

Call to Artists

WINGS OF WONDER

Artists Reimagine the Ukrainian Folk Tale



CUA, in collaboration with the Kule Folklore Centre, is celebrating the folklore and folk tales of communities past. This is a call for artists to render their contemporary interpretation of a Ukrainian folk tale [s] in their chosen visual form.

Folk tales reflect the Ukrainian spirit, including the hopes, dreams, and wisdom of its people. As we read these tales there is a wonder as to what life held for individuals in the past. The lessons within the stories have been nurturing minds, teaching values and history, and providing endless entertainment for years.

Common plot lines include:

- Perseverance in the face of adversity.
- Celebrating what we have.
- The small and the weak can help the big and the strong.
- Respect for freedom and the natural world.
- Conflicts resolved through kindness, courage, and wit.

During times of foreign occupation, folklore was one of the few means of cultural expression as it allowed authors, artists, and scholars to encourage national pride. Every story unveils a path of adventure, learning and intrigue in daily life.

This is a call for visual art works related to the wonder Ukrainian folk tales bring us – accepting artwork including but not limited to drawings, paintings, mixed media, etchings, block printing, comics and graphic novels, zines, ceramics, fibre artwork, mosaics, woodcarving, sculpture, or a combination of forms.

The media is yours.

The show will run from April 17, 2025 to May 31, 2025. Artists are invited to submit artwork based on the exhibition theme, up to 4 pieces of artwork. Please email your intent to participate and brief description of proposed artwork (100 words or less) to ACUA at events@acuarts.ca by Friday December 13th, 2024. Artists may attach their CV and relevant examples of their artwork to support their submission. Proposed artwork can be created

after you submit to participate in the exhibition. Selected artists will be notified by January 16, 2025.

Projects must :

- Be based on one or more Ukrainian folk tales, myths, and/or legends and the artist must identify the tale and the source.
- Be the submitting artist's original creation.
- Be acceptable for all ages; please keep it "PG 13".
- Be ready for display and delivered to ACUA Gallery between Friday March 21, 2025 and Saturday April 5, 2025 during regular gallery hours.

Selected artists will be asked to sign our Signature Artist Series agreement. The agreement is available to view ahead of time upon request. Gallery takes 25% commission of artwork sales.

Possible sources of inspiration:

- Danny Evanishen Series.
- Lesia Savedchuk completed storybook series.
- Kazka Productions Book and Music Series.
- Nick Evasiuk, Peasants Tales from Ukraine, Feb, 1984, Kule Centre.
- Ukrainian Folk Tales, translated by Irina Zheleznova, 1981.
- Ukrainian Folk Tales, translated by Marie Halun Block from the original.
- Collection of Ivan Rudchenko and Maria Lukiyenenko, 1964.
- Many of the above references can be found at the [Kule Folklore Centre](#) at the University of Alberta. Other numerous collections can be found online or at libraries. Find what inspires you.

