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WINNIPEG, MY HOME.

A LETTER FROM THE STUDENT EDITOR



Hello, devoted readers! Welcome to the Congress Issue of *Student*. This issue is where we feature the endeavours of our clubs from across the country.

This year, Congress is in Winnipeg, and I could not be more proud. Despite the fact that I live in Toronto, Winnipeg will always be my home. There are so many wonderful things about Winnipeg, and here are a few.

The people – I’m definitely biased because I was born and raised in Winnipeg, but based on the fact that there is a “Little Winnipeg” in Toronto – Winnipeegers will always share that common denominator. They’re so friendly, and down to earth. Within our Ukrainian community, there is always a desire to share our culture with others and everyone in our community is always ready to help.

The places – the arts and culture scene in Winnipeg is one of my favourite things. Not only is it affordable, but it is high quality stuff! Additionally, I love all the best places to eat or hang out. Sometimes you’ve got to be in the know, but if you hang out with a Winnipeger enough, you’ll know the good eats.

The peace – currently living in downtown Toronto without a car constantly has me craving late night drives to my favourite ice cream spots, and exploring the endless prairies. There is no better feeling than strolling into the endless horizon of fields. I will always stand behind this statement, “The mountains are breathtaking, but the prairies are peaceful”. – Dayna

It’s been an honour and privilege to serve this last year on the SUSK Board of Directors as *Student Editor*. It has been an amazing opportunity to meet the future leaders of our Ukrainian community. I can assure any elders, that our community is in good hands with the calibre work of the students from across the country!

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About the Cover Artist



Dustin Smaczylo went to school at the *University of Winnipeg* for several years, taking English and Classics. He taught creative writing in upstate New York, and later went on an excavation in Greece before returning to Canada to pursue a degree in Fine Arts. Switching school to the *University of Manitoba*, Dustin had a focus in sculpture. With no previous experience in art, Dustin learned to draw from live models, and portraiture. Starting with charcoal, he later moved to oil paint, combining his interest in sculpture with his experience in oils, and has recently been making installation pieces which utilizes canvas and 2D line in a physical interactive format.



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Вітаю!



Welcome readers, to the special *Student* issue for Congress 2019. Celebrating SUSK's 65th anniversary, SUSK Congress is being held where SUSK was born, revived, and prospered – Winnipeg, MB. Students will get “Back to Our Roots” from May 2-5. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the Holodomor and the influence of disinformation in the media.

This issue is comprised of articles from our member Ukrainian Student Organizations (USOs), who have an opportunity to showcase the activities and events they have organized over the 2018-2019 academic year. SUSK is only as strong as our USOs. We hope that by building strong networks and support systems, our USOs will be able to succeed and flourish.

With this being my fifth Congress, I am looking forward to everyone experiencing the comradery and reflect on opportunities. To those attending, you will learn so much more than you could have imagined. You'll now have life long friends and a couch to sleep on across Canada. The lack of sleep is worth it!

I want to thank everyone who helped made the 2019 SUSK Congress successful. I am indebted to your committed and support!

Бажаю вам всього найкращого!

All the best!

Всього найкращого!

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WELCOME TO THE 204

NINA SEMCHYSHYN & HANNAH PICKLYK

The Middle Province, the Slurpee Capital, Gateway to the West... Winnipeg is identified with its many nicknames. So, where the Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet, we are excited to bring together and host Ukrainian Students across Canada this May 2-5, 2019.

With an estimated population of 808, 419 people, approximately 16% of that being the Ukrainian community, we look forward to introducing and welcoming you into our unique and tight-knit family of Ukrainians.

When we first began planning with the committee back in September, the ideas, goals and activities bouncing off of one another, were unable to be kept up with our hand to paper... we could not have been more excited and for lack of better terms, PUMPED, to be apart of the planning process. We have exciting activities that allow you to see our city through a "Car Rally," develop ideas and brainstorm with each other, experience a traditional "Manitoban" styled Zabava and much more!

With Winnipeg's small population and city, spread out on the great prairie, we have been fortunate to grow up in a vibrant, familiar and if you look at our licence plates, "Friendly Manitoba[an]" community. We look forward to be able to share what we love most about our home,

learn from each other and of course, celebrate our culture.

Our three simple objectives and goals that we hope for everyone to experience and take home from the weekend are

1. To fall in love with our little city and feel at home

2. Walk away from congress feeling

excited and motivated with new ideas for your individual clubs

3. Lastly, to be able to make great friends that when you plan on travelling to different provinces, you have a place to stay.

See you in Winterpeg! But do not fret... no need to bring your parkas or boots!



UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' CLUB CHERRY PEROGY MAKING EVENT

The University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club is happy to say that our annual "Make Your Own Varenyky" event was a huge success. Each year, we have been hosting perogy making events to promote Ukrainian culture and to help grow our club's network in the Ottawa community. Normally we make the savoury cheese and potato ones, but this year we decided to change it up! The sweet cherry perogies, served with creative toppings like sour cream, sugar, whipped cream and ice cream, were a hit among club members and guests interested in learning about the process.

The November 2018 Cherry Perogy/Varenyky Making Event was held at a party room located in the Byward Market in downtown Ottawa. This time and location was perfect for university students, as most of our midterm exams were done and it was close to campus! We provided supplies, instructions, and help to those who were curious about how perogies are made. It was great that there were plenty of varenyky for each person, as it was "make your own" style. Although, if your club would like to try this, we would recommend having lots of hands to help clean up after! By the end of the night, everyone learned so much, regardless of how much previous experience they had.

As a club, we decided to host this event as it was different from other traditional perogy making events. Many students were unaware that varenyky could be made with fruit or other fillings. We would like to thank everyone who attended, helped at and supported this occasion. Since this was such a fun, educational, and delicious event for all, the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club looks forward to our next unique perogy making night!



MCGILL UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

RECAP OF THE YEAR



McGill Ukrainian Students Association had a busy 2018-2019 year filled with a variety of cultural and social events within McGill and the Montreal community. It was an exciting year by having lots of new members join our executive board to help with the planning and executing of events.

We started the year off collaborating with the Concordia Ukrainian Students Union by tabling together at the Montreal Ukrainian Festival and hosting a welcome back to school BBQ. These were nice opportunities to meet new members and make new friends. Then we collaborated with several of the other European cultural clubs to co-host an apartment crawl event that centered around learning about each culture's music, food and games.



The rest of the first semester we hosted events centered around sharing the Ukrainian culture and history. We hosted a perogy making workshop and made around 500, which we later sold on campus during a varenyky sale. Then for Holodomor Remembrance we did a screening of Bitter Harvest. These were educational experiences to shed light on Ukrainian culture and history, that sparked interest for members outside of the club to learn more.

Then we had the chance to be involved within the Montreal Ukrainian Community by attending community wide events. A couple representatives from the club attended the Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Leadership Dinner through the generous sponsorship of Ukrainian National Federation of Canada. We also had a group of members attend the annual Cym-Plast's Malanka in January. These were great opportunities to make connections and see the bigger picture of how we can be involved in our community outside of school today and when we graduate.



Recently, in the second semester we have held a couple of social events to just hang out and get to know our members better. We organized a games night playing Jenga and card games such as Durak. Then co-hosted the



MANITOBA'S UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY

A YEAR IN REVIEW

For the first half of the 2018-2019 school year our student group was focused on getting some logistics organized. The last couple years there has not been too much activity in our student group, so the fall term was spent revamping the group, establishing an executive team, and planning a few events for the coming Winter term.

Our first event of the year was our annual perogy lunch at the beginning of November. St. Andrews sponsors this event each year to help us out a little bit, and it lowers the cost of the perogies for the students. This year we charged \$3 for a plate of six perogies and had about 70 people come out to our lunch time event. Everyone had a great time enjoying some delicious perogies.

For Holodomor Awareness week, we set up a table of educational posters and information about Holodomor. We spent a few hours in the hall educating fellow students about the horrific famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1930s. It is tragic event that occurred that definitely does not get discussed enough, and it is important to spread its awareness.

In February we organized our Postcards for Prisoners with the support of SUSK. The event was dedicated to raising awareness of Ukrainian prisoners unjustly incarcerated in Russian prisons. We had an amazing opportunity to provide moral support to the prisoners by writing postcards to them. We organized a table in our university to spread awareness and educate students, and being able to write these postcards. We also held a workshop to write more postcards, unfortunately we were not able to get as many students to come, but we still managed to send approximately 70 postcards to the Ukrainian prisoners.

In the middle of March we planned an Escape room with our members. We had 10 people come out and had a great time working together to escape Grandma's Attic, which we successfully did!

Our last event of the year was our Bake Sale, with all of our proceeds going to Oseredok – the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center in Winnipeg. The bake sale was



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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION UKRAINIAN CULTURE WEEK



The University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Student's Association (USUSA) is one of the country's biggest USO's and we pride ourselves on putting on excellent events for our members every year. This year the USUSA's most successful event's were yet again our second annual Ukrainian Culture Week. The events took place the week of March 18th on campus at the St. Thomas More College Student Lounge at the U of S with the Vinok (flower crown) workshop on the 19th, followed by our Pysanka workshop on the 21st. Both events were run by exceptional instructors from both the community as well as the USUSA's own Internal Vice President Tiana Kirstein. The turnout surprised the USUSA executive yet again with many student's and members of the community attending the events.



With this being our second installment of these events on campus the Executive Committee built on our successes and shortfalls of the previous year's installment. However the biggest issue we faced again this year was the group's ability to advertise the event to the extent we would have liked. In the 2017/2018 year the events were run in partnership with another community organization and this year the USUSA decided to run the events on our own. We quickly realized that the exposure provided by the other community group effectively drove up our pre event sales. With that being said, USO's considering running a culture week event such as the Pysanka or Vinok Workshop should strongly consider partnering with other groups in the community to ensure the maximum number of people can be reached off campus, spreading

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SUSK: BEHIND THE BOARD

DAYNA KONOPELNY

The SUSK Board is comprised of students from across the country, so many may wonder how we manage to communicate, work on projects, and achieve goals. I'm sure to no one's surprise, it is easier than ever to communicate in this digital and technological age. Here are some of the platforms that we use to communicate and organize ideas and thoughts.

Slack

Slack is commonly used in work places to communicate with the other employees. On Slack, you're able to message individuals or message the #channel. I honestly still am not sure how the hashtags work. Slack is also an app, so all my message go directly to my phone. My favourite feature is when someone sends me a document or pictures. Once it's downloaded, it will find it in your downloads...makes it so much easier!

UberConference

Our monthly meetings use UberConference to conduct them. Board members can join the meeting either by calling the number provided or by connecting with their computer. Everyone usually sits on mute until its their turn to talk...except recently when I accidently hit unmute without realizing, Steph told a joke, I laughed, and she laughed at me. Usually jokes are welcomed by dead silence. There is also a dialogue box on the side so board members can add their thoughts that was too. It was great to have the conference on my computer and follow along with the agenda.

Google Drive

I'm pretty sure everyone knows the benefits of Google Drive nowadays. For our board, it houses all of our documents, and allows anyone to access them at any time. It's particularly helpful when looking for a specific document, picture, or graphic. It really is the easiest way to share files, especially when everyone is so spread out.

Trello

Hello, have you checked the trello? Many may be unfamiliar with trello, but trello uses "boards" to organize thoughts and ideas. In my case, I had my beloved Student board. Here I could lay out, issue by issue, as to what the content would be, assign people to these cards, and then add a deadline. Once completed, I can archive my boards. This is also where I could put article ideas for board members to pick up, if they were having trouble to think of something. Trello is a clear and easy way to see what people are working on, even if you're not directly working on the project.

Welcome to the wonders of the 21stC. I have no idea how SUSK operated before on a national level. The technology has definitely helped in easier communication and file sharing. I can only imagine what will be available to us in another 10 years!



BEST OF THE 'GRAM

Featuring the Instagram posts from our clubs across the country.

westernukies
Western University



westernukies So much blue and yellow 🇺🇦 don't forget to come see us at the Mustang Lounge!! 🇺🇦

ukr_students
University of Alberta



ukr_students Join us for our annual Welcome Back Barbecue on September 26th at 5:00pm in Business Quad; all USS members will receive a hamburger, snacks, and a pop for FREE (yes, we like to spoil our members). If you're not a part of USS yet, not to worry, memberships can be purchased for only \$10. Also we'll be electing our First Year Representative at the barbecue, so if a position on our executive sounds like something you'd be interested then join us on the 26th!

We can't wait to see you all there!

uwukrsa



uwukrsa We'd like to thank our listeners who tuned in to CKUW 95.9 FM today as some of our executive team went live to talk about our club as part of the student radio marathon!

uscycork



uscycork Thank you to everyone who came out Friday, we hope you had loads of fun! Stay tuned for more events, and have a great reading week 🇺🇦

usc_ryerson
Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian Community Centre...



usc_ryerson Thank you for everyone who out and spent a vacation getaway not far from home! 🌴 Tropical Zabava 2019! Check out the whole album on our Facebook page and feel free to tag yourselves. 😊 Link of album found in our bio! 🍹

#tropical #zabava #saturday #toronto #students #vacay #vacation #getaway #university #events #readingweek #club #ukrainian #friends #uscryerson #ryerson #tropicalzabava #photobooth #beerpong #limbo #photos #album #party

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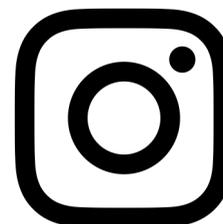
cukrainians We had a very productive meeting between all of the National Capital USO's executives and our wonderful SUSK executives this evening! We are very excited to work together in the months and years to come and build the relationships between organizations. It's always a good time with Ukrainians around! 🇺🇦

uscuoft
O'Grady's Tap & Grill - 171 College st



uscuoft Last night we had Ukrainian-Polish pub night and it was just great! Thanks everyone for coming! #ukrainianstudentsclub #usk #pub #pubnight

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UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY YEAR ONE

Hello! We are a brand new USO that was founded this year! Fun fact: the UVic Ukrainian Students' Society began with 5 dedicated Ukrainian UVic students originally coming together to create a devised theatre piece about the Ukrainian-Canadian immigration experience under the direction of soon to be President, Devon Sereda Goldie. This play proved to be the first taste of Ukrainian culture our campus had seen in a long time and the response was amazing with a nearly sold-out house of over 200. Following the performance of the play, we wanted to continue learning more about and celebrating our Ukrainian culture - one thing led to another and our club was born! It was clear to us that the UVic student body was in desperate need of Ukrainian representation and a Ukrainian student community. Like many of us, a lot of UVic students are Ukrainian by name but have lost touch with their cultural roots since attending University - so we decided to fill that void! Since our founding in September 2018, we have seen great success and support for our events! We have now more than doubled our membership and are continuing to grow. We have been able to form strong connections with the local Ukrainian community and would not have been able to do everything we have done this year without the support of the Ukrainian Canadian Cultural Society of Vancouver Island, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Victoria branch, Nash Holos Ukrainian Radio and many more. We are extremely excited about the work we have been able to accomplish in our first year of operations and for all the support and enthusiasm our club has received since its founding. We look forward to continuing to expand our club and increase our influence on campus in the years to come.

At our first event of the year, Club Days, we offered a survey asking the UVic student body what they wanted to see from us; the responses asked for Ukrainian cultural activities, Ukrainian food workshops, Ukrainian language learning, and Ukrainian holiday traditions. We have done our best this year to meet these requests. Following Club Days, we hosted a Fall Mixer/Pierogi Dinner to draw attention to our club. The event, which boasted a Ukrainian themed Jeopardy, was a great success and led to a number of new additions to our

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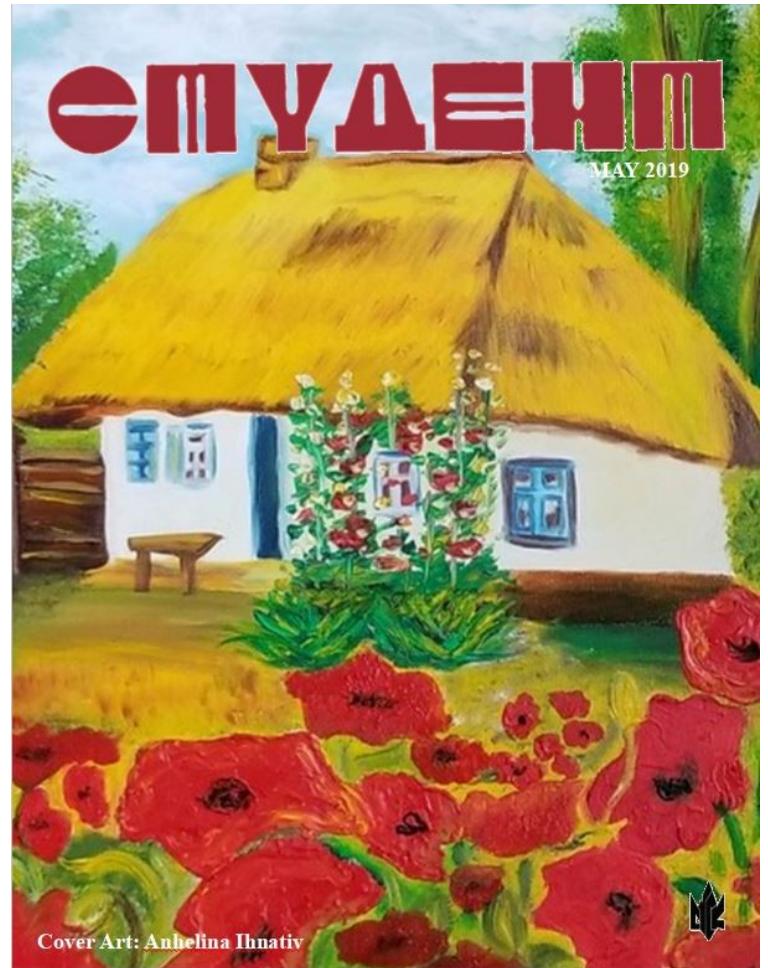
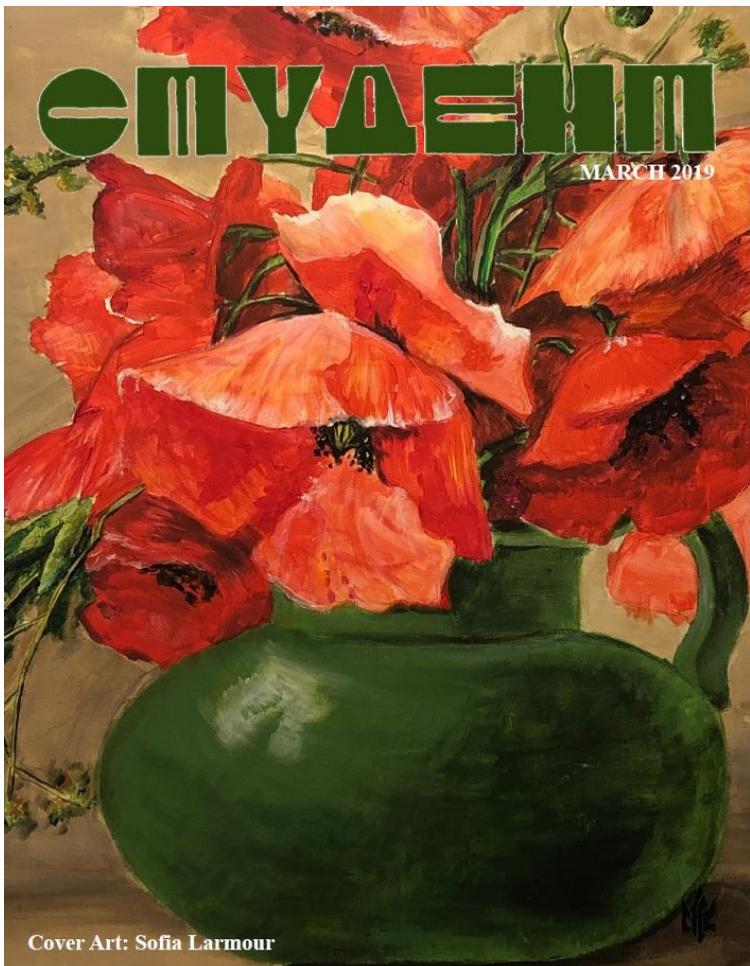
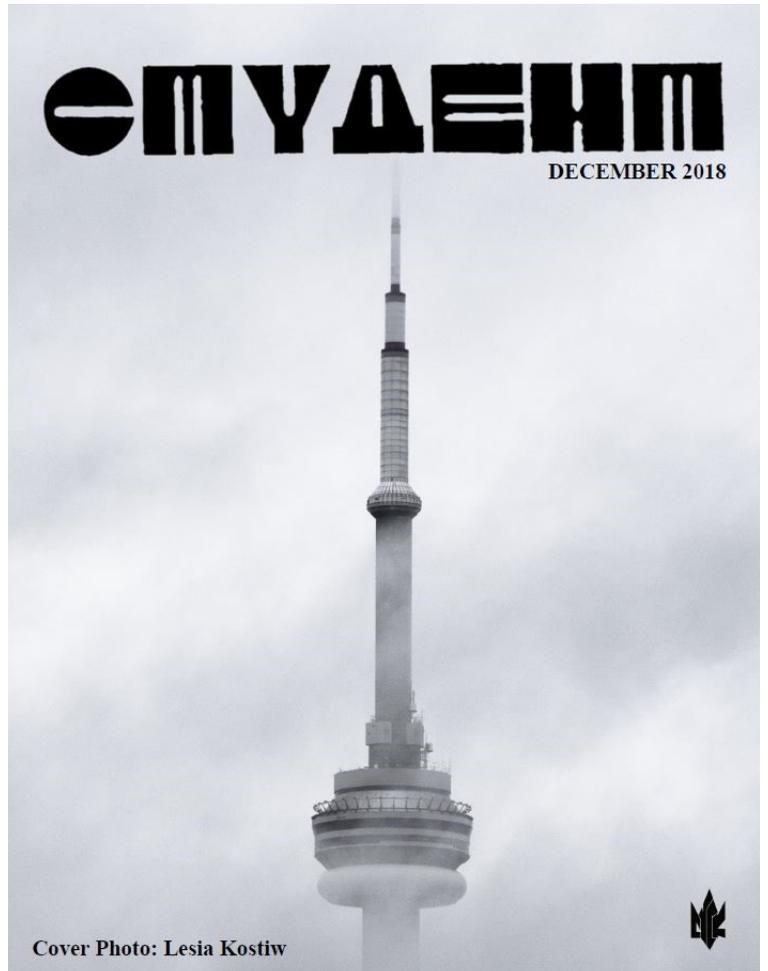
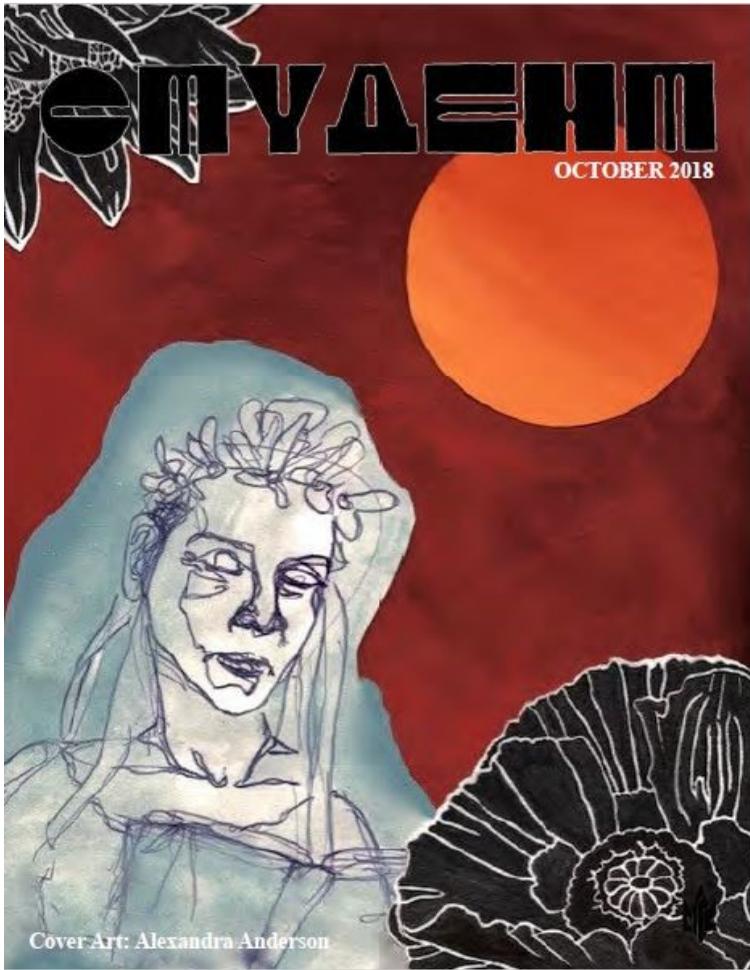


UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SING-ALONG



Hello fellow SUSK members! Another year, another set of cool events that USO's across Canada have put together successfully! The U of Winnipeg was no exception as we had an influx of new faces coming to and being involved in our events. Our most innovative event this year was a sing-along style held at a local downtown coffee and cocktail bar called Fools&Horses, those of you going to congress here can check out their neat location in the Forks Market. We marketed it as "Заспіваймо!", posted it all over facebook/instagram and look at that we had a full house of 40 people. The event was free to attend, and many of the hosting logistics were taken care of by Fools&Horses so that's a 10/10 would recommend. There are many talented students that are part of CYM or PLAST in our school's community so we took advantage of that, with rockstar guitarists and 'Idol' vocals. Our group wanted to harness that, so recruiting key people [#influencers] was important to make sure the event succeeded to its full potential. For the future, we would like to have some UWUKRSA merch worn and for sale to not only make a little money but to spread the word too!! For your next event, the most effective way to create an A+ event is to ask yourself, "as a non-involved member, would I want to go to this?" If the answer is yes, good stuff. If the answer is no, you gotta make it cooler





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McGill University

European Trivia night with the clubs we partnered with earlier in the year. Finally, we are wrapping up for the year by currently being in the process of planning our last year end social to hang out before the summer begins!

Hope to see you at our events next year!

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University of Manitoba

fairly successful, we sold out of all of our delicious goodies. Though in the future we would charge a little more for the baked goods, and start a little earlier in the day.

We had a successful year with rebuilding the group and planning various successful events throughout the year and we hope to do much more for the next year.



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University of Saskatchewan

awareness and garnering a successful event!

The USUSA's mission is always to help promote Ukrainian Culture to the U of S' student body as well as any and all Ukrainians in Saskatoon and area. We at the USUSA will continue to spread the appreciation and knowledge of the Ukrainian Culture both on campus and in the Ukrainian community at large for years to come!



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University of Victoria

executive team. Following this successful event, we hosted a movie screening of the award-winning film "Everything is Illuminated" which saw the attendance of many Uvic students and community members alike, a Kolachi Workshop, a Pierogi Pinching event, a Borscht Workshop, and a Pysanka Workshop, all with great attendance and feedback. We were even lucky enough to partner with UCC-Victoria in their Holodomor Commemoration Event in Centennial Square (Downtown Victoria) where we performed a dance piece inspired by the Holodomor taken from our self-written play *Пам'ять/Ром'яч*. Along with cultural revitalization, we have made advocacy a large part of our mission as well. This year, our group has had great success in bringing the Postcards for Prisoners campaign to Victoria. We have done several postcards writing events on campus and even managed to bring the campaign to the broader Ukrainian community amassing over 100 postcards over the course of the school year. Last but not least, we hosted the Holodomor National Awareness Tour on campus in early April. Set up right in the middle of campus and in front of the main coffee shop, we had over 600 students, staff, and faculty visit the bus! We are so thrilled to be attending Congress this year and look forward to networking with all the other USOs!



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