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## **Carpathian Festival returns for final year**

*A festival of music, dancing, and stories*

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 23, 2018)**—The *Carpathian Festival*, which honors the Central and Eastern European cultures of the Carpathian Mountains, returns for a third and final year on February 18, 12-5 p.m., presented by Landmark Center and Ethnic Dance Theatre. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and older, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and free for age 5 and younger.

“Music and dance provide a window into a culture’s identity,” said Donald LaCourse, Ethnic Dance Theatre Artistic Director. “The Carpathian Festival highlights traditions from a region that is familiar, but less well known to many people. By celebrating and highlighting the whole region, we can see how cultural traditions and customs are often shared throughout a geographical area, and rarely defined by a country’s borders.”

Participating performance music groups include Eisner's Klezmerim, Ukrainian Village Band, Szaszka Hungarian Band, and Sitnica Tamburitza Orchestra, as well as returning groups, Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Dolina Polish Dancers, St. Paul Czech and Slovak Dancers, Lipa Slovak Dancers, Izvorasul Romanian Dancers and the Ethnic Dance Theatre. Several dance ensembles will feature both their adult and children's dance groups.

There is something for everyone with sights, sounds and tastes from many different cultures: Czech, Polish, Carpatho-Rusyn, Slovak, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Jewish, Roma (gypsy), Romanian, Serbian and Transylvanian Saxon people of Central and Eastern Europe. Festival goers can have an imported beer or

glass of wine to go with the ethnic foods that can be purchased on site. Folk dance and folk music performances, dance lessons, a puppet show, and cultural presentations will be scattered throughout the day, while vendors and artisans display their merchandise and their talents on the main floor. A crafts area with various projects will be available to children. Additionally, the Honorary Consuls from the Czech Republic and Hungary will be represented with information tables about the represented cultures.

*Carpathian Festival* is funded in part by Ecolab and Travelers, as part of the *Sundays at Landmark* event series. For more information visit [www.landmarkcenter.org/carpathian.html](http://www.landmarkcenter.org/carpathian.html).

### **About Ethnic Dance Theatre**

Ethnic Dance Theatre has been preserving and presenting world music and dance as art for over forty years. EDT strives to foster understanding and awareness of world cultures through the re-creation and presentation of traditional ethnic dance and music. For more information visit [www.ethnicdancetheatre.com](http://www.ethnicdancetheatre.com) or [www.ethnicdancetheatre.com/event/carpathian](http://www.ethnicdancetheatre.com/event/carpathian).

### **About Landmark Center**

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3063 or visit [www.landmarkcenter.org](http://www.landmarkcenter.org).

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