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MEDIA RELEASE

FIRST ROUND OF SPONSORS ANNOUNCED SPONSORS OF THE XIV NATIONAL UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL SHOW THEIR VISION AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY AFUO SAYS - THANK YOU

The first round of Ukrainian community structures and other bodies have announced their financial support for the XIV Ukrainian National Festival which will be held in Sydney on June 7th to the 9th, 2013.

Organisations to date that have committed their financial support are:

The Karpaty Foundation

Ukrainian Studies Foundation in Australia

Ukrainian Youth Association CYM (Sydney Branch)

Ukrainian Youth Association Plast (Sydney Branch)

Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of The Intercession of the Holy Virgin Strathfield West

Ukrainian Churches – St Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic parish, Lidcombe ,

Sydney Credit Union (SCU)

"The Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO) expresses its gratitude and acknowledges these organisations and other structures. The AFUO salutes them for their commitment," AFUO Chairman Stefan Romaniw said today

"This support is a true indication of the strong vision held by the leadership of these organisations for the future of our Ukrainian community. It is an active investment in the future of Ukrainians in Australia. They are also contributing to the **Showcasing of Ukrainians in Australia.**" Mr Romaniw said

"We now await on others to show their support and make their commitment" Mr Romaniw said

The Festival will bring together Ukrainians from throughout Australia, from Ukraine and Canada together to celebrate the community's 65th Anniversary of Settlement and the contribution Ukrainians have made to Australia. The program is diverse to cater for all the needs of community members.

The lead up and planning of the National Festival and its delivery is strengthening the Ukrainian community nationally and especially in NSW. The local organising committee which is made up of NSW organisations, is working hard to make the festival a rewarding community experience.

"Those who have indicated their support financially have shown they fully understand the motto of this year's celebrations -

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow !

Yesterday - We built, accumulated and maintained

Today - We support, encourage and invest in the future.....

Tomorrow - The community will continue to thrive, grow and be an integral part of maintaining Ukrainian identity in Australia and a contributing factor in developing Ukraine....." Mr Romaniw said

The AFUO and the NSW Festival Organising Committee call on all Ukrainians across Australia to support the Festival. A special call goes out to the NSW Ukrainian community - Support this Community event. Come to the events.

Politicians, business leaders and other ethnic groups have responded they will be there.

The NSW Parliament will shortly be presented with a motion recognising the efforts of Australian Ukrainians and especially the NSW Ukrainian community and make reference to the National festival.

"It's time for members of our own community to be positive, support, encourage and actively participate!

We are expecting nothing less than full community support" Mr Romaniw said

A full program can be accessed on www.ozeukes.com

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