

## The Common Threads Project

*Although dance styles and choreography in Shumka have changed dramatically over the decades, our costumes have been our most common thread.*



On the occasion of Shumka's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we want to pay homage to the many alumni who paved the way for the company through the years. As our costumes are our most common thread, we thought it would be very special to have a small piece of fabric representing the alumni sewn into current dancers' Hopak costumes. It would be positioned inside the costume and not visible from the audience. Think of it as a secret source of strength and inspiration as we hit the stage with Classic Hopak during the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour!

We are asking for alumni to donate a **3.5in x 3.5in square piece of fabric** from a costume that has been worn on stage with Shumka. That may be a piece of velvet from your Hopak costume, part of a Hutsul costume, or any square of extra fabric you may have that was used for a Shumka costume in the past. On this square piece of fabric, **we would like you to embroider your name or initials, and the years that you danced in Shumka.** (Nothing fancy! And if you need some help with this, just let us know!)

If you do not have any spare fabric or would like to participate but do not want to use your own costume pieces, we have fabric squares available for pick up at Shumka Studios from the following costumes. Feel free to choose one, take it home to embroider and then return it to the Studio (10515-111 Street):

- Cinderella (Gypsy, Harvest Princesses)
- Sherevary (blue, burgundy, green)
- Hopak velvet (blue, burgundy, red, dark green, light green)
- Hutsul capes
- Old school floral Poltava skirts

Pick up and drop off of fabric squares is available Mon to Fri, noon to 4pm. Please include your full name with the square if initials only are embroidered on fabric. Deadline for drop off of squares is September 1, 2020. To mail in a square, please use this address: **Shumka Dance Centre, 10515-111 Street, Edmonton, T5H 3E8.**

We would love to have many alumni participate in our Common Threads project. Please email Alyssa Eugenio at [alyssa.eugenio@shumka.com](mailto:alyssa.eugenio@shumka.com) if you have questions or need assistance.

Thank you for considering being part of Shumka's Common Threads, and for continuing to inspire the current company of the Shumka Family!

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