

# Tavria Ukrainian Dance Festival

March 19–22, 2026 | Regina Performing Arts Centre (RPAC), Regina, Saskatchewan



**Bіраємо** on behalf of the Tavria Festival Planning Committee, we are honoured to invite you to the **2026 Tavria Ukrainian Dance Festival!** Join us from **March 19–22, 2026**, at the **Regina Performing Arts Centre (RPAC)** in Regina, Saskatchewan, for a vibrant celebration of Ukrainian dance and culture — and to experience everything Regina has to offer.

## What's New for 2026

**Designated Eating Area for Dancers:** To help maintain the cleanliness of our venue, we've introduced a designated eating area in the basement of the RPAC. With the exception of water, all food and beverages must remain in this area. Our downstairs crew will be on hand to help enforce this policy.

**New Regions:** We have added the following Regions for 2026

1. Boykivshchyna (Boiko Region), 2. Galychyna, 3. Lemkivshchyna (Lemko), 4. Open – Lyrical, 5. Open - Pryvit, 6. Podillia, 7. Pokuttia, 8. Slobozhanshchyna 9. Tavria Crimean/Prychornomor'ya

**Updated Regions:** We have updated the following Regions

1. *Hutzul* has been updated to **Hutsulchyna**.

**The Family Dance Category:** Now available in DanceBUG! Performances made entirely of family members—duets, small, medium, or large groups—are eligible for the Family Dance Award, presented to the top entry each year. Remember to mark your routine as **"Family Dance"** when registering.

## Returning for 2026

**DanceBUG Partnership:** We're grateful for DanceBUG's continued partnership in helping us deliver a **modern, connected, and memorable** festival experience.

- **Simplified Festival Management:** Manage rosters, register routines, and upload music online.
- **Live Streaming & Video Services:** Watch live with DanceBUG LiveStream and access performance/adjudication videos within 48 hours

**Awards and Scholarships:** Since 2025, we've reimagined our awards program to focus on recognition that truly supports dancers. Instead of traditional trophies, recipients now receive **monetary awards and scholarships**, honouring exceptional artistry, technique, and passion for Ukrainian dance.

**Tentative Instructors Master Class:** We're planning on offering an Instructor Masterclass for 2026. Final details will be confirmed based on registration numbers. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to develop this exciting opportunity!



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We have created a quick reference table to help you quickly navigate our Syllabus.

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Through these enhancements, we remain committed to creating an **exceptional festival experience** for dancers, instructors, and families alike. Please review our syllabus for complete details, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

We can't wait to celebrate with you in March 2026!

Thank you

**Twyla Mosley-Widger** - Festival Chair

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## Key Festival Dates

Key Dates for the 2026 Tavria Ukrainian Dance Festival:

- **Wednesday, December 31, 2025:**
  - Registration Deadline
- **Monday January 12th 2026:**
  - Draft 1 Schedule release
- **Saturday February 14th, 2026:**
  - Deadline for Change Requests for Schedule
- **Friday February 21th, 2026:**
  - Deadline for initial DanceBUG Music Uploads
  - Schedule release
- **Friday March 6th, 2026:**
  - Deadline for Last Minute Schedule Change Requests
- **Festival Dates:**
  - Thursday, March 19 to Sunday, March 22, 2026

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the magic!

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## How to Register

We have simplified the Registration Process through DanceBUG to Register for the 2026 Festival.

1. **Visit:** <https://www.tavria.org/festival/>
2. Go to the Event Registration Email at the bottom of the Page and enter your email
3. **New To DanceBUG:** If your studio is new to DanceBUG you will need to create an account, new accounts are approved within 24 hours.
4. **Existing DanceBUG Users:** If your studio is already registered then you just need to login and search for **2026 Tavria Ukrainian Dance Festival**.
5. **Not sure if your studio has a DanceBUG account:** email [tavria.festival.register@gmail.com](mailto:tavria.festival.register@gmail.com) and I will be happy to look up your studio.

**Remember** to register your entries by midnight on December 31.



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## Registration Fees

### Festival Registration Fees are:

- **Solo:** \$18 per dancer
- **Duet:** \$15 per dancer
- **Group entries:** (small, medium and large): \$12 per dancer First come first serve basis

### Please Note:

- Registration is on a first come first serve basis,
- Registration fees are non-refundable

### Payments can be made via

- **e-transfer:** [tavriafestival@gmail.com](mailto:tavriafestival@gmail.com)
  - In the Memo Section Please State your Studio and for Festival Fees
- **Other Payment Options:** Studio Cheque payable to
  - Tavria School of Ukrainian Dance
  - Address: 105 Hodsman Road Regina Saskatchewan S4N 5W5



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## Gender Classifications

### Gender Guidelines

- Male
- Female
- Mixed Group (Groups Containing at least 1 male and 1 female)

### Notes on Gender

- DanceBUG will automatically classify groups based on the gender of the dancers.
- Any changes to the dancers in a group, even last-minute changes, may result in a change of group gender classification.

## Group Size

### Group Guidelines

- Solo (1 Person)
- Duet (2 people)
- Small Group (3 - 5 people)
- Medium Group (6-10 people)
- Large Group (11+ people)

### Notes on Group Size

- DanceBUG will automatically categorize your group based on the number of dancers.
- Any changes to the number of dancers in a group, even last-minute changes, may result in a change of group size category.

## Age Groups

### Age Group Guidelines

- 6 and under
- 7-8 years old
- 9-10 years old
- 11-12 years old
- 13-14 years old
- 15-16 years old
- 17-18 years old
- 19+
- 30+

### Notes on Age Groups

- **Age Calculation:** DanceBUG will automatically categorize dancers and groups based on their age.
- **Age Determination:** A dancer's age is determined by their age as of December 31, 2025.
- **Note:** Changes to the dancers in a group, even last-minute changes, may result in a change of the group's age category.



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## Regions Guide

- **(NEW) Boykivshchyna:**  
A modest and grounded mountain style marked by contained movements, simple patterns, and a dignified, earthy grace.
- **Bukovyna:**  
Playful and rhythmic with intricate footwork, vibrant spins, and ornate costumes reflecting the region's cultural blend.
- **Central Ukraine/Poltavsky:**  
Elegant and balanced, emphasizing clean lines, fluid arm work, and harmonious group formations.
- **Character:**  
Expressive, story-driven dances that showcase personality, mood, or humor beyond traditional regional styles.
- **(NEW) Crimean:**  
Exotic and flowing, influenced by Tatar and Turkic rhythms, with soft, expressive gestures and ornate flair.
- **(NEW) Halychyna:**  
Energetic and powerful, known for strong stamping, quick turns, and lively, coordinated ensemble movement.
- **Hopak:**  
The national showpiece of Ukrainian dance — heroic, athletic, and celebratory, featuring high jumps and dazzling acrobatics.
- **(UPDATED) Hutsulchyna/Hutzul:**  
A vibrant, high-energy mountain dance with rapid footwork, leaps, and rhythmic stomps embodying Hutsul pride and spirit.
- **(NEW) Lemkivshchyna:**  
Gentle and lyrical with swaying, circular motions and graceful gestures evoking the rolling Carpathian foothills.
- **Open:**  
A creative category allowing freedom in choreography, blending traditional elements with contemporary artistry.
- **(NEW) Open – Lyrical:**  
Emotionally expressive works inspired by Ukrainian culture, fusing lyrical or modern styles with folk essence.



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- **(NEW) Podillia:**  
Smooth, flowing, and elegant, highlighting graceful arm movements and soft, weaving step patterns.
- **(NEW) Pokuttia:**  
Festive and rhythmic, featuring lively footwork and joyful expressions that capture village celebration.
- **Polissia:**  
Grounded and authentic, reflecting the northern forest region's rustic charm through simple, rhythmic patterns.
- **(NEW) Prychornomorya:**  
Coastal-inspired with sweeping movements, fluid spins, and a bright southern character.
- **(NEW) Pryvit:**  
A ceremonial “welcome dance” performed at the start of events, symbolizing hospitality, joy, and cultural pride.
- **(NEW) Slobozhanshchyna:**  
Lively and fast-paced, combining light jumps, playful gestures, and bright musicality.
- **Volyn:**  
Graceful and polished, marked by clean execution, symmetrical patterns, and beautifully embroidered costumes.
- **Zakarpattia/Transcarpathian:**  
Dynamic and rhythmic, blending Western mountain influences with cheerful melodies and quick, syncopated steps.

## Notes on Regions:

- **Open Class:** Any dance not registered in another class may be entered here.
- **Regional Flexibility:** No regional restrictions within the Open Class.
- **Class Adjustment:** We reserve the right to cancel or relocate the Open Class based on interest.



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## Time Limits

Ensure your performances are on time to keep the show running smoothly.

### Maximum Routine Time Limits:

- **Solo:** 2.0 minutes
- **Duet:** 2.5 minutes
- **Small Group:** 4.0 minutes
- **Medium Group:** 5.0 minutes
- **Large Group:** 5.0 minutes
- **Hopak:** 7.0 minutes

**Please Note::** Timing starts from the first movement and ends when all dancers exit the stage, including bows. Exceeding the time limit may result in a penalty of \$25 for every additional 15 seconds.

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## Music

DanceBUG isn't just a registration tool; it's your backstage maestro.

- **Centralized Music Library:** Upload all your music to your DanceBUG account.
- **Synchronized Playback:** DanceBUG automatically queues and plays music based on your performance schedule.
- **Focus on What Matters:** Let DanceBUG handle the music, so you can focus on what truly matters: your performance.

If you have any questions on DanceBUG or their music policies don't hesitate to contact us.



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## Awards

**Monetary Awards and Scholarships:** We're excited to announce a shift from traditional trophies to monetary awards and scholarships. **Please Note:**

- **Adjudicator's Decision:** The adjudicator's decision is final.
- **Query Deadline:** Any queries must be submitted in writing to the Festival Committee within 14 days of competition.
- **Award Distribution:** After the 14 query period has ended, awards will be finalized and sent to the Winners on April 1, 2026.
- **Award Categories:** Awards will be presented to solos, duets, small groups, medium groups, large groups, and family groups.

### Marking Scale and Awards:

- **Gold:** 90% - 100%
- **Silver:** 85% - 89%
- **Bronze:** 80% - 84%

### Awards will be given for:

- **Highest Marks:** In various categories
- **Tie Breakers:** Tie breakers for Highest Mark will be decided by the Adjudicator
- **Adjudicator's Choice:** Selected by the adjudicator

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## Host Venue

Located in the heart of Regina, the Regina Performing Arts Centre provides an amazing setting for our Festival. It features an excellent auditorium, comfortable seating and the venue offers an ideal atmosphere for enjoying vibrant performances. Conveniently located with ample parking and quick access to downtown Regina, it's easily accessible for all our guests.

- **Venue:** Regina Performing Arts Centre
- **Address:** 1077 Angus Street, Regina, Saskatchewan



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## Instructors/Teachers Please Note the Following:

- Instructor/Teacher please report to the Registration Desk upon arrival to receive your information package.
- Music is required to be downloaded to DanceBug. DanceBug’s privacy policy states, “we do not sell or allow third parties to access any information including private information of dancers, addresses, and digital files like music.” Their service is acting as the intermediary to help competition organizers organize their data so they can run their events. So, files and information are covered under DanceBug terms.
- No parents or non-competitors will be allowed backstage at any time.
- Instructors and teachers are responsible for their participants' punctuality and behavior at all times within the facility. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification.
  - Please Note: We have experienced multiple incidents of damage to the facility, including scuff marks from shoes and stains from lipstick. We kindly ask instructors to remind their dancers to be respectful of the space.
- Rehearsals on stage are not permitted. Limited warm up space is available in the designated rooms (lower level of the facility). Please be courteous. Each group/dancer will be allotted a time in accordance with the order of appearance in the program.
- Limited dressing room space is available in the lower level of the facility.
- There will be a designated eating area in the basement of the PAC. Aside from water all food and drinks are expected to remain in the designated eating area, this will be enforced by our downstairs crew.
- Approaching the Adjudicator will not be tolerated. THE DECISION OF THE ADJUDICATOR WILL BE FINAL.
- The Festival Committee is NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS incurred during the Festival.
- The Festival Committee reserves the right to split and combine classes, age groups and regions according to the number of entries received.
- NO CAMERAS OR VIDEOS ARE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE COMPETITION (exception being media coverage and DanceBug)
- No Smoking in the facilities



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## Instructors/Teachers please note the following (Continued)

- Audience members will not be allowed to leave or enter the auditorium during a performance
- Adjudication sheets may be picked up from the registration table by the INSTRUCTORS/TEACHERS or designated person.
- AGE VERIFICATION: Dances must be prepared to provide verification (birth certificate or any other appropriate document) if asked by the Adjudicator. If verification is not provided the participant may be disqualified from the Festival.
- The Tavria Festival Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor for infringement of rules and regulations.
- COMPLAINTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING and delivered to the Festival Chairpersons, within two weeks following the festival. Any queries may be directed to any Committee member. Any complaints made in an improper manner or making any approaches to the Adjudicator, may result in being banned from Festival for a period of one year.

\*\*\* ABSOLUTELY NO PROMPTING BY ANYONE, INCLUDING INSTRUCTORS IS PERMITTED OR THE COMPETITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED \*\*\*

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On behalf of the Tavria Festival Planning Committee, we thank you for your continued support of Ukrainian dance and culture. The 2026 Tavria Ukrainian Dance Festival promises to be a celebration of artistry, tradition, and community, and we are honoured to share this experience with you.

We look forward to welcoming dancers, instructors, families, and guests to Regina this March. Together, let's create memories, showcase talent, and continue the legacy of Ukrainian dance for generations to come.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Festival**

**Twyla Mosley-Widger** - Festival Chair

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