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**GALA STAGE SHOW SPECTACULAR
Best photo ops: 2:00 – 4:30 PM**

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20th Annual Ukrainian Folk Festival

Celebrating Ukraine's Independence

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN SPORT CENTER

Lower State and County Line Roads, Horsham. PA 19044

Exciting, spectacular, dazzling, breathtaking, exhilarating, spirited, soulful, enchanting, captivating, and intriguing – modest words which describe but by no means capture the essence of Ukrainian folk art, music, and dance. From the rich color and deep symbolism of the delicate “pysanka” (Ukrainian Easter Egg) to the thunderous, climatic, power, rhythm and strength of “**HOPAK**” – the world’s most exciting ethnic dance - and every brilliant “Kolomyika” (polka) and soulful folk song in between, experience the **20th Annual Ukrainian Folk Festival**.

Gala stage show (2:00 – 4:30 P.M – best photo & film opportunities)

- 1. Syzokryli Ukrainian Folk Dance Ensemble (New York City)** has graced some of America's finest stages: **(in NY)** Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music; **(in Phila)** the Academy of Music and Robin Hood Dell East; **(in NJ)** the PNC Arts Center and Newark Symphony Hall; and **(in D.C.)** Constitution Hall. www.syzokryli.com
- 2. Fralinger (Mummers) String Band (Phila.)**, champion for 8 of the last 9 years, will feature Ukrainian music, dancing and costumes from its 2011 New Year's Day Parade salute to the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence: The Golden Gates of Kyiv. www.fralinger.org
- 3 Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (Jenkintown, PA)** is internationally renowned for the vigor and resplendence of its performances. Its style is bold, powerful, and one of sparkling athleticism. The Ensemble generates a dynamic blend of art and energy characterizing the vitality of the Ukrainian people. Voloshky's portrayal of Ukrainian dance is testament to a vibrant and enduring culture steeped in rich history. www.voloshky.com



3. **Violinist Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo (Lviv, Ukraine)** starting at the age of six, Innesa has studied violin with some of Europe's greatest masters. She has fused the beauty, power and soul of traditional Ukrainian folk music with the classical string instrument - the violin. Her fresh, inventive style has gained critical acclaim from both classical and traditional music critics. Innesa has toured throughout Europe and North America. www.Innesa.com
4. **Fata Morgana Band.** Organized in the year 1987 in Ukraine's capital city, Kyiv, the Fata Morgana Band is an extremely talented vocal and instrumental orchestra, which presents a very versatile repertoire of Ukrainian, European and American music arranged in various styles: folk, pop, jazz, rock and classical. The band also flourishes as one of the most popular niche dance bands in America. www.fata-morgana-band.com



PROGRAM: 12:00 noon – festival begins; concessions open.
1:30 PM - Opening ceremonies

2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Gala Stage Show

4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. - Public Dance (“ZABAVA”)
traditional, modern, ballroom and Polka – **The Fata Morgana Dance Band**

FOOD

Ukrainian ethnic foods (pierogies, holuptsi, kielbasa, etc.) and baked goods
Picnic fare and cool refreshments

Folk arts and crafts market and displays

Children's games, amusements and fun area

Admission - \$15; Students-\$10; Children 14 & under - Free; Free Parking

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FRALINGER STRING BAND: AT THE GOLDEN GATES OF KYIV, UKRAINE
A salute to Ukraine's 20th anniversary of independence