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Community Development



Oksana Rewa has been a leader in the community since the 1990s, when she started fundraising for various medical and academic organizations in Toronto, then later expanded her activities and became a committed and valuable activist in the Ukrainian Canadian community.

In 1998 Oksana founded and was the president of the Canadian Bandura Foundation which organized events to encourage youth to embrace bandura playing: including concerts, musical workshops in Toronto and Lviv, and the 1st International Bandura Festival in Oakville, Ontario. CDs were produced along with a documentary on the musical instrument bandura, “Strings of Soul” which won a bronze award in the Creative Excellence Category at the US Film and Video Festival in Chicago. Her other film which she produced and wrote is “A Man for All Canadians” a bio-documentary of the late Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Ramon Hnatyshyn.

Oksana is an active member since 1998 at the St. Volodymyr Cathedral Toronto where she serves as a trustee. She has been president of the St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre Oakville from 2003 to 2010.

As Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch – President (2009–2014), in addition to all UCC Toronto community matters, other major events took place during her tenure: a mega-concert celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko staged by Vesnivka Choir and UCC Toronto, a town hall meeting was called from which the Euromaidan Committee was formed along with numerous rallies of support for Euromaidan.

Oksana, as past president of UCC Toronto chaired, lead and directed all aspects of the Holodomor Memorial Project in Toronto, from the onset to present day. This successful Holodomor Memorial Project reached its fundraising goal and most of the construction has been completed. The project is still ongoing with follow-up and maintenance details which Oksana Rewa continues to oversee.

Oksana Rewa is a passionate and dedicated voice for the causes she embraces.