

Selo is the Ukrainian word for 'village'. The name 'Selo Ukrainian Dancers' is perfect for the group who had its humble beginnings in a village ... the village of Anola, Manitoba. Starting out 37 years ago, the troupe has quickly blossomed to nearly 100 young and eager

performers from across south eastern Manitoba. As part of their lessons the dancers learn the art of Ukrainian dance, stage performance skills, and many aspects of the rich Ukrainian culture. The energetic performers have truly become one of Manitoba's quality homegrown multicultural talents! The dancers perform at many events, festivals, and competitions around Manitoba. They have performed in neighbouring provinces, and from coast to coast in the United States, six countries in Europe, and various cities and villages in Ukraine!

The general information that follows will help you get more acquainted with the Selo Ukrainian Dancers.

Rehearsal Information:

- All rehearsals are held at the Anola Community Club every Tuesday evening (unless otherwise notified).
- By approximately the third lesson the groups will be determined, and practice times confirmed. Dancers are placed in a group, taking into consideration their ability, previous dance experience, and age. Experienced instructors use their discretion in placing dancers at an appropriate level.
- Senior Dancers will practice every Tuesday at their regularly scheduled time and as well, on scheduled Sundays from 6.00 9.00 P.M. (calendar to be determined).
- Families will be notified by email if lessons are cancelled due to poor weather /driving conditions.

Parent Observation

• There will be two parent observation classes (in December and March) at which time parents are invited into the rehearsal hall to see all the young dancers have accomplished!

Dancer's Responsibility:

- Dancers must make every effort to attend all practices and be punctual. They are making a commitment to the group and dances cannot progress unless they are present.
- Proper attire for practices:
 - Boys slippers, sweats / shorts, T-shirt (no baggy sweaters please)
 - Girls slippers, leotards / tights, dance skirt, bodysuit, hair pinned back (no baggy sweaters please).
- Appropriate behaviour during practice creates a good learning environment. Inappropriate behaviour will result in the individual being excused from the class.
- Dancers unable to attend a performance must notify the instructors personally, with as much notice as possible.

Costuming:

- Every dancer will require a Ukrainian dancing costume(s) for their performances.
- It is the family's responsibility to rent a costume from the dance club.
- The Selo Ukrainian Dancers will provide most of the costume pieces for performances. Dancers acquire their own footwear (dance slippers).
- Each dancer is assessed a costume rental/ acquisition fee at the beginning of the dance season. The fee assists Selo with maintaining the current inventory of costumes and acquiring new costumes.

Fundraising:

- Volunteering and fundraising are very important for the dance group. Fundraising proceeds are earmarked for the dancers: costumes, music, instruction, and festival fees.
- Each family is responsible for signing up for the Selo fundraisers during the 2024-2025 dance year. More information regarding fundraising is forthcoming.
- Families not wishing to participate in fundraising will have the option to buy-out their share.

Volunteering:

- Each family is responsible for volunteering 8 hours during the dance season, and a minimum of one Selo Cafe' session (canteen) on a Tuesday evening (6:00-8:00PM).
- Volunteer opportunities will be available for sign up during the first two weeks of classes in September
- A \$150 bond cheque is required at the time of registration to encourage families to get involved; it also serves as a damage deposit for costumes. The cheque is to be post dated to June 1, 2025.
- Thank you! We sincerely appreciate your assistance in making our Selo such a wonderful place to share the rich Ukrainian culture.

Selo Registration Information:

- Early re-registrations will be accepted from 6:00-7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Anola Community Club.
 - There is an early bird discount for early registrations on Tuesday, June 4. The discount is \$25 a dancer, or \$50 for a family with multiple dancers in the family. The early bird discount is only for existing dance families, not new registrants.
- Registrations are also accepted online by completing the Registration Form and emailing to: seloukrainiandancers@mymts.net
- Registrations are due Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
- Children registering must be 5 years of age as of December 31, 2024.
- Dance fees include: 34 weeks of instruction, performances, and festival fees.
- Registration fees can be paid by cash, cheque or electronic funds transfer
 - For electronic fund transfers using online banking, set up Selo Ukrainian Dancers as a payee. Funds are directly deposited into the Selo Ukrainian Dancers account, from the sender's account, using the email address: seloukrdancers@gmail.com
- Registration fees can be paid in full at the time of registration, or on a deferred payment plan.
- Deferred payment plan details:
 - Due at Registration: 1/5 of the total dance fee.
 - Additional payments dated October 1st, November 1st, December 1st, January 1st. Each payment is 1/5 of the total fee.
 - For example: A dancer receiving 45 minutes of weekly instruction would pay:
 - \$325.00 (see table below)
 - Due at registration: \$65 (1/5 of \$325.00) + \$35 Anola Community Club Membership followed by \$65 on each of October 1st, November 1st, December 1st, and January 1st.

| Dance Time Slots | 6:00-6:45PM | 6:00-7:00PM | 6:45-8:00PM | 7:45-10:00PM |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Weekly instructional time | 45 minutes | 60 minutes | 75 minutes | 120 minutes+ |
| Selo Annual Registration Fee (includes instruction fee, festival fees and \$25 non-refundable deposit) * | \$300.00 | \$345.00 | \$375.00 | \$455.00 |
| Selo Costume Fee | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$75.00 | \$100.00 |
| Total | \$325.00 | \$395.00 | \$450.00 | \$555.00 |

* \$25 family discount for 3rd and 4th registered dancers in the same immediate family

* Anola Community Club Membership Fee: \$35/family due at time of registration and a \$100 bond cheque for volunteering.

Family Referral Program

For every new family that registers with Selo, the referring family will receive a \$25 rebate on their registration fee!! The 'new family' must be a family that has not danced with Selo before. The rebate cheques would be processed later in the fall, once the registration procedure is complete. Spread the good word about the Selo Ukrainian Dancers and you could receive \$25, ... \$50, ... or more!!

Anola Community Club Membership

Selo Ukrainian Dancers are an organization/activity that operates out of the Anola Community Club (ACC) facility. Each family registering with Selo, must also register a membership with Anola Community Club. Since Selo is an organization that uses the ACC facilities, Selo families are responsible for volunteering for 4 hours for ACC during the course of the dance season. This volunteer time assists ACC with offering programs and activities for the community.

- ACC volunteers are responsible for volunteering 4 hours during the dance season. A \$100 bond cheque is required at the time of registration, which will be cashed, and only reimbursed if families complete their volunteer time.
- ACC offers a buy-out fee of \$100 in lieu of volunteering.
- Opportunities to volunteer will be emailed to families directly from the ACC Volunteer Coordinator.
- ACC requires two separate cheques when families register. A \$35 membership cheque, and a \$100 volunteer bond cheque. The ACC cheques must be separate from Selo fees.

Dancer Withdrawal Policy

- Should a dancer withdraw from the Selo Ukrainian Dance group during the dance year, the Selo dance registration fee will be reimbursed as per the schedule below.
- There will be no refunds after January 1.
- ACC membership fees and Selo deposit are not refundable.

| PD Cheque/ EFT Payment | Allowable Refund |
|--|------------------|
| Prior to October 1st | Full |
| October 1 st – October 31 st | 3/4 of fees |
| November 1 st – November 30 th | 1/2 of fees |
| December 1 st – December 31 st | 1/4 of fees |
| After January 1 | None |

Tentative 2024-2025 Annual Calendar (subject to change):

- September 10 Lessons begin and continue every Tuesday
- December 3 Observation Class
- December 17 Last lesson prior to Christmas break
- January 7 Lessons resume every Tuesday
- Selo Zabava!! A fun filled family zabava (social) with a live band! All ages are welcome. (date to be confirmed)
- March 4 Observation Class
- April Ukrainian Dance Festival (destination and groups to be determined)
- May Selo Picture Day (date to be confirmed)
- May 'Concert Run Through' Rehearsal at ACC (date to be confirmed)
- Selo Ukrainian Dancers Annual Year End Performance! (date to be confirmed)
- Selo Year End Wind-up & Annual General Meeting (date to be confirmed)
- August 10-16, 2025 Folklorama Ukrainian Kyiv Pavilion Performances (specific date to be determined)

Instructors

Bonnie Picklyk, Hannah Picklyk, Rod Picklyk

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will be listed following the AGM.

Social Media

- Website: <u>https://www.seloukrainiandancers.ca/</u>
- Email: <u>seloukrainiandancers@mymts.net</u>
- Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/selodancers/</u>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/seloukrdancers/