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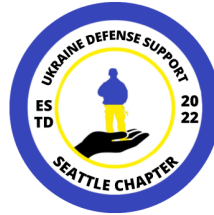
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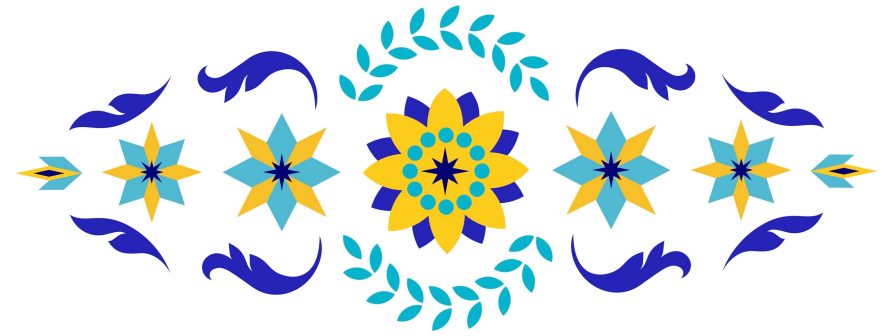
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THE 6th ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN UKRAINIAN

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

September 9, 2023 - 10 am - 8 pm
Downtown Park, Bellevue, WA

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

ORGANIZED BY



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We also extend our thanks to the many volunteers, organizations,
and churches who helped make this event possible!

WELCOME TO OUR FESTIVAL

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 6th Annual Northwest Ukrainian International Festival! Thank you for joining us today to celebrate Ukrainian culture and resilience in downtown Bellevue.

Ukraine was once part of the Kievan Rus', a major political and cultural center in Eastern Europe. Despite various conquest and conflicts, and eventual absorption into the Russian Empire, Ukrainians endured as a nation with a distinct identity and will. Following the Russian Revolution, Ukraine declared independence in 1918. However, with Kyiv's defeat at the hands of the Red Army, Ukraine became a Soviet Republic in 1920. Ukrainians withstood decades of persecution, famine, and war.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, Ukraine successfully gained its independence on August 24, 1991. Since then, Ukrainians have sought to strengthen their nation despite facing economic and political struggles as well as Russian military incursions. In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine with unprovoked, unjustifiable force. As you read these words, Ukrainians have been fighting for their lives, their liberty, and their land for over 560 days. Thousands have lost their lives and several million have fled to safer countries. Ukrainians will press on, but they need the world's ongoing support more than ever.

There are over 1 million Ukrainians in the United States. In the past few decades, a large and growing Ukrainian diaspora has come to call the Pacific Northwest home. In fact, Washington State has one of the largest Ukrainian populations in the U.S. Many came due to religious persecution, to reunite with family members, and to seek a brighter future. To the 16,000 Ukrainians who have recently arrived in Washington due to the war, we extend our warmest welcome and support. Some of them are participating in this festival today.

Stewarded by the Pacific Ukrainian Society in partnership with the Honorary Consulate of Ukraine in Seattle, the Embassy of Ukraine in the U.S., and the City of Bellevue, this festival has become a vibrant celebration of Ukrainian life. This event was made possible by our wonderful volunteers, sponsors, and guests - thank you!

Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Seattle, Valeriy Goloborodko
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The Pacific Ukrainian Society is an organization dedicated to organizing educational initiatives, cultural events, and professional development opportunities to support and unite the Ukrainian community while promoting Ukrainian culture, language, and values in the broader community.

The Pacific Ukrainian Society has several focus areas:

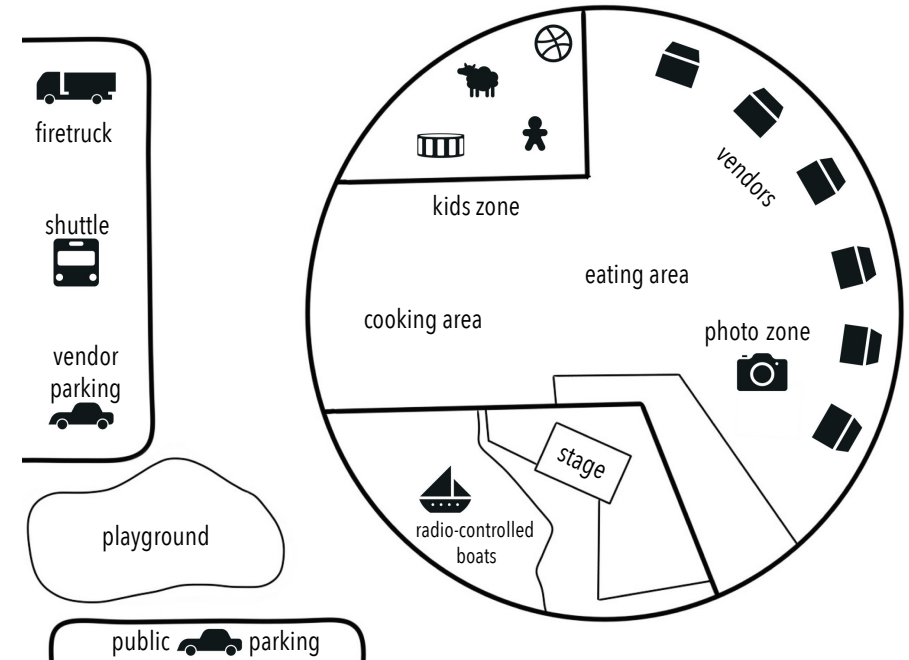
- Supporting educational and cultural activities that preserve and share Ukraine's rich linguistic and cultural history
- Organizing educational and professional events to support volunteers, chaplains, and providers in the field of psychological rehabilitation
- Internship program, particularly for interns from Ukraine
- Annual Northwest Ukrainian International festival

If you are interested in joining or supporting our work, please visit us at <https://ukrainiansociety.org>. Let's make a difference together!

UKRAINIAN SPIRIT, GLOBAL IMPACT



DOWNTOWN PARK



We extend our gratitude to the people of Bellevue and their city council for hosting this festival. Please ensure to respect city and local business policies when parking or using public transportation.



✧ FACTS ABOUT UKRAINE ✧



Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind Ukraine's bright flag colors? They are most commonly associated with Ukraine's golden wheat fields and blue skies.



Not counting Russia, Ukraine is the largest country in Europe by area. It is currently home to about 36 million people, though millions more live abroad to escape the dangers of the war.

Ukraine's coat of arms is a shield with a trident. It is called *tryzub* (tree-zoob). The symbol was the seal-trident of Volodymyr the Great, the first Grand Prince of Kyiv.



Two notable artistic traditions in Ukraine include pysanky – colorful eggs made using wax drawing techniques, and vyshyvanka – traditionally embroidered clothing.



✧ SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS ✧

- Vyshyvanka contest
- Auction
- All-day children's activities
 - 2-3 pm: Reptiles
- Musical performances by:
 - Washington State Combined Orchestra
 - Olivan - Ukrainian singer
 - Choice - Ukrainian band
 - Valentyn Lysenko – Bandura player
 - Roman Vashchuk – Ukrainian singer
 - Duo Post Prelude – Guitar duo
 - Brass band from California
 - And more!

SPEAK SOME UKRAINIAN

- **Добрий день** (dob-riy den') – Good day/hello
- **Привіт** (pri-vit) – Hi (informal)
- **Дякую** (dya-ku-yu) – Thank you
- **Будь ласка** (bud' laska) – You're welcome/please
- **Вибачте** (vi-bach-te) – Excuse me
- **Скільки?** (skil-kee) – How much?
- **Так** (tak) – Yes
- **Ні** (ni) – No
- **До побачення** (do po-ba-chen-ya) – Goodbye
- **Па-па** (pa-pa) – Bye (informal)
- **Слава Україні!** (slava u-kra-ini) – Glory to Ukraine!
 - Often followed by **Героям слава!** (he-ro-yam slava) – Glory to the heroes!

