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PRESS RELEASE

The 29th annual Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival will take place from September 12th to 14th st Bloor West Village. The festival kicks off on Friday, September 12, at 6:00 PM.

This year's entertainment program features 175 artists from various regions of Canada, the USA, and Ukraine.

Headliner: high-energy Ukrainian-Canadian ZAPOVID, Toronto.

Featured Performers: "RUSALKA" Dance Ensemble from Winnipeg, the Zoloty Promin Ukrainian Dance Ensemble from Connecticut, and singer Kozak Siromakha (@kozak.siromaha) from Ukraine.

The March of Solidarity begins on September 13th at 11:00 AM, starting from High Park and proceeding along Bloor St. West, concluding at the Bloor and Jane intersection. This year's Parade Marshall is Borys Horodyskii, a Canadian farmer (Horodysky Farms) and philanthropist.

On September 13th, the official opening ceremonies will take place on the main stage at Bloor and Jane around 12:15 PM.

New This Year: The “UKRAINE TODAY” Speakers’ Corner Pavilion, located near the Baka Cafe at Bloor St. West and Beresford Avenue, will host a three-day schedule of thought-provoking talks and discussions. Some topics and speakers: “Our American Catastrophe and Why Ukraine Needs To Be the Avant-Garde” by historian Dr. Marci Shore, “Abducted by Russian Ukrainian Children” by journalist Victor Malarek, and “Weaponizing History: Kremlin’s Information War in Canada” by journalist Marcus Kolga. Scholastic author Marsha Skrypuch will also present her first book of a trilogy, “Kidnapped from Ukraine.”

The ANTITEXT exhibit from the Kharkiv Literary Museum will highlight the destruction of Ukrainian literature by Russia and feature the Chytomo Media display of newly published Ukrainian books that were damaged in a bombed printing factory. The Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute will present the latest translations of contemporary Ukrainian literature. PROJECT 24: Experience 24 large paintings by artist Volodymyr Kozyuk from Vinnytsia, Ukraine, illustrating the destruction and horrors of war, as well as messages of hope. This exhibit will be situated in the parking lot of Turner and Porter.

ARTSCAPE: Join in the pysanky writing challenge at the tent located at the corner of Bloor and Windermere, where participants can decorate Easter eggs in the Ukrainian style. This project aims to engage the community in a hands-on experience learning about Ukrainian culture. Additional Feature: This year, enjoy the UKRAINIAN VILLAGE Refreshment Garden, located on the parking lot of the No Frills Store at Bloor and Glendonwynne, complete with its own entertainment stage.

For more information, please visit www.ukrainianfestival.com