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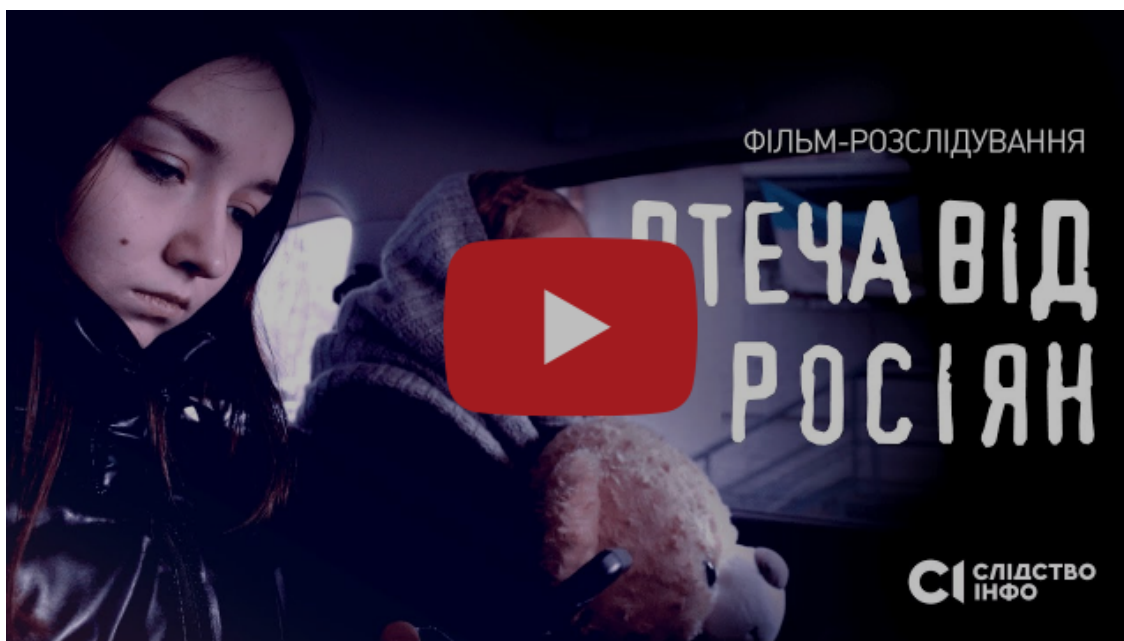


UCCA Helps Welcome Tennis Champion, Honors Ukrainian Women

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America recently co-sponsored a special event together with the Embassy of Ukraine, honoring Ukrainian

women activists. Held at Ukraine House in Washington, D.C., on 26 July, the evening highlighted the work of extraordinary Ukrainian women.

Following Amb. Oksana Markarova's opening remarks, attendees viewed a special screening of "Escape from Russian Captivity," [Slidstvo.Info](https://slidstvo.info)'s first documentary film since Russia's genocidal war of aggression began its full-fledged stage on 24 February 2022. Investigative journalists and co-producers of the film, Yuliia Khymeryk and Nastya Stanko, were on hand to elaborate further on the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children by Russia. The 45-minute film (with English subtitles) details how enemy occupiers in the Kherson region coerced 17-year-old Masha and 18-year-old Nastya into "taking a vacation" in occupied Crimea, where the girls were forced to sing the enemy's national anthem and pressured to become Russian citizens. The film's two teenage heroines also attended the event in Washington, D.C., and shared what they endured, as well as how they kept their spirits up, and how they escaped.



"This is an important event for UCCA to co-sponsor because we cannot let the world become complacent to the atrocities Russia continues to commit in Ukraine," UCCA president Andriy Futey remarked. "These indomitable women continue to play an integral role in shining a light on Russia's war crimes and underscoring the need for continued Western support for Ukraine," he continued.

Following the documentary film, the gathering welcomed world tennis champion Elina Svitolina - the first Olympian to win a medal in tennis for Ukraine, the first Ukrainian woman to reach the top 10 in worldwide tennis rankings, and only the third player in history to defeat four former Major champions in a single Grand Slam tournament, which she accomplished just last month en route to reaching the semifinal in this year's Wimbledon Championships. While a Ukrainian man could one day equal these honors, it was also noted that Ms. Svitolina gave birth to her first child in-between her Olympic victory and her record-tying run at Wimbledon. Following her 17th career title at the Internationaux de Strasbourg on 27 May, her first title as a mother, Elina donated her entire prize winnings "to the children of Ukraine." Since its founding, the [Elina Svitolina Foundation](#) has supported and helped Ukrainian tennis players. With so many young tennis players displaced away from Ukraine, the Foundation takes care of young Ukrainians who are temporarily in different cities in Europe, taking care of their accommodation, food, and athletic training.



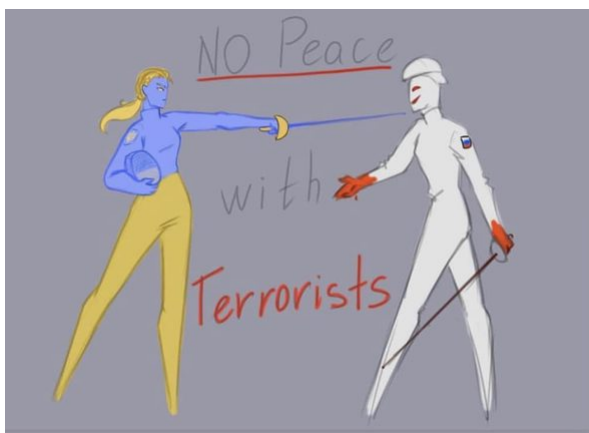
Ms. Svitolina talked about the importance of maintaining sanctions at international sports competitions and holding the Russian Federation accountable for war crimes. Following the invasion on 24 February 2022, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) released a statement announcing "the immediate suspension of the Russian Tennis Federation (RTF) and Belarus Tennis Federation (BTF) from ITF membership and from participation in ITF international team competition until further notice." While this ban remains in place, earlier this year the International Olympic Committee (IOC) [issued a recommendation to International Sports Bodies](#) that Russian and Belarusian

athletes could compete as individuals in qualifying events in advance of the 2024 Paris Games. The IOC has not yet made a decision on whether these athletes can take part in the 2024 Paris Olympics.



Following this special gathering, four-time Ukrainian Olympic fencing medalist Olha Kharlan was disqualified from the [World Fencing Championships in Milan](#) on 28 July after her defeated Russian opponent sat in protest for not receiving a handshake:

Olha Kharlan: "Ukrainian athletes are ready to face Russians on the sports field but we will never shake hands with them."



UCCA's Humanitarian Aid efforts continue with regular deliveries to Ukraine

UCCA Humanitarian Update #61

as of July 26, 2023



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UCCA's 61st Humanitarian Aid Update details UCCA's ongoing efforts to supply our freedom fighters with critically needed non-lethal military assistance thanks to charitable donations to [UCCA's #SupportUkraine Fund](#).

Thanks to the generosity of the Ukrainian American community and the general public, each donation, large or small, to UCCA's #SupportUkraine campaign has made an impact, because 100% of these tax-deductible donations continues to be used to help alleviate the challenges Ukrainians continue to face. In addition to UCCA's 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid, all of UCCA's


“War Aid Updates” and “Special Mission Reports” can be reviewed at [UCCA.org](https://ucca.org).

Donate to #SupportUkraine Today!

Review UCCA’s Aid Reports

Candid.

UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.

The image shows the Candid Platinum Transparency 2023 seal. It consists of a light blue rectangular border containing the text "Platinum Transparency 2023" in a dark blue font, with the word "Candid." in a bold, dark blue font at the bottom.

Platinum
Transparency
2023

Candid.

Your checks are also welcome!
Mail to:

UCCA
203 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003

UCCA is a registered 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit organization and all donations to UCCA are tax deductible.



INDEPENDENCE DAY #2023CY

Office of the Mayor
Proclamation
INDEPENDENCE DAY OF UKRAINE
AUGUST 24, 2022

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1991, the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent, sovereign, and democratic Ukrainian state, establishing the territorial integrity of Ukraine as sovereign and inviolable, further upheld by an overwhelming majority of Ukrainians in a national referendum in December of that same year; and,

WHEREAS, for centuries, the people of Ukraine sought and struggled to achieve an independent state all the while preserving their culture, language, and self-identity; and,

WHEREAS, the territorial integrity of Ukraine is sovereign and inviolable, and portions of Ukraine's territory are currently under Russian military occupation in contravention of international law; we honor the efforts and sacrifices of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to stave off further Russian military advances in Ukraine, and their readiness to defend the entire European continent and its United States allies against further aggressive actions of the Kremlin; and,

**Download UCCA's Draft
Proclamation for 2023**

If you or your local community receive any official proclamations or stage any independence events, please share them with UCCA's National Office so that we may gather them together with our archives of proclamations and greetings dating back to our founding in 1940.

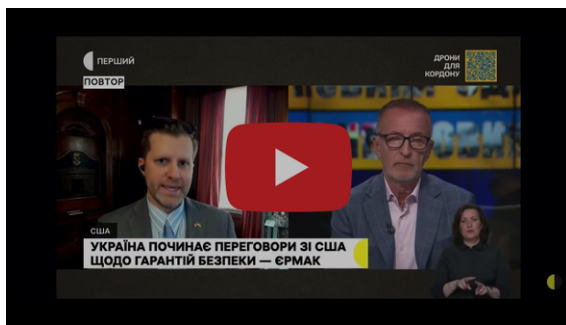
[Download UCCA's Draft Proclamation Request \(PDF\)](#)



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UCCA archives all of our email updates at UCCA.org

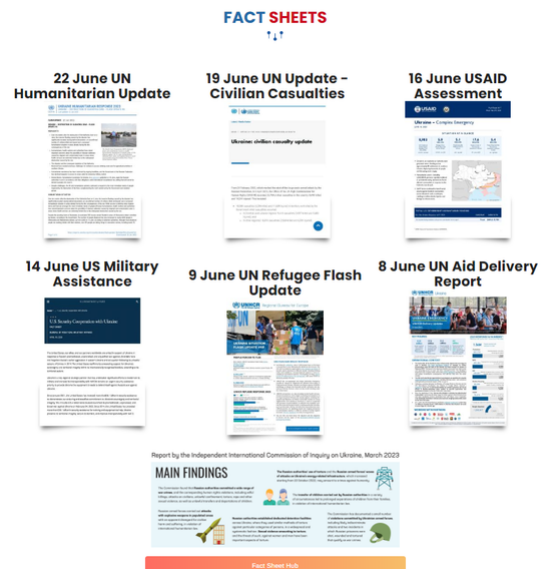
[Read more here](#)



Searching for information?

UCCA's Fact Sheet Hub collects wartime statistics from both the Ukrainian and US governments as well as the United Nations

[Read more here](#)





AUGUST
4

FRIDAY AT 9 PM

Movie Night: Hutsulka Ksenya

Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center

Details

★ Come to Dnipro for a special summer night showing of Hutsulka Ksenya under the stars! (weather pending) ★

★ Friday August 4th 2023

★ Bar and Kitchen at 6pm

★ Movie starts at 9pm

★ 1939. A young Ukrainian-American man Yaro comes to the Carpathian Mountains, because his father left him a fortune under the condition that he would marry a Ukrainian girl. There Yaro meets a Hutsul girl Ksenya and has to rethink his plan.

★ Trailer: <https://www.google.com/search...>

★ In Ukrainian with English Subtitles

★ Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and see you there!

Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center

562 Genesee St

Buffalo, NY 14204



16th Annual Parish Picnic

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
210 West Blaine Street • McAdoo, PA 18237

Live Entertainment Daily

• Friday:

- The Legends – 6-9pm

• Saturday:

- The Pennsylvania Villagers – 2-5pm
- "Recalling Elvis" by Joe Krushinsky – 5:30-6:30pm
- Sapphire 80s TRIBUTE BAND – 7-10pm

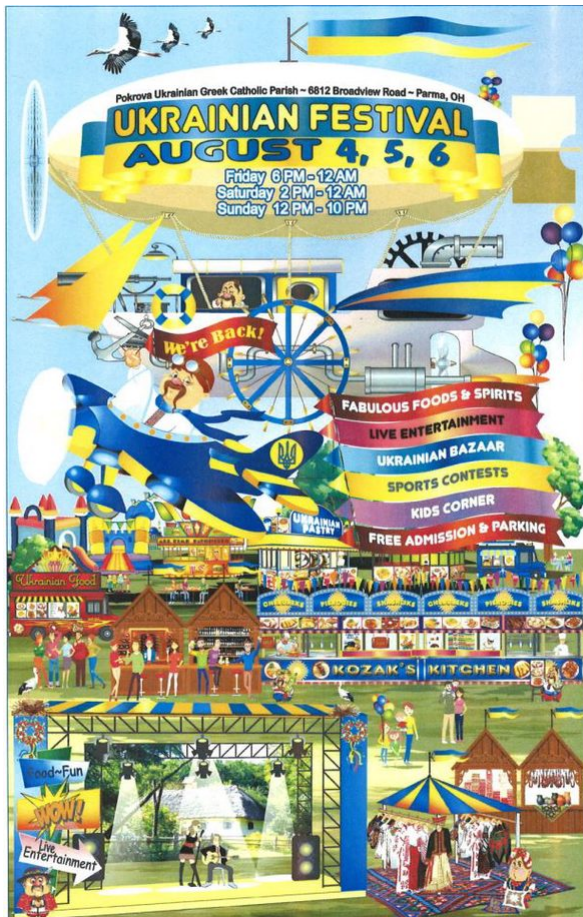
• Sunday:

- Outdoor Divine Liturgy – 9:00-10:00am
- Polka Joe Manjack & WMGH Live – 10-1pm
- The Vox Ethnika Orchestra – 1-4pm

Join us for our annual celebration of wonderful
ethnic food, music, community, and fun!

- Friday August 4 - 5-10pm*
- Saturday August 5 - 2-11pm*
- Sunday August 6 - 11-4pm

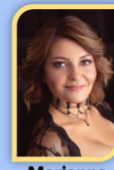
*Kitchen Closes @ 9



Anastasiya Squires



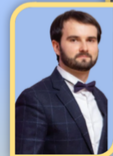
Stephen Squires



Marianna Kulikova



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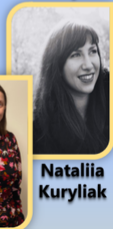
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Marta Fraser



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BENEFIT CONCERT of UKRAINIAN ART SONGS and OPERA

Saturday, Aug 5, 2023, 5 P.M.

Ukrainian National Museum

2249 W. Superior St. Chicago, Illinois 60612

Donations are accepted online and at the event
All proceeds will benefit the charitable non-profit 501 (c)(3)
Ukrainian Medical Association of North America Foundation and
support their lifesaving projects

Tickets - \$50



online and at the door

Additional
donations





Application Form

Miss Soyuzivka will represent and help coordinate events at the Soyuzivka Ukrainian Heritage Center throughout the year. In person interviews will be held on Saturday, August 5th in the Gift Shop. You will receive a ticket for dinner after your interview. Miss Soyuzivka will be announced at the dance. Miss Soyuzivka will receive a \$300 cash prize donated by the UNA and two accommodations on her work days. First Runner-up receives \$200 and 2 nights stay. Second Runner-up, \$100 and 1 nights stay. (Terms subject to change.)

First and Last Name in English: _____

First and Last Name in Ukrainian: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Parent's names: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

Higher Education: _____

Organizations, Clubs, etc.: _____

Hobbies: _____

Honors, Awards, Achievements: _____

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Contest—all men ages 18-105 are invited to apply at the event.

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RAISED FUNDS WILL GO TOWARDS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITAL IN KHERSON



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**St. Nicholas
Ukrainian Catholic Church**

Sunday, August 6, 2023
11:30 – 5:00 PM
308 Fillmore Ave. Buffalo, NY

Varenyky, Holubtsi, Baked Goods
Theme Baskets, Raffles

Enjoy an afternoon with your friends
Renew old acquaintances
At St. Nicholas's Annual Picnic

*Church
Picnic*
FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN

Церковник пікнік – 6 серпня, 2023
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Welcome the Stranger - Ukraine Support and Service



August 6, 11:00 AM
Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists
1625 Salvador Ave. Napa, CA 94558





What will you find? Household items, antiques, jewelry, furniture, vintage items, tools, collectibles, baby items, toys, new clothing, decorations, and so much more.

Booze Barrow Raffle | Shish Kebab | Hotdogs
Info: www.UkrainiansOfBuffalo.com or text 716-324-6625
All proceeds will go toward Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine
Organized by UCCA, Help for Ukraine, Aid for Ukraine



UKETOBER FEST IS BACK!

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12 & 13 СЕРПНЯ!

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SAVE THE DATES
AUGUST 12 TH & 13 TH!

LOOK FOR MORE
INFORMATION IN THE
NEXT FEW WEEKS

UKETOBER FEST



WHAT IS UCCA?

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

ЩО ТАКЕ УККА?

Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

Support UCCA With A Monthly Or 1-Time Donation

