



I would like to nominate Adam Breckner for your award of “Ukrainian Dance Instructor of the Year”.

He has been a dance instructor for the past four years with the Prince Albert Barveenok Ukrainian Dancers. He has an infectious enthusiasm and knowledge that he willingly shares with all the students. His ability to pass on his love of Ukrainian dance to all around him is by far the best I have seen from all other instructors.

My two children both have learned a lot from Adam. I have even seen him help a dancer who is not of his own dance troupe.

I believe that Adam is truly a perfect role model for Ukrainian Dancers of all ages. He exemplifies what a dance instructor should be by his knowledge, love of Ukrainian dance, as well as his well-honed teaching skills. I strongly feel that Adam deserves recognition for his efforts and the award of “Ukrainian Dance Instructor of the Year” would sum up the feeling of the Barveenok Ukrainian dance families.

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After careful thought and consideration, I would like to nominate Adam Breckner as 2015's Ukrainian Dance Instructor of the Year.

This is my first year co-instructing with Adam for the Prince Albert Barveenok Ukrainian Dance Club, though Adam has taught with the group for the past four years.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching with Adam. He is always interested in taking those five extra minutes to carefully plan what is best for the kids. He is easy to work with in a group setting, as well as one-on-one, both with other instructors and the students. Adam enjoys pushing everyone to achieve more. I have watched him inspire our students on a weekly basis and, have personally found his passion for Ukrainian culture to be catching.

Adam believes in an equal share of the workload when it comes to planning lessons, choreography, and breaking down technique for students. I very much appreciate his dedication to ensuring that we, as co-instructors, have a sense of equality between us. Often I have found that when conflict arises within the club, Adam is quick to come to me first to make sure we are on the same page. I have never before experienced working with another instructor who without a doubt, no question in my mind, has my back and communicates so clearly about everything. With regards to club administration and the instructors role, working with Adam has been an absolutely amazing experience.

Adam's inspiration for Ukrainian dance is catching. He loves to try new and innovative ideas to push the kids and the club to achieve even more, but is focussed on maintaining realistic goals. I love incorporating history and background information in classes, and Adam is always presenting new information to the kids in a way that makes them interested in Ukrainian culture.

Adam and I recently walked into our senior class and found the students had started their barre program themselves. To have a group of teenagers that have been so inspired that they are willing to come in and start a class by themselves is impressive. Furthermore, this same group of teenagers volunteered to come in on a Saturday evening to learn a dance, because that was the only way everyone could be present. To me, that speaks not only towards the students incredible passion for dance, but also speaks to the amazing dedication of the instructor that instilled such a passion in his students.

Over the past ten years I have worked with a variety of other instructors. I am more than comfortable telling you that working with Adam has been my favourite experience to date and I hope that I will have the opportunity to work with him on an on-going basis in the future.

After speaking with a few members of the club, we have agreed to nominate Adam as 2015's Ukrainian Dance Instructor of the Year. Please note that in order to simplify the process for those involved in nominating Adam, I will be forwarding you any recommendation letter's that I have received from members of the Prince Albert club.



I would like to nominate Adam Breckner for the 2015 Ukrainian Dance Instructor of Year Award.

Adam has been teaching with our club, Prince Albert Barveenok dancers, for four years now and has done a tremendous job. Adams love for dance is evident not only in his choreography but also his teaching skills and techniques. He pushes you to do your best but doesn't overdue it. He understands that progress takes time and that everyone is learning at different rates. He is able to pick up quickly what you are capable of and sees your potential abilities. Adam is always upbeat, jubilant, and enthusiastic at practices no matter what kind of day he had. He is always open to hearing our opinion, building a strong trust with us dancers. Adam inspires many of us with his choreography, free spirit, and dance abilities. Adam teaches many other clubs besides ours; his dedication evident through each one.

Adam brings a sense of joy and passion to Ukrainian dance, but also teaches important technique and skills. He truly loves what he does which is reflected in his students. Adam is a role model for many and would be the perfect choice for this award.



Adam has been my children's dance instructor for the past four years with the Prince Albert Barveenok Dance Club. Through those four years he has not only taught them a foundation of Ukrainian dance, shared knowledge of skill and instruction, but instilled a pride in them for their Ukrainian Heritage. I have found that he doesn't just teach them choreography but explains the origins of the dances from the different regions of the Ukraine; this seems to give more meaning to the dance from a child's perspective.

As a coach and teacher myself, I recognize the energy it takes to be positive m, encouraging and patient each and every dance class. It was not until two years ago that I became aware that Adam was teaching Ukrainian dance sometimes five or more days a week; which was when I came to realize what an exceptional teacher and human being he is. His demeanour and patience with the children is nothing short of incredible, he fosters confidence and challenges dancers in a positive way all while keeping a good report. Furthermore, as a parent, I find him easy to approach with concerns and feel he is understanding, proactive and empathetic while keeping the club's goals at the forefront of solutions, in short, professional.

Thank you for considering Adam for the Instructor of the year honor.



Please accept this letter in support of Adam Breckner's nomination for the 2015 Ukrainian Dance Instructor of the Year award. Adam is an accomplished young dancer who clearly has a passion for Ukrainian dance and culture. His enthusiasm for dance is obvious every time he steps in front his young students. Adam works well with students of all ages, and clearly enjoys his time with the kids.

As the parent of young dance students in the club, I have watched Adam instruct my children in group dances, solos and duets for the past few years. Adam not only builds each child's technical skills, but their confidence and love for dance as well. Recently, my three children were working on the choreography for a new dance with Adam. One of my sons, who is at times reluctant to show his enthusiasm for dance, was not only enjoying learning the new dance, but followed Adam on stage to copy his steps as Adam worked out a sequence. My son was inspired to practice his footwork on stage and continues to do so at home, breaking out into dance at random moments. My children have also had the opportunity to watch Adam dance at our club's Obzhynky harvest festival, held each November. They love watching Adam and other older dancers perform and are excited for the time when they too will be able to perform such complicated steps. Adam is clearly committed to Ukrainian dance. His ideas and passion for dance have enriched our dance program in Prince Albert and have showed a new generation of dance students that working hard can be both rewarding and fun.



I wish to nominate our dance instructor Adam Breckner for your award. Adam has been an instructor with our club, Prince Albert Barveenok dance club, for the past four years.

Adam is a dynamic and charismatic instructor. Adam has great passion and skill for Ukrainian dance.

He is sharing that skill and igniting that passion within our children. Many people can have great technical skill but without passion dance lifeless and wooden. That is not Adam. He is a joy to watch and he inspires the children especially with his high level of skill. It has been wonderful to watch him with all the varied levels of dancers. He is genuine and authentic, the dancers respond quickly to that. He never expects more of them than what they are capable but will push them to areas they didn't realize they had. This brings joy to the dancers and the club. He is creative and inspired with choreography and is open to input and ideas. He is a wonderful role model to our young people and we couldn't be more pleased with him. This young man is the total package and we are lucky to have such a high caliber instructor. You would be making a great choice by giving Adam this award. The Ukrainian dance community is a better place because of him and our children are too.

