

SHUMKA

UKRAINIAN SHUMKA DANCERS

2021-22 Annual Report

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Established in Edmonton in 1959, the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers is Canada's only professional Ukrainian dance company. Shumka presents dance-theatre touring productions, as well as intimate concert repertoire across the country and around the world. Seen by millions on international television broadcasts, the company has presented command performances for Queens, Prime Ministers, and Presidents, and have performed alongside the likes of Andrea Bocelli and Julie Andrews. Along with Alberta Ballet and Edmonton Opera, Shumka is honoured to be a resident company of the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

Over 60 years of performance history has shaped Shumka's signature music and dance style. While maintaining deep respect for their heritage, Shumka continually challenges conventional boundaries to define the experience of Ukrainian dance in the context of today's society.

VISION

Inspiring artists and audiences through evolving traditional boundaries, Shumka represents the pinnacle of Canadian-Ukrainian dance.

MISSION

Shumka promotes, develops and preserves professional Canadian-Ukrainian dance as community leaders.

MANDATE

Shumka creates a broad scope of original and collaborative interpretive works built upon the foundations of the Canadian and Ukrainian life experiences of its artists and the rich heritage of the Ukrainian folk culture.

Shumka achieves this mandate by:

- Respecting the origins of traditional Ukrainian culture, while integrating the

Canadian experience and contemporary expectations in order to make its programs relevant to today's audiences.

- Creating a centre of excellence in dance education to prepare the next generation of citizens, dancers and creators in the art form.
- Collaborating with other artists in Edmonton, in Canada and internationally.
- Creating a hub of arts and culture activity in the community.
- Presenting art and experiences for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- Engaging diverse communities through performance, education and opportunities for inclusive participation.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW Board Chair's Message



Over the past couple of years, “health” has been at the forefront of our lives as the world faced an unprecedented pandemic. We have all been impacted personally, professionally and in our organizations having to “think outside of the box” to keep the momentum and passion moving forward.

Over this past year, Shumka has continued to pivot, reassess and find opportunities to keep dancers dancing. A window of opportunity presented itself to stage *Shumka's Nutcracker* in December 2021 in both Camrose and Edmonton after a two year hiatus, reviving the magic of Shumka. The USD board is currently in the process of building a strategic plan that supports the overall health of the organization from governance

to finance, fund development and the engagement of our alumni base. With the veil of COVID 19 lifting, Shumka reached the stage this past spring beginning a cross-Canada tour celebrating a much anticipated 60th anniversary.

Appreciation is extended to our board members, operational team, artistic team, instructors, dancers, alumni and volunteers. We are grateful for the continued support from our stakeholders and donors, keeping alive a future of unlimited possibilities.

Dorianne Martyniuk, Board Chair

Executive Director's Message



Dear Shumka Family and Supporters... It's so very cliché, but 2021-22 has been a whirlwind year. As I sat down to write this message, I realized what a blur it has been. The past few years have seen us in full survival mode. But we have done more than that. We have not only stayed alive but thrived. As we have started to excitedly emerge from the COVID tunnel, I've realized it's been a difficult year for every arts organization I have talked to. COVID subsidies have dried up, and activity (hence expenses) has ramped up, so financials look bleak. The recession, war on Ukraine and persistence of COVID in the community has severely affected ticket sales. Up to 60% of expected audiences are staying away due to financial constraints, other (ie: in our case, war-related) cash/time commitments, and lingering health concerns in large crowds.

We have learned that we cannot control these external circumstances, but somehow, we need to circumvent them and remain active in our programming. Presenting the strength of our culture through dance is important now, more than ever. Ukraine is a beacon of survival and perseverance, and we must continue to demonstrate this to the world around us. It is pride, a sense of duty, and a heartbroken dedication to our homeland that fuels us.

Shumka on Tour will be remembered for the crazy world in which it took place. And for the unprecedented sense of energy that was exchanged between artist and audience during each performance. Audiences – although relatively small – gave us joy, emotion, power and renewed strength to continue.

I normally write about statistics – grant results, audience statistics, company numbers, kilometres travelled – but that is not what this year has been about. It has been about being human and brave and proud of the country that inspires us to work harder and kick higher. It has been about a family of talented young dancers and their crew of supporters behind the scenes giving all they've got. It has been about what we do. We believe, and we dance.

My heart goes out to everyone who supported those efforts. New funders like Canada Council; ongoing funders like the City of Edmonton; partner-like funders like the Shevchenko and Temerty Foundations; our generous donor base; and those who bought a ticket and shouted "Molodtsi" after the show. I thank my fellow arts managers for being a support in these difficult times, simply by openly sharing each of our stories of failed efforts to reach our sales targets.

I also thank our hard working team of staff and contractors at Shumka who have continued to rise to each challenge that presented itself to us; and our dancers, whose talent and dedication is inspiring to say the least.

Audiences will come back when the world settles down again; revenues will increase, and art will continue to be presented as an inspiration to those who choose to take it in. It will be a time when inspiration is needed to feel more human again. When people really realize that all we need is love.

And Shumka's ongoing dedication to the cultural rebuilding of our homeland – show by show, dance by dance – shall not waver. It will only get stronger as we continue our path of destiny, soul, courage and hope.

Slava Ukraini!

Darka Tarnawsky, Executive Director

Artistic Director's Message



Looking back at last year's report we were excited about finally returning to the stage with Shumka's Nutcracker. The shows were a wonderful success and we safely negotiated another COVID wave that challenged other productions across the country. All of our international guests made it to Canada and back to Ukraine without incident and the performances left the company on an emotional high.

After a short Christmas break, we were back in the studio preparing our much-delayed *Shumka on Tour* production. With an opening date of April 7, there were only a few short months of rehearsal to finish *Echoes of Hopak* choreography, re-stage *Mosquito's Wedding* and complete all of the lighting and projection design work, all this while continuing to operate in a pandemic world. The company was motivated and work progressed quickly.

The unthinkable happened on February 24 with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. With only a little more than a month until the beginning of our tour this had a deep effect on our ensemble. We were unsure of how we should proceed with this awful war raging and ongoing concerns about friends and family in Ukraine. It seemed that our little show about flies and mosquitoes was not quite the right message for the moment. After much consideration and conversation, we realized that not only would the show go on but it must go on. We began to understand that by representing the Ukrainian culture that we know and love we were active participants in keeping it alive. Keeping alive a culture that Russia was trying to destroy. We realized that our little story with themes of peace and love had a deeper meaning today than it did yesterday.

We forged on over the next month preparing for what we knew would be a deeply emotional journey under the circumstances. Unfortunately, we were once again struck with terrible news, learning that on March 23 we lost our dear friend and musical director Yuri Shevchenko. Yuri had collaborated and created music for Shumka beginning in the early 1990s after Gene Zwozdesky. His musical genius was shared with many directors and choreographers over the years but most important was Yuri loved Shumka as much as we loved him. Yuri created so much incredible music for us, his memory will continue on through his beautiful melodies.

Though all of this turmoil, I watched a company begin to bond together. All of the pressure and emotion began to be channeled into the work. Dancers began to believe in the importance of maintaining the culture and traditions of our Ukrainian heritage. The company worked tirelessly and on April 7 we opened here in Edmonton and danced three emotional performances. The tour followed with successful shows in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Regina before winding down for the summer.



There is an amazing group of people that work to make Shumka a success. Trinity Kenneth, Wally Tarnawsky and Joshua Semchuk, continue to work behind the scenes with very little fanfare. In fact, the only time we seem to recognize these three is when something goes wrong - not when something goes right. Thank you, for your amazing work to make everything always go so right.

Tasha Orysiuk and Paul Olijnyk, your work in and out of the studio is simply amazing. Your passion for this company is endless and I look forward to future creativity with both of you.

Darka Tarnawsky is the backbone of this organization. Without her leadership and guidance none of this would happen. This work is challenging but Darka continues to lead the organization through it all, ensuring we have the ability to work and create the art you see on the stage.

Finally, and maybe most importantly a word to our dancers. This year has been a year of challenges and you have handled each of them with grace and determination, never allowing your art to suffer as a consequence. You have grown both technically and artistically and your performances have continued to evolve and improve night after night. If you can take the lessons we have learned this year and apply them to our new work, Shumka will continue to find new successes to celebrate in the future.

Les Sereda, Artistic Director

FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS



**Ruby Swanson -
Seniors Can Shumka**

Sometimes I think Seniors Can Shumka is just too good to be true. My husband and I joined the group and two months later, COVID struck. On and off for the next two years, our living room doubled as a studio during weekly ZOOM sessions. Tasha was undaunted. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to dance. I've been waiting for this for my entire life!



**Nicholas Beach -
General Manager,
Jeanne & Peter Lougheed
Performing Arts Centre**

I want to extend a big thank you for the invite to see *Shumka on Tour*. It was such an incredible evening of dance and a celebration of Ukrainian culture. I am always so awe struck by the talent of Shumka's company of dancers and creative team. Best of luck on your national tour. I am so excited for you to share these works with all of Canada.



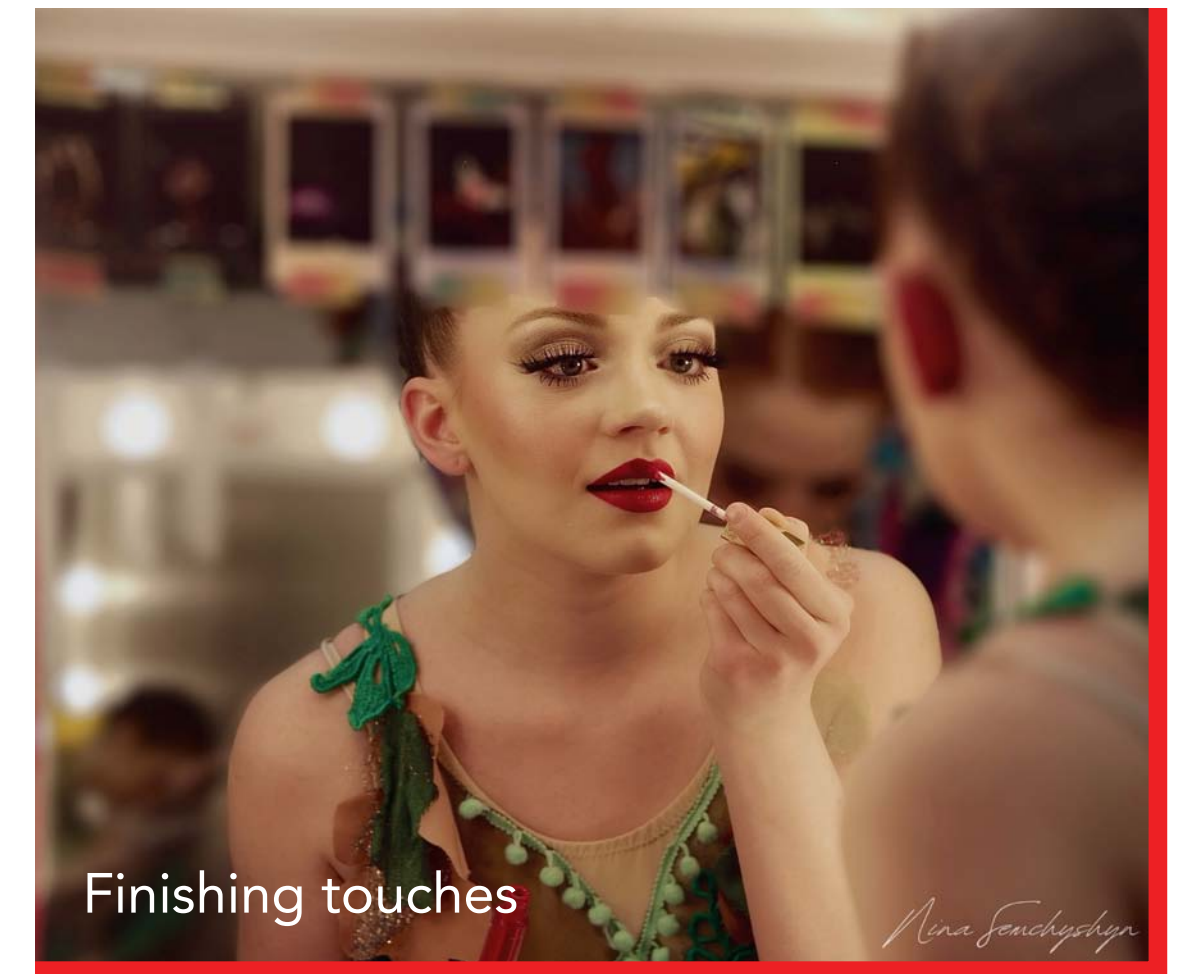
**Orest Semchuk -
Former Artistic Director
& Alumnist**

I am very proud of all the people who have kept Shumka going for all these years. I joined in 1961, and it is great to see Shumka still going strong. And the quality of the dance has improved dramatically! Ya don't work, ya don't eat!



**Sneha Patel -
Board Director**

As we start to emerge into our 'new normal' post-pandemic world, it is apparent that we must continue to preserve the magic of Shumka on stage for many years to come. As a current Board member and someone who is not of Ukrainian heritage, I have been able to witness the beauty and splendour of *Shumka on Tour* this past year. We must ensure that Shumka stays close to our hearts, whether it's through volunteering time, donating monthly, or helping out in any number of other ways. I am so pleased to have been able to work with this wonderful organization over the past year, and look forward to many great years to come.

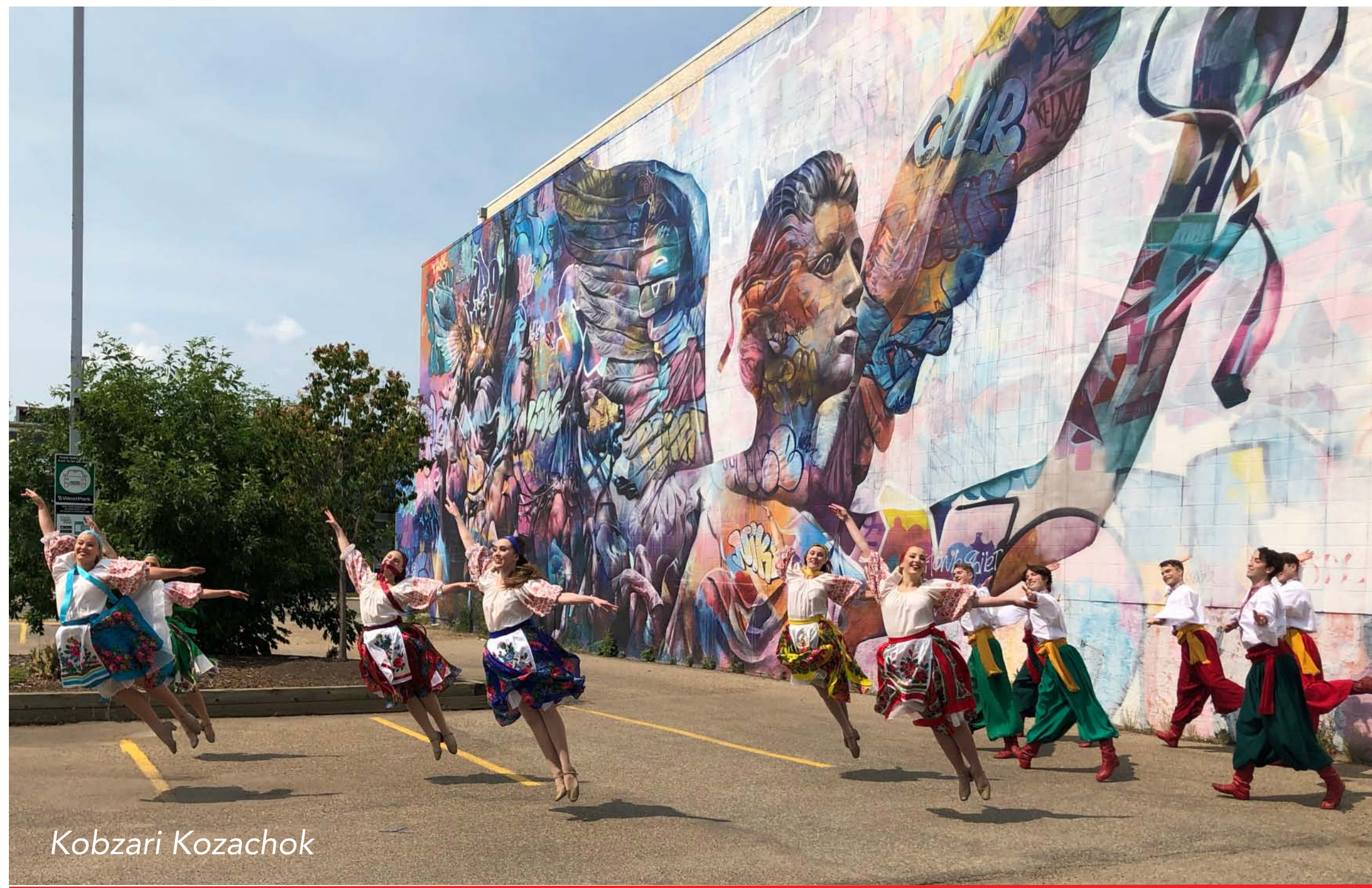


Finishing touches



**Emily Kotowich -
Current Apprentice Dancer
& Studia Shumka Alumnist**

My time in Studia Shumka over the past couple of years has been unforgettable. As someone who did not go through Shumka School, I was nervous to enter an unfamiliar place but the instructors and dancers were nothing but welcoming. The relationships I have formed from Studia will last a lifetime. Between the calibre of training, performance opportunities, and exposure to different styles of dance, the opportunities presented in Studia allowed me to advance my training in ways I didn't think were possible and have truly fuelled my passion for Ukrainian dance. The atmosphere in Studia is incredibly supportive and serves as a place where you can take risks fearlessly. I am infinitely grateful for the experiences I had in Studia.



Kobzari Kozachok



Shumka at Conexus Centre, Regina



**Alyssa Shukalek -
Current Dancer & Shumka
School Alumnist**

2021/22 was our first full year back dancing on stage after the shut down in 2020. We left the stage with *Nutcracker* in 2019, so to get to return to the stage in Camrose with *Nutcracker* again in 2021 was a really full-circle moment. Performing for a live audience again was really special and to do so accompanied on stage by our dance heroes from Kyiv Ballet and Virsky was incredible. To have had that experience with them is something I will always hold onto. *Shumka on Tour* was another incredible opportunity to share our culture with audiences across Canada. Being a part of this tour has allowed me the chance to showcase and uphold my Ukrainian culture and identity in a time when that culture is under threat. I am incredibly proud and grateful to be a Shumka dancer and look forward to what's to come with tour continuing in the fall.



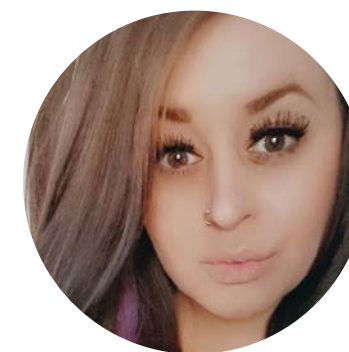
**Nina Semchyshyn -
Shevchenko Foundation
Employee**

I have always admired Shumka for their dedication to sharing Ukrainian culture with the world. They are an ensemble of dedicated performers who pour their hearts into every moment they dance – especially when they returned to the stage after COVID-19. After the first rehearsal I attended, I was blown away by their hard work and talent. During my time with them, I witnessed what it takes to create a show like theirs: long days and nights of rehearsals, troubleshooting on set pieces, and complete dedication to the vision of what they want to achieve. I have come to recognize that Shumka is a gift to our community. To all of Shumka's members – you are dedicated, talented, and dance with a rather moving passion. You treated me like a member of the family when I had planned to act like a fly on the wall, and that... that is special. I am grateful and indebted to all of you. Dance on.



Diana Tayler - SSD Parent
Our family came to Shumka School of Dance (SSD) when our two children were aged five. We immediately felt at

home at SSD and were blown away by the professionalism of the school and the warm family atmosphere. Three years later, our children have had many opportunities to train and perform with world-class dancers from Edmonton and Ukraine and experience the performance high that comes from dancing on a big stage in front of thousands of audience members. While dancing in *Nutcracker 2021*, our children developed many cherished memories such as being invited to be in the center of the circle of dancers (as they were the tiniest) to do the pre-performance "Shhhhhhumka!!!" and being hoisted on the shoulders of the dancers visiting from Kyiv for a picture. We are so happy to have found a home at Shumka and look forward to many more productions to come.



**Liz Brodyk -
SSD Pre-Beginner Auntie**
Shumka is a dance company unlike any other. Mr. Peter and all the instructors go

above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome – truly like they belong. Shumka has made us feel we're part of a beautiful family and we're elated to see what the future holds for our tiny dancers!



**Jo Salvalaggio -
Seniors Can Shumka Dancer**
I attend a wonderful program called "Seniors Can Shumka." Tasha

embraces each one of us with compassion and understanding, elevating each one to a new, exciting level. Thank you all for this amazingly unique program.



**Maureen Pankiw -
Silver Swans & Seniors Can
Shumka Dancer**
Our instructor, Tasha Orysiuk, is amazing!!

Learning ballet techniques at the age of 70 was a bit intimidating. I initially felt like an "ugly duckling" in a flock of graceful swans. Because of Tasha's wealth of experience and knowledge of the human body, she was always able to adapt or modify a movement so that each participant could feel successful.

I enjoyed the non-competitive learning atmosphere of the class as we celebrated each person's success and growth. Tasha's positive energy and encouragement always made us strive to do our best.

I feel strongly that this type of program should be offered to seniors across the country. The Shumka organization should be proud of their innovative dance classes for seniors led by Mrs. Tasha Orysiuk!



Shumka's Nutcracker



Promised Land

THE COMPANY

After far too long away from the studio, company dancers were eager to fully return to regular rehearsal formatting in the summer of 2021.

Seven hundred and twenty-five days after our first COVID shut-down, Shumka boots were able to touch the stage once again in December 2021 with the return of *Shumka's Nutcracker*, featuring guest artists from the National Opera of Ukraine's Kyiv Ballet and Virsky, along with other local performers.

With a newfound momentum, Shumka embarked on its long awaited 60th Anniversary Tour across Canada in spring of 2022, successfully kicked-off with two performances in Edmonton and subsequent shows in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Regina. In each tour city, Shumka offered workshops for local dancers and teachers ages 12 and up, featuring Shumka-style and technique instruction as well as a backstage tour led by current company dancers.



Shumka On Tour



Kobzari Kozachok



Backstage at Mosquito's Wedding

Prior to Shumka's return to the stage last winter, Shumka participated virtually in numerous online galas and festivals with various filmed excerpts from recent Shumka performances, including Vegreville's Pysanka Festival, Canada's National Ukrainian Festival, Plast Malanka, and the International Festival of Ukrainian Culture in Skadovsk, Ukraine.

Pushing Shumka further into the digital space, Shumka filmed and premiered two original film pieces: *Kobzari Kozachok*, made in collaboration with the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America, and *Promised Land*, built from excerpts of Shumka's *Ancestors & Elders* to commemorate 130 years of Ukrainian immigration to Canada.



Studia Shumka

THE SCHOOL, SYLLABUS, & STUDIA

The Shumka School of Dance returned to in-person classes for the 2021-22 calendar year, and for the first time in two years the school was able to host both their Winter and Spring Concerts at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. This exciting year also included a return to competitions, including the Grande Prairie Vitaemo and Cheremosh Festivals, where Shumka School proudly received 61 gold medals for 61 entries, in addition to various choreography and performance awards. School Principal

Peter Eeles attributes this overwhelming success to the SSD's focus on high quality instruction and delivery when continuing with online classes in the 2020-21 season.

The school saw a 29% increase in students from the 2020-21 season, almost fully returning to the previously record-breaking pre-COVID registration levels. With 218 students for a total of 463 class registrations spread across five different genres, the SSD has taken significant strides to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.

The Syllabus for Ukrainian Dance, in an effort to provide quality Ukrainian dance pedagogy to the wider Ukrainian dance community, was given a comprehensive review and refurbishment which was completed this year by syllabus creator Doug Rachinski and SSD Principal Peter Eeles. With the introduction of a new marketing campaign for syllabus adoption locally, nationally, and internationally, Shumka connected with more than 300 Ukrainian dance organizations from across the world, including Canada, USA, England, and Australia.

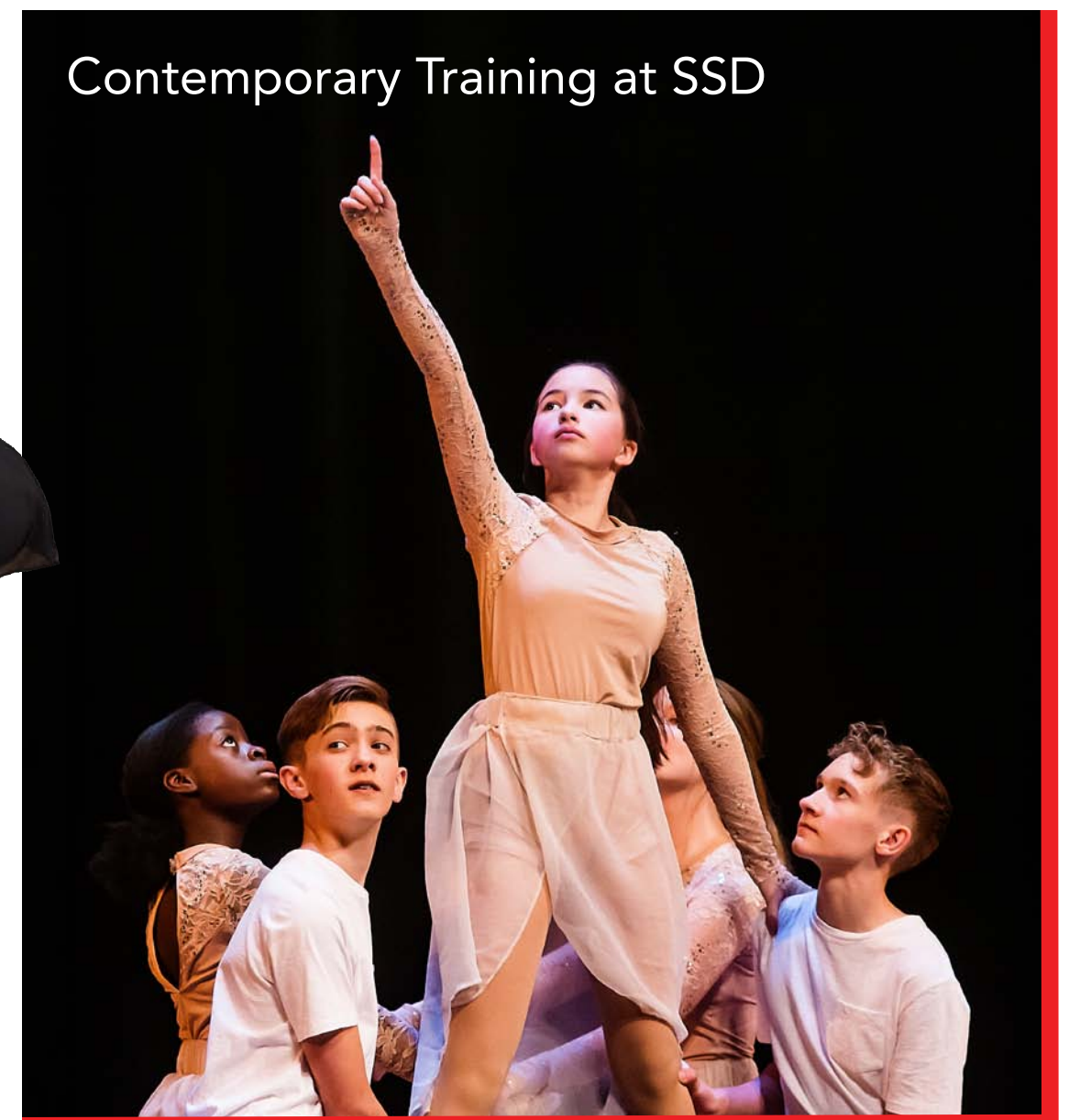
Studia Shumka, established in 2018, had many exciting opportunities this past season including performances at the Benefit for Ukraine concert at Spirit of Hope United Church, 'BRAVO! Ukraine' charity concert, both SSD Winter and Spring Concerts, and Edmonton's UFFest. Combining skills from Ukrainian character, contemporary, and RAD ballet training classes, Studia dancers took great strides this dance season, eventually leading to two Studia dancers being accepted as Apprentice members of Shumka in spring of 2022.



Syllabus Training



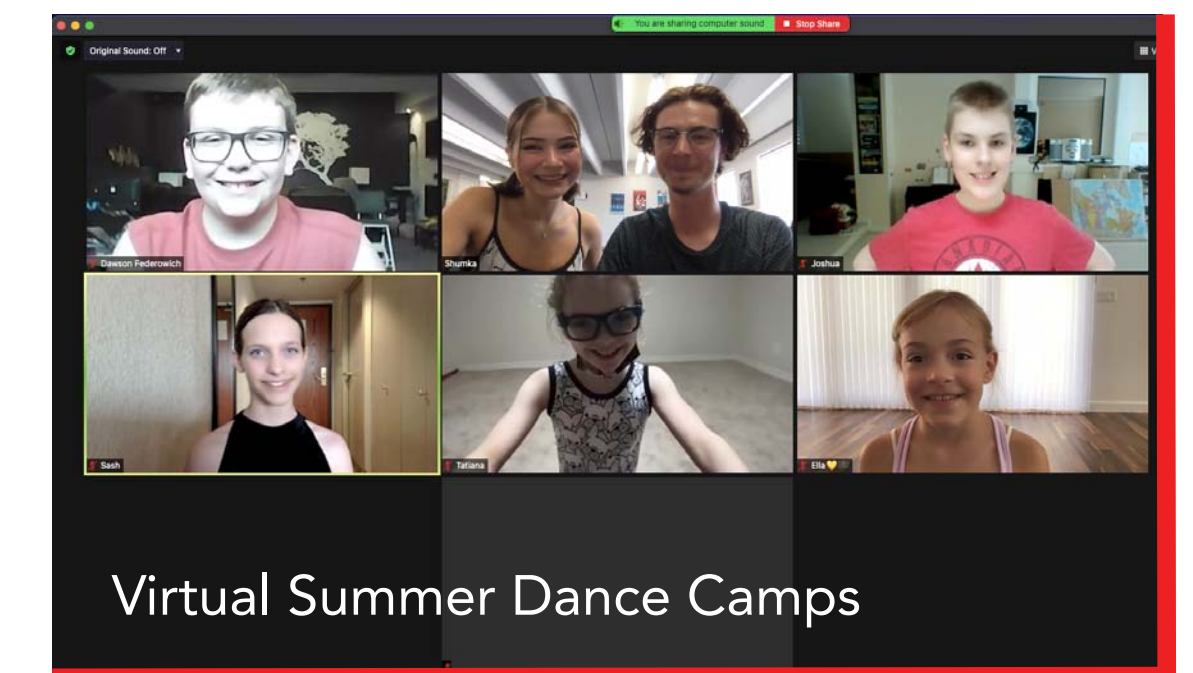
Contemporary Training at SSD

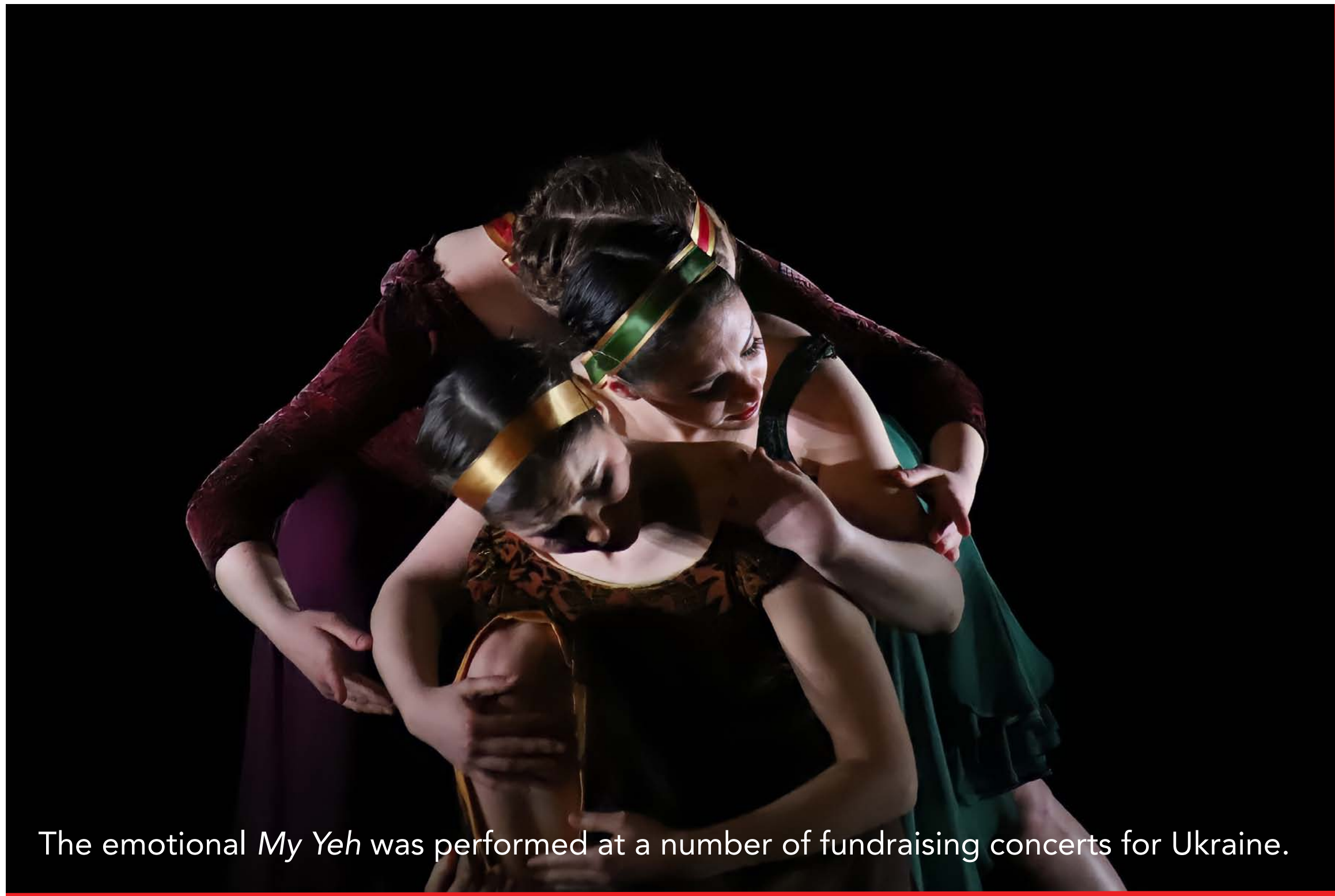


OUTREACH & SUMMER CAMPS

The Seniors Can Shumka and Silver Swans programs have quickly become cornerstones of Shumka's outreach initiatives. The 2021-22 season saw over 120 participants and has already created a new community under the Shumka umbrella.

Shumka Summer Dance Camps, though unable to operate fully due to health restrictions, hosted numerous day camps at the Shumka Dance Centre throughout the summer months of 2021. Campers were given opportunities to enhance their dance training while also engaging in fun and educational activities and crafts.





The emotional *My Yeh* was performed at a number of fundraising concerts for Ukraine.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

With the tragic and heartbreaking war on Ukraine, Shumka has been focused on how to help our family, friends, fellow artists, collaborators, and countrymen. This is not unique to Shumka; support for Ukraine has been at the forefront for the entire Ukrainian diaspora, and those beyond. The moral and financial support for Ukraine has been overwhelming and inspiring. It will be needed for a long period of time.

Shumka was involved in initiatives that brought in over \$130,000 in aid to Ukraine up until the end of May 2022, and this involvement continued into the new fiscal year. Some examples include collections at Shumka School Winter and Spring Concerts, collections and merchandise sales at *Shumka on Tour* performances, participation in A Night for Ukraine and 'BRAVO! Ukraine' collaborative charity concerts, a re-release of Shumka Blonde Ale from Sea Change Brewery, and a fundraising presentation of Shumka's *Dancing on Eggshells* film at Edmonton's Metro Cinema.

Throughout the spring of 2022, Shumka was pleased to welcome over 200 Ukrainian newcomers with complimentary tickets to *Shumka on Tour* performances in Edmonton, Winnipeg, Regina, and Saskatoon.

For a full list of Shumka's past, current and future Aid for Ukraine initiatives, please visit our [website](#).



UKRAINIAN SHUMKA DANCERS ACTIVITIES: JUNE 1, 2021 TO MAY 31, 2022

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2021-06-27	2021-06-27	Canadian Multiculturalism at 50 Day	Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	<i>Isolation Hopak</i> video shown at cultural celebration
2021-06-27	2021-06-27	Government of Alberta Multiculturalism Day	Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Hopak
2021-07-02	2021-07-04	Pysanka Festival	Virtual	Vegreville, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Celebration of Ukrainian culture & arts
2021-07-05	2021-07-09	Shumka Summer Camp for Seniors	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka Outreach & Community with instructor	Exploring different styles of dance in Europe
2021-07-26	2021-07-30	Shumka Summer Dance Camps	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka instructors & camp students	Dance instruction
2021-07-30	2021-08-01	Canada's National Ukrainian Festival	Virtual	Dauphin, MB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Performances
2021-07-30	2021-07-30	Public Launch of <i>Kobzari Kozachok</i> film	Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus	
2021-08-02	2021-08-27	Shumka Summer Dance Camps	Shumka Dance Centre	Edmonton, AB	Shumka Instructors & Camp Students	Dance and cultural instruction
2021-08-21	2021-08-21	Shumka and Studia Shumka Auditions	Shumka Dance Centre	Edmonton, AB	Shumka Dancers	Dancer auditions for Shumka & Studia
2021-08-24	2021-08-24	International Festival of Ukrainian Culture	Virtual	Skadovsk, Kherson Region in Ukraine	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus	<i>Kobzari Kozachok</i> video shown at the 30th Anniversary of Ukraine's independence.
2021-09-13	2022-05-31	Shumka School of Dance	Shumka Dance Centre/ St. Sophia's Parish	Edmonton/ Sherwood Park, AB	Shumka Instructors & School Students	Shumka School training program
2021-09-18	2022-09-19	2021 Toronto Ukrainian Festival	Virtual & In-person	Virtual Bloor Street Festival Toronto	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus	Virtual/In-person Ukrainian arts celebration video showing of <i>Kobzari Kozachok</i>
2021-09-25	2021-09-26	Alberta Culture Days Host Site	Shumka Dance Centre	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers , SSD, RFT, GWDC, Lion Kingdom	Arts & culture celebration
2021-09-25	2021-09-25	Fort Saskatchewan Alberta Culture Days Celebration	Virtual	Fort Saskatchewan, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus	Arts & culture celebration featuring <i>Classic Hopak</i> and <i>Kobzari Kozachok</i>
2021-09-26	2021-09-26	Common Threads Mural Project Unveiling Event	Shumka Dance Centre & live streamed on Facebook	Edmonton, AB	Guests in attendance from the Queen Mary Park community, the Ukrainian community, and the City of Edmonton (including Councillor Scott McKeen), and Shumka	Mural unveiling event celebration

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2021-10-06	2021-11-24	Seniors Can Shumka outreach program	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka outreach instructor & community	Dance/fitness program for seniors
2021-10-06	2021-11-24	Silver Swans – Ballet for 55+	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka outreach instructor & community	Dance/fitness program for seniors
2021-11-21	2021-11-21	International Diwali Night	Virtual	St. Paul, AB	Studia Shumka	Diwali cultural celebration
2021-11-26	2021-11-26	Jube School	Virtual from the Shumka Dance Centre to the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Outreach program for Edmonton area students
2021-12-01	2021-12-01	Interactive Workshop for Seniors	Aster Gardens Seniors Residence	Sherwood Park, AB	Silver Swans & Seniors Can Shumka	Community outreach program for seniors
2021-12-10	2021-12-11	<i>Shumka's Nutcracker</i>	Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre	Camrose, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Shumka School of Dance Students, Kyiv Ballet, Virsky, Mattierin Irish Dance	Performances
2021-12-17	2021-12-18	<i>Shumka's Nutcracker</i>	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Shumka School of Dance Students, Kyiv Ballet, Virsky, Mattierin Irish Dance	Performances
2022-01-13	2022-03-03	Seniors Can Shumka outreach program	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka outreach instructor & community	Dance/fitness program for seniors
2022-01-13	2022-03-03	Silver Swans – Ballet for 55+	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka outreach instructor & community	Dance/fitness program for seniors
2022-01-15	2022-01-15	Plast Virtual Malanka	Virtual	Winnipeg, MB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Hopak
2022-02-27	2022-02-27	Shumka School of Dance Winter Concert	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	Edmonton, AB	Shumka School of Dance Students, Studia Shumka	Celebration of dance by students of Shumka School and Studia Shumka
2022-03-09	2022-03-09	Jube School	Virtual from the Shumka Dance Centre to the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Ukrainian dance workshop for students
2022-03-13	2022-03-13	Benefit for Ukraine	Spirit of Hope United Church	Edmonton, AB	Studia Shumka	Ukraine fundraiser
2022-03-21	2022-05-16	Seniors can Shumka outreach program	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka outreach instructor & community	Dance/fitness program for seniors
2022-03-21	2022-05-16	Silver Swans – Ballet for 55+	Shumka Dance Centre & Virtual	Edmonton, AB	Shumka outreach instructor & community	Dance/fitness program for seniors
2022-04-07	2022-04-08	<i>Shumka on Tour</i> performances	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Celebrating 60 plus years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers
2022-04-19	2022-04-19	A Night for Ukraine Aid for Artists	Arden Theatre	St. Albert, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and other Edmonton area Ukrainian dance companies	Fundraiser for Ukraine
2022-04-30	2022-04-30	BRAVO! 2022 We Believe in Your Glory	University Theatre	Calgary, AB	Studia Shumka and other Alberta Ukrainian dance groups	Fundraiser for Ukraine

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2022-05-04	2022-05-04	Whirlwind Workshop	Centennial Concert Hall	Winnipeg, MB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Dance workshop presented for local Ukrainian dancers
2022-05-05	2022-05-05	<i>Shumka on Tour</i> performances	Centennial Concert Hall	Winnipeg, MB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Celebrating 60 plus years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers
2022-05-12	2022-05-12	Whirlwind Workshop	TCU Place	Saskatoon, SK	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Dance workshop presented for local Ukrainian dancers
2022-05-13	2022-05-13	<i>Shumka on Tour</i> performances	TCU Place	Saskatoon, SK	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Celebrating 60 plus years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers
2022-05-15	2022-05-15	Shumka School of Dance Year End Show	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	Edmonton, AB	Shumka School of Dance Students & Studia Shumka	Celebrating the 2021-2022 Shumka School dance year
2022-05-19	2022-05-19	Workshop for Definity Financial Company and their Cultural Diversity Month	Virtual workshop from the Shumka Dance Centre	Edmonton, AB	Shumka's Creative Director Tasha Orysiuk as Facilitator	One-hour introductory Ukrainian dance/culture workshop for beginners
2022-05-21	2022-05-21	Whirlwind Workshop	Conexus Arts Centre	Regina, SK	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Dance workshop presented for local Ukrainian dancers
2022-05-22	2022-05-22	<i>Shumka on Tour</i> performances	Conexus Arts Centre	Regina, SK	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	Celebrating 60 plus years of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers
2022-05-27	2022-05-28	UFest	Borden Park	Edmonton, AB	Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Shumka School, Studia Shumka	Outdoor festival celebrating Ukrainian culture

SHUMKA BY THE NUMBERS



52

Dancers in company

6

Dancers in Studia Shumka



549,000+

Social media impressions through Facebook: 363K; Twitter: 115.2K; Instagram: up 226%; YouTube: 41K views

178

Active donors

48

New donors

623

Gifts received

39

GEMs (Donors who Give Every Month)

6

Emerging artist projects in progress

3

Apprentices in company

28

Instructors – SSD: 7 plus 6 Lead, and 8 Junior; SSDC: 7 Instructors



96

2020 Shumka Summer Dance Camp (SSDC) students

12

Shumka Summer Dance Camp personnel – 10 Leaders-in-Training; 2 Camp Coordinators



120

Seniors and Swans in outreach programs

209

Students in Shumka School of Dance (SSD) May 2021, end of dance year

11

Board members

7

Artistic team and committee members

14

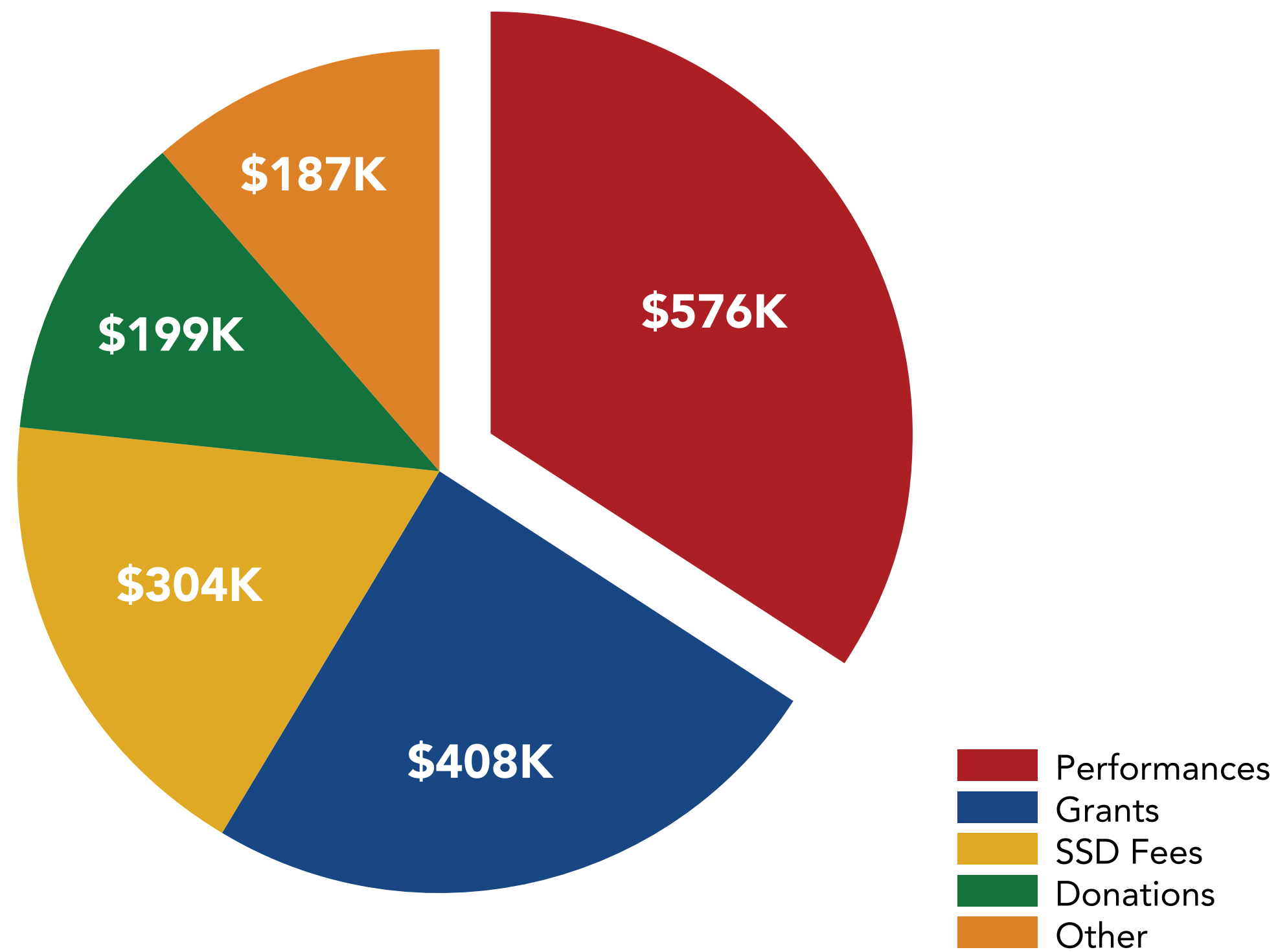
Staff – 4 full time; 4 artistic contracts; 5 production contracts; 1 admin contract



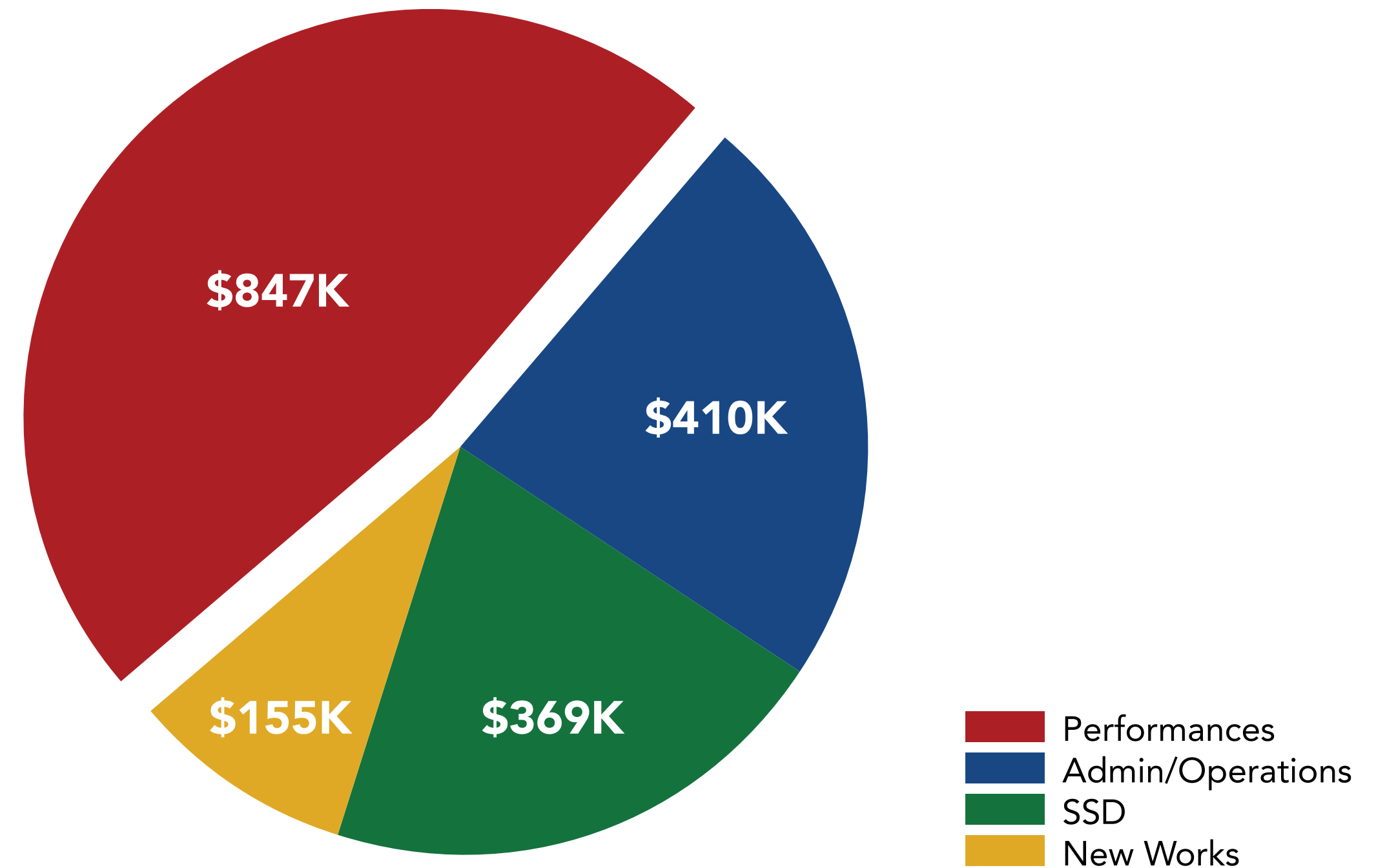
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & NOTES

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Year Ended May 31, 2022

2022 REVENUE OVERVIEW



2022 EXPENSE OVERVIEW



ENDOWMENT FUND

Sustainability is key to Shumka's financial future. To mark the 60th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, an Endowment Fund through the Edmonton Community Foundation was established in 2019. An initial donation from the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers Alumni Association provided this legacy project a solid start. Further contributions are partially matched annually by the Canadian Cultural Investment Fund, through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

An endowment is a pool of money that is invested, with investment returns provided to the charity to use for their operations. Donations are made into the fund and they are then held and invested in the endowment forever, with only the returns being pulled for the organization's operations.

The Endowment Fund is instrumental in securing Shumka's long-term financial stability. In time, Shumka aspires to have the endowment returns act as one of our major annual revenue sources to help with the creation and presentation of new works.

Leave your legacy with Shumka. See your funds make a difference by donating today or join our donors who have bequeathed funds to the endowment in their wills. For more information or to donate, contact shumka@shumka.com.





SHUMKA GEMs

Shumka was pleased to see the number of monthly supporters increase by 26% from the end of last fiscal year. We thank our Shumka GEMs, who Give Every Month, for enhancing our stability and for their generosity which allows us to further explore, grow, and create.

Throughout the year our generous donors provided respective tributes in honour or memory of loved ones and supported causes important to them.

FUNDERS & DONORS

- 📖 Shumka GEMs - **Give Every Month**
- 🌿 Shumka Whirlwind Endowment Fund
- Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF)

Our funders and donors make a resounding difference with their support. They keep our boots dancing and our dreams alive!

Shumka is ever grateful and acknowledges the following individuals, families, companies, foundations, and funders for their generous help. This list recognizes monetary and in-kind donations received between June 1st, 2021 and May 31st, 2022. There have also been a number of donations made since the start of our new fiscal year and the full donor list featuring all of our 60th Anniversary donors, is available on our [website](#).

Whirlwind Visionary (\$50,000 to \$500,000)

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
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 Edmonton Arts Council
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 - Simon Sochatsky

Whirlwind Benefactor (\$10,000 to \$49,999)

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