

themselves with the culture of various regions of our state and many countries of the world, with the peculiarities of performing dances and theatrical rites, see national clothes, feel and try to understand national characteristics of people of other countries.

Kharkiv folk dance theater “Zapovit” is the only choreographic group of Ukraine that was awarded the orders “For the Development of Ukraine” and “Slobozhanska Slava”.

Since February 24, 2022 our life has become different. All the students of KSAC had to go in different directions. Someone had to go abroad, and someone stayed in Ukraine. Previously, the “Zapovit” folk dance theater could travel anywhere with a full cast of students. Thanks to our defenders who defend our country, “Zapovit” was able to participate in various international festivals-competitions not only remotely but also offline. The first festival in which “Zapovit” took part abroad was held in Latvia in the town of Ventspils. This event was held under the slogan “I support Ukraine”, the organizers of the festival tried to make the guests’ stay as comfortable, rich and interesting as possible. Thanks to the tourist company Hristofor-Tour, which is located in Lviv, for the second time “Zapovit” managed to gather and go abroad with a small group of students to the International Competition-Festival of Folklore, Dance and Music “Stars of Paris”; presenting two dance numbers “Ukrainian Festive” and “Ukrainian girls dance with towels”.

The atmosphere during the festival was calm and at the same time interesting, the preparation process was extremely interesting. The dancers ironed their costumes in the hotel, because they traveled all the way, dyed and did their hair in the hotel rooms, the rehearsal of the numbers took place in different parts of Paris, at first it happened in the evening in the parking lot of “Disneyland Park”, then in the small hall of the hotel and before the performance already on the stage, for the entire dance theater it became a kind of breath, happiness that after all, “Zapovit” was able to perform on the stage again after a long time. The organizers of the festival and other teams wholeheartedly supported and wished for the fastest victory.

We all believe in victory, and we thank our defenders for defending our state, and we use dance to popularize Ukrainian dance abroad which is very important now.

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## **LVIV AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TOURIST PEARLS OF UKRAINE**

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### **ЛЬВІВ — ОДНА З НАЙКРАСИВІШИХ ТУРИСТИЧНИХ ПЕРЛИН**

Lviv is one of Ukrainian cities among the hundreds of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. The largest number of architectural monuments in Ukraine is located here as well as many interesting events and festivals.

Lviv is a real tourist Mecca. Tour guides compete in the ability to show the city in an original way.

The number of tourists has really increased both from Ukraine and abroad - taking into account the exchange rate, vacations in Lviv are really very cheap for a foreigner and besides you can get here very quickly.

Various festivals and holidays are often held in Lviv, so you can plan your trip around an event that interests you. By the way, the City Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May. A parade, concerts and other interesting events are usually held on this day.

And those who live here add coloring to Lviv and make it the way tourists see it. They are always nicely dressed and go to cafe, to the theater the church on Sundays.

The rhythm of life in the city is calmer than in Kyiv but people here are also busy and working. They simply do not have a goal to earn all the money in the world, they like to catch moments and enjoy life as it is.

Lviv is very rich in sights. Almost all of them are located in the Old City. The unforgettable walks around the city are a great addition to get to know and see the main sights of Lviv giving both spiritual and cultural values to this tourist center.

If you don't know where to go in Lviv, head to the medieval square, Rynkova. Literally every building located here is an architectural and cultural monument. In previous years the territory served as a bazaar for foreign and Ukrainian merchants.

If you do not know what to see in Lviv in 1 day, but want to feel the spirit of antiquity, come to the Freedom Avenue, the length of it is only 350 meters. Along the avenue the cottages rise made in neo-Renaissance, classicism and baroque styles.

You should definitely make a trip to Potocki Palace, a beautiful building in the style of classicism. The palace was built to receive high-ranking foreigners.

House of Scientists is also a popular place to visit in Lviv. Date of construction — XIX century. The building is made in the style of castle architecture. A hundred years ago it housed a casino. Later the house was handed over to scientists. Now it is also the property of an educational institution. One of the reasons for the popularity of this attraction is that masquerade balls are often held here.

The history of Lviv is really interesting and rich — the power and architecture have changed but one thing has always been affected: the atmosphere.

Summing up all of the above, we are sure that after the victory of Ukraine, Lviv will become even more beautiful and will become a tourist pearl not only in Ukraine but throughout Europe!

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### **SERGE LIFAR: THE WAY TO THE GLORY**

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### **СЕРЖ ЛИФАР: ДОРОГА ДО СЛАВИ**

Modern Ukrainian culture is becoming more and more popular all over the world. That is why the study of prominent Ukrainians' creative work is relevant now.

A Ukrainian choreographer Serzh Lifar is an outstanding ballet dancer, dance theorist, choreographer and teacher. His name is also known as the founder of the neoclassical trend in ballet art.

S. Lifar got his choreography background at the Kyiv ballet studio "School of Movement"; by Bronislava Nijinska. Here he mastered the basics of classical dance and got acquainted with modern dance trends. Dedicated work of the future dancer, fantastic love to dance contributed to the transformation of an ordinary young man, who started practicing ballet at the age of 16, into a leading soloist.

To the many millions of his fans Serge Lifar is seemed as a genius of his craft.

His dance is charming, sublime, masterful, inspired and full of energy. Being an accomplished ballet dancer, Lifar quickly became one of the leading soloists, performed the main parts in the traditional ballet such as "Swan Lake", "Giselle", "Icarus".

In addition, S. Lifar greatly contributed to the revival of the French ballet theater. He created a dance academy in Paris and headed the Grand Opera for a long time.