

UKRAINE: LAND OF THE BRAVE IMMERSIVE EXHIBIT

February 16th, 7PM - 10PM - Ukrainische Freie Universität, Am Münchner Tor 1, 80805 München.

On the occasion of the second anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia, Ukrainische Freie Universität and the Embassy of Canada to Germany will host the internationally renowned multimedia exhibition “Ukraine:Land of the Brave”, accompanied by “Immersive Shevchenko: Soul of Ukraine”. Immerse yourself in the most important masterpieces of Ukrainian artist Taras Shevchenko in *Immersive Shevchenko: Soul of Ukraine*, and experience the resilience of Ukrainians in *Ukraine: Land of the Brave*.

For almost two years now, the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation continues. Russian occupants continue to target Ukrainian cities, killing civilians and stealing natural resources and cultural heritage. Immersive exhibition “Ukraine: Land of the Brave”, through the power of immersion, plunges the audience into the daily reality of the war in Ukraine and its effect on Ukrainian citizens. Visitors will be able to experience videos, photos, and interviews with everyday Ukrainians who are defending their homeland. The exhibit features footage captured by journalists and photographers such as Sergey Loiko and Dmytro Kozatsky at the front lines, and materials from leading Ukrainian news channels.

On February 24th, 2022, amidst the bombardments and firefights, workers at the National Museum of Taras Shevchenko crated away valuable pieces of Taras Shevchenko works in the same containers used to shield them from invading Nazi forces in 1941 to hide the valuable national artwork from the invading Russian military forces as gunfire erupts just down the street. In “Immersive Shevchenko: Soul of Ukraine”, audiences will have an opportunity to experience the endangered Ukrainian masterpieces of Taras Shevchenko. Taras Shevchenko is a 19th-century Ukrainian artist, poet, philosopher, and public figure who is quoted, and celebrated all over Ukraine and the world. An entirely Ukrainian creative team behind the exhibit series was able to work with the specialists of the National Museum of Taras Shevchenko in Kyiv to obtain access to their collection of paintings, resulting in a one-of-a-kind sensory experience that President Zelensky himself visited before the war began.

The exhibit series was created through a Canadian-Ukrainian partnership of Kostyuk Productions, the First Theatrical Charitable Foundation, and the National Museum of Taras Shevchenko with creative direction by RockNLight Multimedia's Tais Poda, and musical curation by Tymur Polyanskyi. Developed with the support of Ukraine's Ministry of Culture and Information Policy, BWV Toronto Ukrainian Festival, and the International Renaissance Foundation, KONTAKT Ukrainian Television Network, Vovk Foundation, and Agrosem. Partners of the event in Germany: The Embassy of Canada to Germany and Ukrainische Freie Universität.

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