

У Країна Мрій – Learning and Celebrating Ukrainian Arts & Culture

Students and guest speakers highlighting the pride and resilience of Ukrainian culture

Metchosin, B.C., 11 April 2023 – Pearson College UWC, and Victoria’s Ukrainian Cultural Centre are proud to present the first-ever “*Celebration of Ukrainian Arts & Culture*” on Saturday, April 15, from 1-4:30pm.

Guests and members of the media will be treated to an afternoon full of dance, music, visual arts, and storytelling to celebrate the passion and resilience of Ukrainian culture by over thirty of our international students, including first-year Ukrainian student Diana and local Vaselka dancers and Bandurists.

Members of the Ukrainian Studies Society will also be in attendance. They are a critical supporter of Pearson by providing endowments and monthly stipends that have gone on to support over seventeen of our Ukrainian students.

“This benefit event by the students reflects the College’s desire and commitment to lend its support in providing much-needed financial support to meet the humanitarian needs of these newcomers, as well as those still living in Ukraine.” says Robert Herchak, the President of the Society.

The first of two main performances will begin at 1pm, followed by the second at 3pm. Another surprise is in store for our audience towards the event’s conclusion.

Admission is by donation, and the public also has the option of contributing via the following three pages:

- [Growing the Ukrainian Studies Society’s Student Scholarship at Pearson College UWC](#)
- [Relief efforts in Ukraine through the Canada-Ukraine Foundation](#)
- [Support for Newcomers from Ukraine living in Victoria](#)

Media who accept our invitation will be allowed to interview our performers and connect with remaining students during intermission and towards the end of the event. More information can be found [here](#).

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About Pearson College UWC

Founded as Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific (Canada) and located along Pedder Bay on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation.

Pearson's mission is "to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future" through a two-year pre-university (equivalent to grades 12 & 13) school for up to 200 students aged 16 to 19 selected from up to 160 countries and across Canada offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This year, about 80% attend on full or partial scholarships. Nearly 4,300 students have graduated from Pearson, including 15 who have become Rhodes Scholars.

For more information, please see www.pearsoncollege.ca and our [social media pages](#).

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