer our **Kozak Training Workshops** to male dancers of Sopilka in Kalyna to Adult! Our first workshop was September 24th and was led by our instructor Eric Schimnowski and guest instructor Vincent Rees. We had 13 dancers attend and they had a blast (and were a little sweaty)!

The dates for the next workshops are; Sunday, October 22, Sunday, November 19 and Sunday, December 17 and run from 6pm-7:15pm. If your dancer would like to join any, or all of the remaining workshops, they are **only \$25/workshop** (plus taxes & fees) and you must register through your Studio Director account.

Beginning in January, Sopilka is also pleased to offer an **eight class "Kozak Training Series"** for male dancers in Kalyna to Adult. These classes will run twice per month on the following Sundays: January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 21 and will be held from 6pm-7:15pm. The cost for the entire **8-week session is only \$200** (plus taxes & fees). During these classes, led by our Eric Schimnowski, a multi-age dance will be learnt and performed at our year end recital. We aim to have some surprise guest instructors attend classes and teach the dancers some new new tricks! We hope that your dancers will be able to join in on this amazing opportunity! Please register through your Studio Director account.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us by email: [sopilkawinnipeg@gmail.com](mailto:sopilkawinnipeg@gmail.com)

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