

**Dear CMC Students:**

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has shocked the world. The immense suffering, violence, and daily struggle for hope has led us and our sponsors to collaborate to organize the **“War in Ukraine Social Engagement Fair.”**

We invite you to attend the Fair, which takes place this **Friday & Saturday, October 7-8** from 9:00 AM until 10:00 PM in **McKenna Auditorium** in the heart of the CMC campus. It will be a multifaceted series of events that explore the history, politics, literature, art, and culture of Ukraine at times of war and peace. Check out the keynote speakers, concerts, poets, & artists!

The mission of the “War in Ukraine Social Engagement Fair” is to spark awareness about the Russian war against Ukraine, its devastating impact on millions of people and the environment, U.S. foreign policy on Ukraine, and to spotlight the various humanitarian relief efforts we can engage in to help ameliorate the suffering.

We will explore Ukrainian culture, art, and politics through scholarly and student presentations, poetry readings, musical performances, artist exhibits, movie screenings and fundraising dinners.

In addition to raising awareness about Ukraine, we are also seeking to raise funds that we can send to NGOs working on the ground. We will host a panel with half a dozen NGOs discussing ways to help. 100% of all funds raised will go directly to humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.

In short, our goals are threefold:

1. Provide information about Ukrainian history, politics, religion, and causes of the war.
2. Invite Ukrainian and U.S. scholars, students, diplomats, religious leaders, poets, artists, musicians/singers, and actors/movies to speak about the Ukrainian struggle for freedom.
3. Raise awareness about humanitarian and NGO relief efforts and how to get involved.

All events are free and open to all except the dinner (Gus’s BBQ, Panda Express, Pizza, etc..), for which people have to register for online. In order to prepare, we encourage everyone to register even if they do not plan to attend the dinner, so they can be made aware of scheduling updates and future events. Here is the link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Gsw5zudZfuipLO\\_-X5yXYIDtPiK1bfUgLrLVVJyQ-nE/edit?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Gsw5zudZfuipLO_-X5yXYIDtPiK1bfUgLrLVVJyQ-nE/edit?edit_requested=true)

We hope you’ll make every effort to attend! This will be an awesome way to show your support for Ukraine and learn a ton about what’s going on! I’ve attached a schedule with some flyers about some of the speakers. Slava Ukraini!

Sincerely,

Gastón Espinosa, Wendy Lower & The War in Ukraine Social Engagement Team

(Team Members: Kirby, Diana, Miranda, Ellie, Gwen, Marina, Alina, Aliya, Vito, Leo, Sasha, Jason, Rowan, Luc, Tara, Margo, Ivan, Alexaj, Linda)

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## **Khrystyna Golovko & Prystani**

Prystani is a Ukrainian art rock band, music of explosive silence; we are the authors of the songs "Prystani", "Drive me around Ukraine", "Talk to me", "Sea of water". Our music is a romance, expression, emotional nakedness, sincerity and tenderness. The albums Signs (2018) and Prystani (2014) are among the creative band's work. The album Prystani has received the American



music award "The Akademia Music". Before the war, we used to actively tour around the cities of Ukraine, and used to be the participants of the festivals "Woodstock Ukraine", "Faine Misto", "Respublica", "Banderstat", "Ї", "Kraina Mrii". My brother has been an army volunteer since 2014, and our friend Myroslav is conscripted in the territorial unit of the army in our city Lviv.



**Link to the playlist where our music:**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIajDVL2bWzuOcQv\\_yzaMpRi91XULybWu](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIajDVL2bWzuOcQv_yzaMpRi91XULybWu)

**Our social media:**

<https://www.facebook.com/khristina.golovko>

<https://www.facebook.com/prystani>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnLjrs4doucLmVVHvv7es1g/featured>

**The most popular songs:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BgidSg\\_fw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BgidSg_fw)

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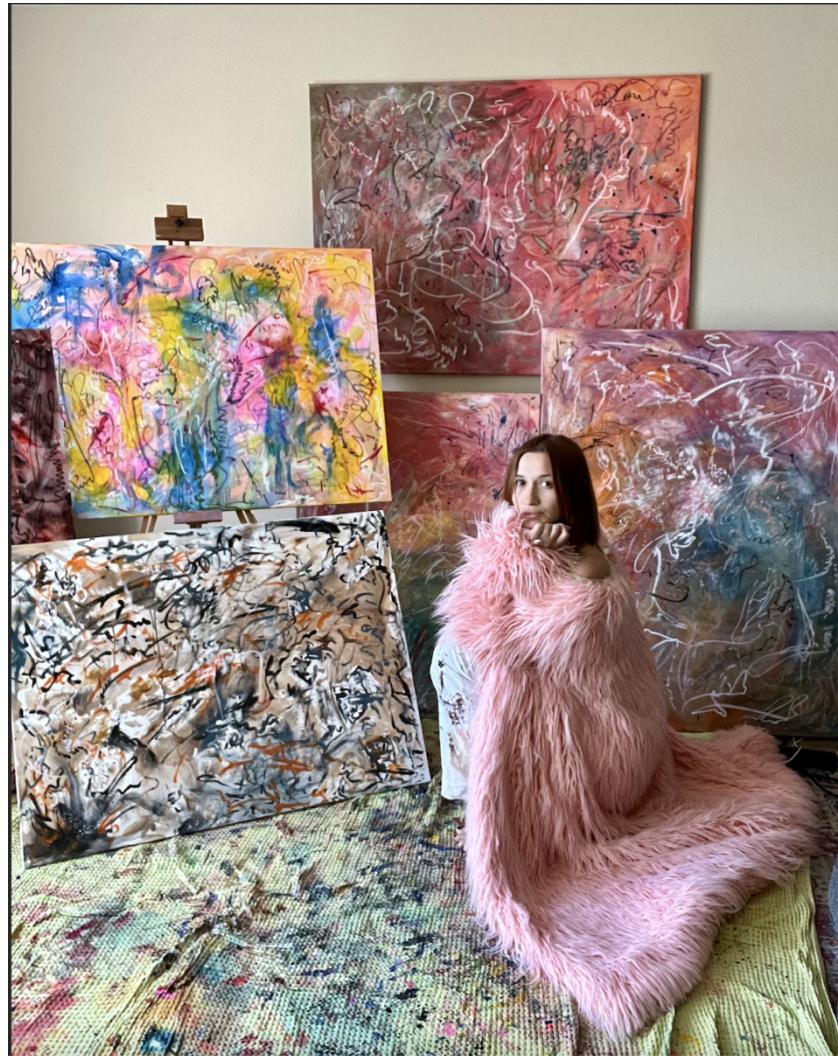
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### Anastasia Shubina (Artist)

I'm a Ukrainian artist based in Los Angeles. I was born and raised in Kiev and moved to LA back in 2014. My art is my personal story, my pain, pain of my country and people. My art provokes engagement and questioning. I'm deeply fascinated by the nature of abstract art and how colors have an emotional effect on the soul and peoples subconscious mind. It's my art that makes the illusion better.

I started painting a few years ago in search of self-expression and more profound connection with myself. In the darkest of times the creation of works of beauty is what keeping my soul alive. Canvases became my life, my second nature and my eternal search for inspiration. The life itself inspires me by internal feelings or emotional connections I hold with other humans. I love to inspire other artist and share my love and creativity with the world. My art can surprise people, it can make people feel sensitive. It stimulates senses very deeply.

I love working in a large scale using motions of my body to direct my work compositionally, applying colors as a visualization game and apply mark making using oil pastels. I work in mixed media. Acrylic, oil pastels, soft pastels.





**Kateryna Yehorushkina** is a Ukrainian writer, an author of seventy published books, a member of PEN Club, National Union of Writers of Ukraine, Ukrainian Art Therapy Association organizations.

Kateryna was a TED speaker with the topic "Fairy tales and values of the future". She has Master Degree in Literature and received a grant from the President of Ukraine for talented youth. Her first poetry book "Pulsation of the Moment" was published on this grant.

Not only Kateryna's books are included into three textbooks as a part of Ukrainian schools' curriculum, but also published abroad (in English, Lithuanian, Bulgarian, Romanian and other languages).

She collaborated with UNICEF as a screenwriter of a cartoon series on mine safety, as well as with the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory as the author of a children's book about the Holodomor (Genocide of Ukrainians by Stalin's rule in 1932-33). She received several national awards for her books.

After 24th of February she wrote the book "My forced vacation" (about the Russian-Ukrainian war). It is being prepared for publishing in Ukraine, Lithuania and other countries. She is co-author of the "War Vocabulary" (documentary evidence), which is being prepared for publication in Ukraine, Poland, Germany and other countries.

For several months now, Kateryna has been traveling through the de-occupied territories and collecting testimonies about the Russian-Ukrainian war in order to preserve the memory in the form of a book and prevent such tragedies in the future.



### Ostap Slyvynsky (Poet)

**Ostap Slyvynsky** is a Ukrainian poet, translator, essayist and scholar. He authored five books of poetry in Ukrainian, his poetry collections have been published in Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Russia. Ostap Slyvynsky was the first program director of the International Literary Festival in Lviv in 2006–2007. In 2016–2018, he organized the literary project *Literature Against Aggression* and the public discussion platform *Stories of Otherness* (the series of public interviews with writers, intellectualists and civic activists who suffered from different kinds of social exclusion). Since 2021, he organizes PEN Ukraine's festival *Proppsy* (The



Writings) aimed at novice authors. He was elected the Vice President of PEN Ukraine in 2021.

Ostap Slyvynsky's main research interests are intercultural communication, comparative history of the literatures of East Central Europe, the role of literature and popular culture in the construction of historical memory. In 2007, he earned a PhD degree in Humanities. He is a frequent visiting lecturer at Polish, Bulgarian and Western European universities.

## Rosava (Olena Yanchuk) (Ethno-Popular Singer)

**Rosava** (Росава; real name Olena Yanchuk, Олена Янчук) is a contemporary Ukrainian folk, electronica, and pop singer. She has been on the scene since 2001, with varying degrees of popularity, and has recently had something of a resurgence, appearing in the top ten of Ukraine's hit parades.

Rosava grew up near Kyiv in a musical family. Her father played the trumpet and directed a brass band, and her mother was an amateur folk singer. She went to music school as a child and took private music lessons; her first successes came when she was still young, at the 1993 Orpheus music festival (Орфей) for young talents in the city Byla Tserkva (Біла Церква). She won a similar all-Ukrainian music contest the next year, but then moved to Canada to go to university, where she studied vocal jazz, among other subjects.



Rosava returned home in 1996, but it wasn't until 1999 that her musical career began to draw notice. She attended the Red Ruta (Червона Рута) festival, and won both the pop music award and the audience choice award, practically a rite of passage for popular Ukrainian singers. Around this time, she—along with the band that was then accompanying her—adopted the name Rosava. She finally recorded a maxi-single in 2000, released by her producer, Dilya (Діля; real name Edward Pristupa, Едуард Приступа), who was a member of the highly popular Ukrainian band [Tanok na Maidany Kongo](#) (Танок на майдані Конго). Yet her full album, *Simply Heaven* (Просто неба), wasn't released until late in 2001.

Unlike other artists of her caliber, Rosava's career hasn't been steady. She took a long break after that first album, only releasing her second, *Lullabies* (Колисанки), in 2006—and it wasn't a traditional album but rather actually a collection of children's lullabies. After that her career picked up again for a time, with four more albums, but her last one, *Joy* (Радість), was released back in 2013. The recent break seems to be due to family issues (most recent online coverage focuses on the birth of her second child), but her single "A Girl Like Me" ("Дівчина така я") has been drawing attention to her anew recently.

<https://popkult.org/rosava/>

<https://soundcloud.com/rosava>