

**ZIRKA UKRAINIAN DANCERS OF THE OKANAGAN VALLEY  
2009-2010**

Last Name of Dancer		First Name		Initial
DOB (YYYY/MM/DD)	Gender (Circle) M F	Highest Level of Dance Experience		Zirka 09-10 Group
Other dance Experience				
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Other dance Experience				
Parent/Guardian (Primary for contacting) 1.		Parent/Guardian 2.		
Street Address		City		Postal Code
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	Other:	Work Phone:	Other:	
EMAIL (HOME):	EMAIL (WORK):	EMAIL (HOME):	EMAIL (WORK):	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:				
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize the Zirka Ukrainian Dancers of the Okanagan Valley to contact a physician and/or ambulance if a parent/guardian cannot be reached immediately. I will accept responsibility for ambulance expenses.		Medical Concerns		
Doctor	Phone Number	Care Card Number (10 Digits)		
<b>Privacy (please circle and initial):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I authorize photographs of my child(ren) to be posted to the Zirka website ( <a href="http://www.zirkadancers.ca">www.zirkadancers.ca</a> ) <input type="checkbox"/> I will allow photographs of my child(ren) to be published in local newspapers and newsletters under the discretion of the directors of the Zirka Dancers <input type="checkbox"/> I authorize my phone number to be published in a Directory for Zirka parents				
<b>BY SIGNING THIS, YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE 2009-2010 DANCE SEASON</b> ZIRKA DANCER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (see attached document) WAIVER: I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Zirka Ukrainian Dancers of the Okanagan Valley as determined by the Board of Directors. I understand that the Zirka Ukrainian Dancers of the Okanagan Valley, its board members, artistic director, instructors and volunteers are not responsible for any accidents, injuries or loss of personal belongings during dance lessons, performances or travel.				
Signature of Parent, Guardian or Dancers over 18				

## Family Payment Schedule

(please bring 10 cheques to registration if paying monthly):

**Dancer Names:**  
**Address:**

**Family Name:**  
**Phone Number:**

Number of Dancers	Dance Group	Fees	Payment Method
	Malanky Deetah	\$200  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$25
	Beginners	\$240  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$30
	Juniors	\$280  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please) <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 One Time Costume Deposit (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$35
	Intermediate	\$320  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please) <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 One Time Costume Deposit (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$40
	Zirka 1	\$360  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Time Costume Deposit (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$45
	Senior	\$360  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 One Time Costume Deposit (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$45
	Adult	\$280  <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Annual Registration Fee (separate cheque please) <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 One Time Costume Deposit (separate cheque please)	<input type="checkbox"/> one payment <input type="checkbox"/> 8 equal payments of \$40

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

LATE SIGN UP CHARGE + \$10 (AFTER SEPTEMBER 17, 2009)

Less Family Discount  
 - \$40 (2 dancers)  
 - \$80 (3 dancers)  
 - \$120 (4 or more dancers)

Total payable to Zirka: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 8 equal payments: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ZIRKA DANCER REGISTRATION INFORMATION - 2009-2010

### OVERVIEW:

- ✘ Dancers who join Zirka Ukrainian Dancers of the Okanagan Valley are making a commitment to attend scheduled practices and performances. Parents, please ensure your child(ren) arrive and are retrieved on time. Children cannot be left to wait in the hallway alone for their class or pickup.
- ✘ No dancer will be allowed to dance until his/her registration form is completed and fees paid to Zirka's Treasurer.
- ✘ If you are unable to attend your scheduled dance lesson, please contact the dance instructor prior to 5:00 p.m. on your scheduled dance night. Instructors will provide you with a contact phone number. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you let them know if a child will not be coming.
- ✘ If you are not at your scheduled dance lesson the week prior to a performance, you will not perform.
- ✘ In order for students to focus on learning, no parents will be allowed in the gym during dance practice with the exception of the Malanky Deetah parents:
  - ★ The instructor(s) will open the gym door to dismiss each dance class.
  - ★ The dancers and their parents for the next scheduled practice will be allowed into the gym once the previous class has exited (this will ensure that there are less distractions while practice is in session). Parents will then be asked to leave prior to the start of the next scheduled lesson.

### VOLUNTEERING:

- ✘ **Volunteers:** Zirka requires all families to help throughout the year in some way. Some volunteer jobs are short term, for specific events, others are for the year. Knowledge is gained on the job! Please see the volunteer form attachment.

### TREASURY:

- ✘ **Family Discounts:** The oldest child pays full price. The second child receives a \$40 discount. The third child receives an \$80 discount and the fourth child receives a \$120.00 discount. There is a 10.00 registration fee for **each** dancer.
- ✘ **Payment Options:**
  - ★ Full payment with completed Registration Forms on **September 10, 2009** at the Vernon Community Arts Centre (2704A Hwy 6, Vernon, BC) from 6:30 - 8:00pm.
  - ★ Equal payments with completed Registration: Post dated cheques for Sept 15, Oct 15, Nov 15, Dec 15, Jan 15, Feb 15, Mar 15, and Apr 15 included with Registration Form.
  - ★ Register after September 17, 2009 and pay a \$10.00 administration fee.
    - ☆ There will be a \$30.00 charge for NSF cheques.
    - ☆ Cheques should be made out to: **ZIRKA. Please bring 10 cheques.**

### MAILING INFORMATION

ZIRKA UKRAINIAN DANCERS  
P.O. Box 23017  
Shoppers Westend P.O.  
Vernon, BC, V1T 9L8

## DRESS CODE / PREPARING FOR PRACTICE

- ✘ Dancers come prepared to listen to directions and cooperate in practices.
- ✘ No jewelry, jeans, gum, pop or candy are allowed.
- ✘ All dancers must wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing; black tights and black t-shirts are recommended.
- ✘ **Dancers must wear dance slippers for practice.**
- ✘ Hair must be tied back off the face or in a neat ponytail.
- ✘ **Bring WATER.**

## BEHAVIOUR OF DANCERS

- ✘ While participating in classes, dancers will follow expectations for respectful, responsible behaviour. If poor behaviour is observed by the dance instructor(s), parents will be contacted.

## COSTUME CARE DEPOSIT

- ✘ Zirka charges a one time deposit of \$50.00 for the Senior and Zirka 1 groups and \$25.00 for Intermediate, Junior and the Adult groups. As a dancer goes from Intermediate to Zirka 1, \$25.00 dollars will be charged. This charge will be to the maximum of \$100.00 per family. Refunds will be made when the dancer retires from Zirka or deducted when dry cleaning is required. Lost costumes will be charged to the dancer.
- ✘ Each costume should be washed and pressed (Refer to your Issued Costumes list for items that should not be washed):
  - ★ Wash in cold water using Zero (or other gentle laundry detergent) and hang to dry.
  - ★ Iron (use Spray Starch if desired)
    - ☆ When ironing ribbons, use low heat as they burn easily or steam in the shower
  - ★ Make all costume repairs, if required and return on hanger in bag.
- ✘ For those items returned soiled, parents will be required to pay the repair/cleaning and forfeit their costume care deposit in full

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- ✘ Zirka monthly Board meetings are held monthly (an email will date and location will be sent) starting at 7:00 p.m. Emailed reminder/agendas are sent out prior to the meeting.
- ✘ Commencing **September 2008\*\***, parents will be instructed on where and when we will be able to watch our children dance at "paid" performances (Professional dance engagement).
- ✘ Parents will receive a listing of other Zirka families in your group. Each group will have a contact person for relaying messages in the event of a quick call out for cancellation or changes.
- ✘ If a parent has questions for the dance instructor(s), please phone the dance instructor and arrange for a private meeting. Instructors cannot take time away from the next group's practice time to discuss individual students.

## PHOTOS:

- ✘ Pictures will be taken periodically throughout the year. Some of the pictures may be posted on the Zirka website or displayed at performances. If you do not wish to have your child's picture displayed please indicate so on the Registration Form.



# **ZIRKA UKRAINIAN DANCERS**

*of the Okanagan Valley*

## **WELCOME TO A NEW DANCE SEASON**

### **YOUR SOCIETY**

*The Zirka Ukrainian Dancers* have emerged as a vital element in the preservation of Ukrainian heritage in the Okanagan Valley. Since 1979 the *Zirka Ukrainian Dancers* have grown to over 45 members. In 1997 *Zirka* became a registered non-profit society who continues to perform throughout the community, and are wonderful ambassadors of the Okanagan when traveling for performances or to competitions outside of our region. Upon registration you automatically become a member of the society.

*Zirka's* repertoire consists of six regional styles, each with its own style of costume and dance. Each year new regional and/or character dances are added to enhance and create excitement to our shows.

The Board of Directors and Committees strive to provide an environment for your dancer that will build confidence, self-esteem, physical fitness, grace, fun and cultural experience through dance. The dancers are a committed group of young people from all different cultural backgrounds who enjoy dance and *Zirka* endeavors to find the best artistic direction available for its continued success.

**WE OFFER...**Instruction in Ukrainian dance from pre-school to adult, beginning with basic steps and movements progressing to structured classical and character techniques at the intermediate and senior level.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW...**

Zirka Costume Exchange – October 3, 2009

Zirka Christmas Concert – Sunday November 29, 2009 – Schubert Centre

Possible Alberta Trip – March/April 2010 – Zirka 1 & Senior Dancers

Mission Dance Festival – Saturday May 1, 2010 Mission BC

Zirka Year End Show – Saturday May 15, 2010 – Vernon Performing Arts Centre

## ZIRKA REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SUNDAY
<u>Mission Hill School</u>	<u>Harwood School</u>	<u>Silhouette Dance Studio</u>
Juniors 5:30 – 6:30pm	Malanky Deetah 5:30 – 6:00pm	Seniors 6 – 7:30pm*
Intermediate 6:30 – 7:45pm	Beginners 6:00 – 6:45pm	Adults 7:30 – 8:30pm
	Zirka 1's 6:45 – 8:15pm	*Zirka 1's As needed for choreography

## 2009/2010 FEES & SCHEDULE

Malanky Deetah	\$ 200.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 25.00
Beginners	\$ 240.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 30.00
Juniors	\$ 280.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 35.00
Intermediates	\$ 320.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 40.00
Zirka 1's	\$ 360.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 45.00
Seniors	\$ 360.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 45.00
Adult	\$ 280.00 per year	or	8 Post-dated cheques for \$ 35.00

This year's term is from mid September 2009 to mid May 2010. Fees are payable for the entire term. Some discounts may be available for students registering after November 1, 2009, please see treasurer for details. *Any dancer registered after **\*\*September 17, 2009** will be subject to a \$10.00 registration fee.*

Zirka's annual registration fee is \$10.00 per dancer.

Zirka's costume deposits are \$25 for Junior, Intermediate & Adult and \$50 for Zirka 1 and Seniors. This is a one time deposit (until you move from Intermediate to Zirka 1).

Zirka works hard to provide low fees and an exciting dance program for the Okanagan Valley. The board of directors is a volunteer and welcomes any help.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

## **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTORS**

**DARCIA PRYCE, Artistic Director** grew up in Vancouver, BC and began dancing at the age of 3 with the Zirka dancers of Vancouver. From there she became part of the Tropak School of Dance in Richmond, BC.

As Darcia progressed she became one of the core members of Tropak Ukrainian Dance Theatre, a semi-professional dance group based out of Richmond, BC. While dancing with Tropak, Darcia has been able to travel throughout Canada and the United States, as well as performing for many prestigious events such as Canada's National Ukrainian Festival in Dauphin, MB, The House of Ukraine in San Diego, Dancers for Life, 2010 Olympic Bid Rally and the International Olympic Committee Gala Concert, to name a few.

Darcia was the director of the Zirka Ukrainian Dancers of Vancouver, BC from 2000 – 2002 and also has adjudicated the Ukrainian section of the Pacific West Dance Festival in the spring of 2003. Darcia has been an instructor with the Zirka Dancers of the Okanagan Valley since 2003.

Darcia also has many years of experience in ballet, ballroom and salsa dance.

**SAFFRON QUIST, Instructor** was born and raised in the North Okanagan, she discovered her passion for dance at the age of 4. Traveling, competing, and taking-in workshops; her life growing up was DANCE. She has studied a variety of Jazz, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Creative, Modern, Irish, Lyrical, and mainly Ukrainian.

Saffron became a member 1992 and by '95 was an assistant instructor for the younger groups and costume designer for year end concerts. Zirka is very dear to her heart.

In 1998 Saffron became certified (via. Okanagan University College) and began instructing classes at local fitness gyms and with Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation.

Her roots are Ukrainian! She was born into the food, language, culture, and of course the dance of the Ukrainian community.

## 2009/2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>President:</b>	Sheila Monroe	545 - 6050
<b>Vice President:</b>	Adrian Pryce	260 - 1154
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Nadine McGregor	549 - 3064
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lesley Dick	260 - 6786
<b>Costume Directors:</b>	TBD	
<b>Past President</b>	N/A	
<b>Artistic Director</b>	Darcia Pryce	260 – 1154
<b>Instructor</b>	Saffron Quist	550 - 4466
<b>Members at Large</b>	Diane Hofer Nelly Pryce	558 - 4689 542 - 7575

**.....did you know.....**that yearly fees cover the cost of school rental, insurance and instructors fees? Additional fundraising provides for music, workshops, Christmas and year-end concerts, special events and additions to the costume bank. Performances and fundraising events need your help. **Please help Zirka and the dancers by signing up fundraising and other Zirka events.** Commitment to your child's attendance for performances is essential in **to help with** keeping our group strong and known in the community.

**Newsletters and Important Notices are via email. Please ensure we have your current family email address on your Registration Form!!**

[www.zirkadancers.ca](http://www.zirkadancers.ca)

## **Zirka Ukrainian Dancers Volunteers**

Here are descriptions of the volunteer jobs for the Zirka dancers. Please sign up for at least one of these listed below. Some of these jobs are an annual event where others are ongoing throughout the year.

### **Advertising (1 Volunteer):**

- Ads going into the local newspapers, radio stations, leisure guides, arts guides, posters and notices. Most of our ads are repeats with slight changes year to year. We need helpers to contact the media, and also to distribute posters for the year end show.

### **Competition (1 Volunteer):**

- May in Mission, B.C.- Assist with entry forms
- Trophy engraving
- Organize backstage helpers

### **Cards (1 Volunteer):**

- Cards and thank you notes as needed.

### **Costume Committee (4 Volunteers):**

- Take responsibility for Zirka costumes, distribution and organizing for use by the groups
- Assist in the organization of Zirka's annual costume exchange
- Maintain storage facility & inventory listing
- Help with slipper annual order for dancers
- Collect costumes which need storing over the summer

### **Events Committee (1 Volunteer):**

- Books engagements (be the contact person )
- Fill out the booking form (we have a form you fill out with necessary information before we finalize a booking)
- Check venue for appropriateness for dancing and parking/drop-off for dancers.

### **Christmas Concert Committee (2 Volunteers):**

- Organize the family focused show for December which includes tickets printing, set up, commentating, music (our music folks help with this part) and finding backstage helpers for the dancers.

### **Year End Committee: (2 - 3 people)**

- Organize volunteers for various jobs (we have a list of all jobs needed)
- Be the liaison with the Performing Arts Centre
- Make up posters
- Organize decorations
- Organize Pizza party after the performance

### **Group contacts (1 volunteer per class):**

- We need to have 1 person per group so that we can efficiently make certain information is getting out to all Zirka members.

### **Fundraising committee (1 Volunteer):**

- Funds are raised to offset costs of trips, special events, trips and visiting instructors. In 2008 the club held a basket raffle at the year end show.

### **Historian (1 Volunteer):**

- Compiles the material which concerns Zirka from local media, pictures and written copy, and places into a scrapbook.
- Create a large poster or two for displaying our year in review at the show in May.

**Music (2 Volunteers):**

- Set up and playing of music at venues where we dance as well as the year end show and Christmas event.

**Newsletter (1 Volunteer):**

- Gather information necessary for club members to know what events are coming up and how they and their children will be involved. Could be online or in print version. Most members have email, only a few may require print. The person doing this task could decide how they wish to format the newsletter.

**Photography and Videotaping (2 Volunteers):**

- Record some of our events and practices so we have up to date photos for our shows and also for advertising. This will also include some photography at Mission Festival in May 2009.

**Volunteer List Coordinator (1 Volunteer):**

- Keeps track of volunteers and volunteering in the club so that all jobs are completed.

**Zirka Board of Directors:**

- We need volunteers to help fill out our board so that tasks get delegated and completed! These people help with events or specific tasks.

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Please return this bottom portion with your registration form or to any one of Zirka's board members (listed above):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Children in which group: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to volunteer for:**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Our success **DEPENDS** on our volunteers! We need all parents and families to volunteer during the year to help with events and ongoing tasks.