



Newsletter November 2008

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Welcome to another dance season with Selkirk Zorya. We hope the club newsletter will keep you well informed throughout the year. Each time a newsletter is posted on our website you will be notified via email. If you require a hard copy please notify your class rep. Please ensure that you read/pick up your newsletters as they contain important and often time-sensitive information.

Board of Directors

The election of the board of directors took place at the AGM held October 6, 2008. The newly elected board is as follows:

President:	Merv Pichlyk	757-2856		
Vice President:	Bonnie Stefaniuk	265-3365		
Treasurer:	Leslie Hanson	785-9096		
Secretary:	Connie Konopetcki	467-7122		
Members at Large:	Kim Newediuk	668-2388	Susan Fedorchuk	785-2048
	Gillian Buss	268-2749	Debbie Nykoluk	

President's Message

Welcome back all students, parents and instructors of Selkirk Zorya. To all those who are new to the school, welcome to our dance family. Selkirk Zorya has a long, proud and colourful history and has achieved many successes throughout the years. I look forward to the continuing progression and development of Selkirk Zorya and its talented membership in the upcoming 2008-2009 dance year.

A huge thank-you goes out to our "retiring" board members: Sheila, Karen, Diana, Kendra, Sandi and Lorne. Their leadership and dedicated efforts to the school are greatly appreciated. Also, a huge thank-you to our newly elected Board members and appointed volunteers who have recently stepped forward to share their time and talents.

Let us not forget that the school survives only because of the good folks who volunteer. Each and every one of us has their own special talents to offer, so please help make a difference. Whether it is large or small, your help is always a positive step. Please remember that our collective efforts are always for the benefit of all our students. We can provide them with the wonderful opportunity to experience the gift of Ukrainian dance and in addition, foster a sense of ownership in our proud Ukrainian heritage. What's the worst that can happen? If we all work together we develop and strengthen our sense of community, which in my mind is something worth working for.

Regards,
Merv Pichlyk

Instructors for 2008-2009

Beginner 1 & 2 and Adult Class

Lynsey Zubriski 268-4233

Steve Nagribianko 661-4126

Junior 1 and Senior 2

Nicoline Zakaluzny 339-2097

Andrew Popiel 339-1255

Junior 2 and Senior 1

Kathleen German 772-1246

Craig German 772-1246

Intermediate1 & 2

Courtney Knysh 482-3809

Jon Morrisseau 256-7495

Fialka

Alycia Modrzejewski 482-6652

Nick Sirdar 663-1564

Please note that instructors' contact numbers are provided *as a courtesy*. Your primary contact person should be your class rep.

Class Representatives

The class representative is the individual who acts as a group liaison and passes information to parents regarding performances, costuming, important dates, and various other activities. The class rep is your "go-to" person and should be the first person you contact if you have any information to pass to instructors or any questions or concerns regarding instruction, absences, cancellations, etc.

Class Representatives for 2008-2009

We are still confirming class reps. You will be contacted by your class rep shortly.

Costume Returns

Please get your club costumes into Kim Newediuk (668-2388) so that a thorough inventory can be completed. A fee will be assessed and charged for missing costumes and/or pieces.

Costume Sale

November 24 from 6-8pm at Happy Thought School

If you have blouses, shirts, slips or footwear in good condition for sale, please label them with your name, phone number and asking price and drop them off with Susan Fedorchuk, Debbie Fedorchuk or Debbie Nykoluk by November 17 or as early as possible on November 24.

Grey Cup Tickets

Grey Cup is fast approaching! Please hand in all of your tickets to a parent rep, a board member or Susan Fedorchuk (785-2048). Last year some prizes were not awarded because of missing tickets. We also ask that you scratch off the scores and label the back of each bundle with the dancer's name prior to turning them in. Susan will be at Happy Thought School November 10 and 17 collecting tickets so get them in! We have a few extra bundles to sell- just ask!

Upcoming Performances

January 9, 2009- Fialka will be performing for Troyanda's Malanka @ Rembrandt's Bistro

January 10, 2009- Various groups will be performing at Beausejour Malanka

FYI Regarding Performances

Did you know that the school makes an annual application for a performing arts grant from the Province of Manitoba? The grant is approximately \$10, 000. These dollars help to keep student fees as low as possible and still allow our group to purchase costumes and equipment and provide training for instructors. Part of the requirement for receiving the grant is that we perform a number of times in the province throughout the year. Additionally, the school often receives an honorarium for performing which, like the grant money, is of great benefit to our organization.

When you are polled by your class rep about your availability for a performance, please remember this important information. Let's show off our skills and costumes! Let's dance!!

Important Information Regarding Dance Classes

Absences

If you will be absent it is a courtesy to call your class rep who will pass information on to instructors.

Attire

Dancers are expected to wear appropriate dance attire for practices.

It is important that dancers keep their legs covered during practice. Keeping the legs warm is important for muscle control and reduces the possibility of injury. When leg temperature fluctuates, muscle cramps and leg and knee injuries can occur.

Dance slippers are required for safety and practicing technique.

No jeans, jewellery, toys, gum or candy are allowed.

Females are expected to have fitted tops and bottoms which can be tights, spandex or bodysuits. Dance skirts or shorts may be worn overtop. Males are expected to wear t-shirts and sweat pants or spandex. Please avoid pants with pockets.

Discipline

The board strongly encourages and expects instructors to interact with our students and maintain a flowing, fun, learning environment. This environment can easily be undermined by disruptive student behaviour. Children are enrolled in our programs to develop their Ukrainian dance skills and it is certainly not fair to either instructors or classmates to jeopardize a positive learning atmosphere because of discipline issues. We ask that all parents take the time to remind their children of the expectation of attentive and respectful behaviour in class as problem behaviour is not acceptable. For detailed information on our Corrective Discipline Policy, please see the Selkirk Zorya School of Dance handbook which is available on the website at www.selkirkzorya.ca

Cancellations

Dance classes are not typically scheduled on days that school have a scheduled closure day (e. g. Thanksgiving Monday).

School cancellations due to weather will be posted on the website at www.selkirkzorya.ca and called in to CJOB. We will do our best to keep you informed but you can help us out by checking the site, the radio or calling your class rep.

Important Dates

- November 10** -turn in Grey Cup tickets (HTS)
- November 17** -LAST day to turn in Grey Cup tickets (HTS)
-drop off costumes for sale (HTS)
- November 24** -drop off costumes for sale as early as possible at HTS
-costume sale at Happy Thought School 6-8pm