

# Vegreville Pysanka Festival

## Competition Rules & Regulations

### General

- Festival talent competitions will be accepted in the following categories:
  - A) Dancing
  - B) Singing or Recitation
  - C) Instrumental (eg. Violin, Accordion, Tsymbaly, Bandura)
- This is an Amateur Talent Competition. Dance instructors or dancers who dance regularly with semi-professional performing groups are not eligible for competition (eg. Cheremosh, Shumka, Volya).
- A contestant may enter only once per category.

### Music

- All entrants will provide their own cassette, CD, iPod or computer to the music station at least two dances ahead. A complete sound system will be available. All music must be cued before being submitted to the sound system operator.

### Time Limits

- There will be no time limits. Remember to provide the length of your dance number on the entry form, so we can schedule appropriately.

### Practice Room

- A practice room will be available, but you must bring your own audio system.

### Adjudication

- Decisions of the adjudicator will be final.
- Written adjudication comments only will be provided.

### Age

- All ages as of January 1, 2010. A group is determined by the AVERAGE age of all members in the group. In the Adult Category, all dancers must be over 18 years of age.

### Fees

- The fee for every dance category is \$10.00 per dancer per dance. This applies to solos, duets and groups.
- The fee for every singing, recitation and instrumental category is \$10.00 per competitor per entry. This applies to solos, duets and groups.
- There will be no refund if entry is cancelled by participant.

### Registration Deadline

- May 15, 2010

### Dance Categories

- The dance competition will be divided into two parts. STANDARD & ADVANCED
- STANDARD – Friday afternoon and Saturday morning  
ADVANCED – Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning
- The standard portion of the festival is for dancers/clubs who dance once a week and perhaps take a more recreational approach to Ukrainian dance.
- The advanced portion of the festival is for those dancers/clubs who are perhaps more competitive, dance more than once a week and most likely take some other form of dance training including ballet, jazz or other.
- In addition we have created new categories to better represent the changing nature of Ukrainian dance. The categories are as follows:
  - Hopak
  - Lyrical
  - Regional (all regions available)
  - Character
  - Ukrainian International
  - Non-Traditional
  - Open

See Entry Form for more details.

### Instrumental Categories

- In the instrumental category, the contestant should be prepared with two selections, (at least one of them UKRAINIAN), preferably of different time – slow and fast movements. A copy of the music should be made available for the adjudicator.

### Singing/Recitation Categories

- Selections are in Ukrainian. A copy of the selection (words and music) must be made available for the adjudicator.

### Awards

- As this is a COMPETITION, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be declared in all categories, as number of entries permit. The top three finishers will receive a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal respectively.
- In categories where there is only one entry, a mark of 90+ will be awarded a gold medal, a mark of 80-89 will be awarded a silver medal, a mark of 70-79 will be awarded a bronze medal.
- In some categories, trophies sponsored by various donors are awarded as per sponsorship direction and availability.
- In addition to medals, selected categories will receive cash awards. Amounts of the awards will be determined by available sponsorship.

### **Unique to the Pysanka Festival Competitions**

This portion of the festival is to provide value added opportunities for the dancers and festival goers to learn more about Ukrainian dance and Ukrainian culture.

#### Dance Workshops

We will host a variety of workshops with our adjudicator as well as other experienced instructors from the community.

### Regional Theme

Every year our festival will emphasize one Ukrainian region. There will be dance workshops, awards for dancers and choreographers as well as a small museum exhibit displaying items from the featured region. For **2010** the Feature Region is **Bukovyna**.

### Ukrainian Dance Trick Competition

We will have this fun event on Saturday afternoon, open to dancers from the entire Ukrainian dance community. This is open to males and females of all ages.

### Tanets House

There will be a participatory social dance event. Come and participate in traditional village social dances. This is an all ages event. Wear loose clothing and NO experience necessary.

### Showmanship Opportunities

From each day of competitions, entries will be selected to perform at the ever popular Grandstand Shows. Selections will be based on overall impression, showmanship, and entertainment, having a high audience appeal.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to alter any portion of the program if, and when necessary.