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**CAPITAL UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL**

**JULY 21-23  
2017**  
952 GREEN VALLEY CRESCENT  
OTTAWA, CANADA

**FREE**  
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The Capital Ukrainian Festival welcomes the Nation's Capital to three days filled with Ukrainian culture. With an estimated 20,000 visitors throughout the festival weekend, including 4,000 tourists from across Canada, United States and Ukraine, the Capital Ukrainian Festival is sure to be one of the city's most attended free admission events of the summer.

## **Festival Dates:**

952 Green Valley Cres, Ottawa, Ontario (Main intersection: Baseline and Prince of Whales)

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (5:00pm to 11:00pm)

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 (11:00am to 11:00pm)

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (11:00am to 8:00pm)

## **Signature events:**

The Capital Ukrainian Festival invites its visitors to partake in many of its signature events, celebrating its deep heritage and cultural influence within Ottawa's multicultural community.

### **Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017:**

*Party of Lights*, in partnership with Ottawa2017— The festival grounds will ignite in a fluorescent glow. A surprise pop-up display from Ottawa2017 will enhance the surrounding area of the Village of Voices tent. (8:30pm – 11:00pm)

*Korchma*—Some might think an entire day of programming at the Festival might end when the last band walks off the main stage but why stop there? In partnership with the House of Targ and Ottawa Pinball, festival goers will be able to board a free shuttle from the main festival site at 952 Green Valley to the afterhours venue (The Ukrainian Banquet Hall - 1000 Byron Ave. Ottawa) for an unforgettable night. (11:00pm – 2:00am)

### **Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017:**

*Zabava*— A non-stop party filled with 5 of Canada's best Ukrainian party bands, including upbeat music, food, dancing, and premium vodka. Performances from the main stage will amplify through the festival grounds adding to the non-stop celebration. (6:00pm – 11:00pm)

*Korchma*— The after party didn't end the night before! Another night of partying into the wee hours of the night, eating delicious perogies, playing pinball games, and taking in the after party concerts will be sure to be another incredible night. (11:00am – 2:00am)

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## **Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017:**

*Baba turns 100! (Mnohaya Lita)*— The Ukrainian community in our wonderful city is made up of over 25,000 residents. One of them turns 100, what an exciting milestone! We are celebrating this milestone with a birthday bash in our Village Voices tent. (12:00pm – 1:00pm)

*Ukrainian Festival Celebrates the World*— Taking to our main stage are a variety of multicultural performances, celebrating the community partnerships the Ukrainian community has established over the years and continues to be involved in.

## **Main Stage Headliners:**

World class entertainment on our main stage and a non-stop performance lineup, including 40 different performing groups, will entertain visitors and be sure to get everyone up for traditional (dance).

Tyt I Tam: creative arrangements transcend the studio and contribute to their dynamic live shows. Tyt i Tam has performed at major Ukrainian festivals across Canada and internationally, with their latest being a two-week tour of Ukraine.

The Kubasonics have taken Ukrainian rock-ska music to places it's never been before with performances across Canada, Ukraine and the Caribbean. Their song "Billy Mosienko" was also played during the opening of a Hockey Night in Canada broadcast.

DakhaBrakha's powerful vocal range creates an international vibe while still rooted in the Ukrainian culture. The quartet has played more than 300 concerts at major international festivals including Glastonbury 2016.

Vasyl Popadiuk: Aside from stage performances at numerous events, he complements his violin playing with piano accompaniment for the National Ballet of Canada.

Ukrainia is transforming the foundation of Ukrainian music, right here in Ottawa. Their traditionally-based sound has been pumped up and electrified. These five men make a big sound with guitar, bass, drums, keys...and no banduras.

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## **Experience the Culture:**

More than 250 Ukrainian dancers will take the stage over the course of the weekend, performing a wide range of Ukrainian dances and wearing an array of traditional costumes and clothing.

What would a Ukrainian meal be without perogies? Probably the food Ukraine is most known for, these are irresistible. Also on the menu are cabbage rolls, pork schnitzel on a stick, marinated chicken shish kabobs, double smoked sausage, and award winning kovbasa to entice the foodie within.

The Yarmarok (Marketplace) in eastern European fashion will boast beautiful traditional homemade ceramics, clothing, jewelry, and preserves.

The festival is also pleased to announce that Cobblestone Freeway Tours is holding a draw to win a free tour of Ukraine! Visitors will be flooding to the Cobblestone booth to try to win this coveted prize.

The festival site is situated on the grounds of Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, a breathtaking traditionally Ukrainian decorated church. Workshops will take place within a community style environment in the church. Workshops will include embroidery, egg painting, beadwork, iconography, motanka doll making and much more.

We haven't forgotten the children! The children's area will showcase story time, arts & crafts, petting zoo, and a hands-on circus workshop.

The Capital Ukrainian Festival awaits you, and we are excited to showcase the best of Ukrainian culture, food, and performances again in its third year. The festival started as a community event and has quickly exploded into one of Ottawa's major festivals and substantial tourist attractions.

## **Media Festival Access Passes:**

Media festival access passes include access to the festival grounds, media parking, scheduled interview time, and lunch/dinner.

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