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## **A Carpathian Celebration**

*A new festival from Ethnic Dance Theatre and Landmark Center*

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 6, 2016)**—Bringing together the traditions of seven cultures from the Carpathian region of Central and Eastern Europe—Czech, Slovak, Carpatho-Rusyn, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Romanian and Serbian people—*A Carpathian Celebration* is a new cultural event, produced in partnership with Minnesota's acclaimed Ethnic Dance Theatre, and will be a new addition to Landmark Center's popular *Sundays at Landmark* public programming series.

The celebration will include dancing, music, and crafts. There will also be merchandise and food vendors, children's games, travelogues and the "Cafe Carpathia" which will feature refreshments for purchase. The celebration is Jan. 17 at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and up, and \$4 for 12 and under.

"We believe that ethnic music and dance are true affirmations of cultural artistic expression," said Donald LaCourse, Ethnic Dance Theatre Artistic Director. "A Carpathian Celebration will honor a region that shares familiar and yet less widely recognized cultural traditions."

Participating performance groups include, Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble; the Dolina Polish Dancers, Videki Hungarian Dance Ensemble, the St. Paul Czech and Slovak Dancers, and more. The event will also host special guest artists Sumadija, nationally recognized Serbian folk performers hailing from Milwaukee, WI.

In addition to traditional dance ensembles demonstrating and teaching their respective dance and music traditions, there will be a children's area with crafts and games reflecting of each country's traditions; demonstrations of various folk arts; folk musicians playing in "Cafe Carpathia" while attendees enjoy various ethnic pastries and hot beverages; folk tales narrated in their original languages and in English; travelogue seminars and other presentations will introduce listeners to the various cultures; and vendors will sell authentic ethnic wares and traditional foods.

*A Carpathian Celebration* is funded in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Additional support is provided 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).

**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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