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A Carpathian Celebration

A festival from Ethnic Dance Theatre and Landmark Center

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 24, 2017)– *A Carpathian Celebration*, the festival honoring the Central and Eastern European cultures of the Carpathian Mountains, returns for a second year on February 19, sponsored by Ethnic Dance Theatre and the Landmark Center. Admission is $6 for ages 13 and older, $4 for children ages 6-12, and free for age 5 and younger.

"Music and dance are true artistic expressions of a culture's identity," said Donald LaCourse, Ethnic Dance Theatre Artistic Director. "A Carpathian Celebration will highlight these traditions from a region that is familiar, but less well known to many people."

New this year, participating performance groups include Eisner's Klezmorim, Orkestar Bez Ime, Szaszka Hungarian Band, and the Ethnic Dance Theatre, as well as returning groups, Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Dolina Polish Dancers, St. Paul Czech and Slovak Dancers, Lipa Slovak Dancers, Sumadija Serbian Dance Ensemble from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and the Ukrainian Village Band. Several dance ensembles will feature both their adult and children's dance groups.

There is something for everyone with sights, sounds and tastes from 10 different cultures: Polish, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, Carpatho-Rusyn, Ukrainian, Jewish, Romanian, Roma, and Serbian. Folk dance and folk music performances, dance lessons, puppet shows, folk tale re-enactments, films and cultural presentations will be scattered throughout the day, while vendors and artisans display their wares and their talents on the main floor. A crafts area with various projects will be available to children, and everyone can have their picture taken in front of a backdrop of the Carpathian Mountains and download it for free from Facebook after the event. Regularly scheduled tours of a cultural display of authentic costumes will be led by Donald LaCourse, Artistic Director of Ethnic Dance Theatre. Additionally, the Honorary Consuls from the Czech Republic and Hungary will be represented with information tables about the represented cultures.

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.

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 or 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.

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