

Šokių Šventė 2021 Nr.1

July 5, 2020

Dear directors, teachers, and dancers,

Today, was the day we were expecting to all come together and bring to life, "The Kings' Tale", in Philadelphia. Unfortunately, the invisible foe COVID-19 has prevented us from celebrating this year. But I am forever thankful to you all for your continued effort and perseverance in preparing for this Festival. It brings me joy to know that we will be even better prepared to perform next year August 6-8, 2021.

Members of the creative committee, Tadas Varaneckas and Elytė Maurukienė, are preparing a new registration document for next year's Festival. You will receive a link to your group's personalized document along with instructions for completion/update in the near future.

As it was announced, each group's registration and payment carry over for next year's Festival. However, we know that many things may change within the upcoming months, especially during this uncertain, worldwide pandemic. We understand that the number of dancers in your group may fluctuate from year to year. Therefore, this new registration document will help us accurately know how many dancers/groups plan to participate in the Festival; along with how many/ which dances you have already learned and plan to learn. Based on this new information, we will determine how and if it is necessary to divide the Festival's repertoire amongst the participating groups. Student and Adult age group circles: if you have 14 pairs of dancers, you may only register **one** circle. The dancers within your circle will then have to divide and share the dances they are dancing amongst themselves. This rule does not apply to the Children and Youth age groups. Registration will be closed November 1, 2020.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND, that each group's registration payment will only be returned if your total number of participants changes. For example, if you registered and paid for 32 dancers last year, and this year they decided to not participate in the Festival but you are going to

register 32 new dancers - your registration payment **WILL NOT** be returned and you **WILL NOT** owe any additional payments. If your participant number decreases, the appropriate number of registration payments will be returned to you, or if it increases, you will be responsible for paying for the additions.

We cannot stress enough how important it is, when creating the arena formations, to accurately know the number of participating dancers in each dance for each group. In the same sense, it is also important for us to know how many extra male and female dancers you have in your group, as well as if they would be willing to dance with another group for some dances, if the need may be (**excluding the Children age group - all children will be dancing with their own group unless otherwise informed**). As a community, we love to help each other out, and to give everyone the chance to participate as much as possible. These confirmations and updates will greatly help us in deciding how and if we need to make any significant changes to the already created arena formations.

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy! Have a wonderful summer and we will see you soon!

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