



Women's Bandura Ensemble of North America presents

# MELODIES of UKRAINE

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## ABOUT WBENA

Playing the traditional Ukrainian bandura, a 55 stringed plucked instrument that embodies the voice and soul of Ukraine, the Women's Bandura Ensemble draws together performers from across North America. Founded in 2015, WBENA works not only to preserve the bandura tradition, but to update it, exploring the instrument's rich artistic possibilities – from the Baroque to contemporary, to ancient melodies. The program will include a variety of group pieces, small ensemble and solos to highlight the versatility of the musicians and their passion for preserving and sharing Ukrainian culture.

## CONCERT

- **Beneath Thy Mercy**  
Dmytro Bortniansky | Arr. Lesya Klimchenko
- **The Echo of the Steppes**  
Hryhory Kytasty
- **Son, the Ducks Are Flying**  
Oleksander Bilash | Lyr. Mykhailo Tkach | Arr. Volodymyr Lobko
- **The Steppe Wind Did Blow**  
Ukrainian Historical Song | Lyr. Ivan Vytvytsky | Arr. L. Duda  
Performed by Duet Malvy
- **Zaporizhian March**  
Yevhen Adamtsevyh | Arr. Victor Mishalow  
Performed by The Chicago Bandura Ensemble
- **Volya**  
Maryna Krut  
Performed by Teryn Kuzma
- **Don't Cry, Mama**  
Ukrainian Folk Song | Arr. Ivan Dusanowskyj

## INTERMISSION

- **Prayer For Ukraine**  
Mykola Lysenko | Lyr. Oleksander Konysky | Arr. Oleksander Koshyts
- **Melody**  
Myroslav Skoryk | Arr. Ola Herasymenko-Olijnyk  
Performed by The Toronto Regional Group
- **Across the Wide Field**  
Religious song from the traditional lirnyk repertoire | Arr. Victor Kytasty
- **To My Son**  
Anatoli Pashkevych | Lyr. Vasyl Symonenko | Arr. Mykola Deychakiwsky
- **Hey, Falcons**  
Polish-Ukrainian Folk Song
- **Kupalo: Selections from Summer Solstice Suite**  
Ukrainian Folk Song | Oleh Mahlay

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Concertmaster: Teryn Kuzma

Violin: Roxolyana Shepko-Hamilton, Drums: Krystina Lewicki

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