



# Kule Folklore Centre

Peter & Doris Kule Centre for Ukrainian & Canadian Folklore

## Folklore Lunch Series

### Malanka in Ukraine: a *Ukraïner* exploration of regional variations

Presented by **Dariia Titarova**

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**Kule Folklore Centre, 250 Old Arts Bldg.**

(Join us in-person for this Zoom presentation)

Malanka brings together entire communities in a street carnival with masks and fancy costumes to celebrate the arrival of the new year. The Ukrainian holiday has deep pre-Christian roots.

The history of Malanka celebrations in Ukraine is about the persistence of the tradition, which was not eliminated despite all the attempts of the Soviet regime, about its reinterpretation, and revival. In 2021-2022, the *Ukraïner's* team traveled to different regions of Ukraine to tell the story of hand-crafted masks and the most bizarre bear costumes in Bukovyna, exciting battles between Malanka characters in Halychyna, contemporary festive parades in the Carpathians, and the resurrected ritual of walking a goat in Poltavshchyna.

Dariia Titarova is a volunteer and author of texts for *Ukraïner*, a Ukrainian community and organization that has been researching Ukraine and the Ukrainian context since 2016. Dariia's special focus is on national minorities in Ukraine and the traditional customs and winter holidays, namely Christmas and Malanka.

*Top image: Malanka in Beleluia, Halychyna. Photo by Artem Galkin.  
Bottom: Dariia Titarova. Photo provided by author.*

