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Dear Ukrainian Dance Schools and Instructors,

The Ukrainian Cheremosh Society is excited to invite you to the 32nd annual Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Festival!

The Festival will take place at The Arden Theatre, located at 5 St. Anne Street in St. Albert, Alberta. The dates for this year's Festival are **Thursday, May 5 to Sunday, May 8, 2016.**

On the website we have included PDFs of the Official Festival Rules, Summary Sheet, and Entry Form (duplicate entry form as necessary). When sending in your registration, ensure that you include one Summary Sheet per dance school and one Entry Form per dance routine.

Note these Important Dates:



February 19, 2016 - Final deadline for entry submission. Entries must be postmarked by this date. This date will be strictly enforced, as late submissions delay the release of the draft schedule, which is unfair to other participants. Once your entries are received, a confirmation email will be sent to the Contact Person on the registration package. **This year we are adding an additional late fee for those entries that come in past the deadline. For every day late a \$10.00 fee will be added and must be paid prior to performing in the festival.**

March 11, 2016 - A draft schedule will be released to allow schools to review for any missing entries, spelling mistakes, etc. Corrections will be accepted for **10 days only**. Exact performance times are subject to change following the draft release; however, changes to dates will be minimized.

March 25, 2016 - The final schedule will be released 6 weeks prior to the festival to allow schools to notify their dancers and parents. No changes can be made after this date. If emergency situations/cancellations arise, the final schedule will not be changed, but the MC will announce the change when introducing the category on stage.

Our committee is composed of current Cheremosh dancers, who want to ensure the dance festival is a rewarding and educational experience for your dancers. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us at festival@cheremosh.ca. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

We are looking forward to communicating with you throughout the year by email and spending the second weekend of May surrounded by the liveliness of Ukrainian dance! Stay updated by also following us on **Facebook** (search: Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Festival).

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hirniak and Rebecca West
and the 2016 Cheremosh Dance Festival Committee

