

"Magicians, Cartoonists, Storytellers"

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa & UNF Ottawa-Gatineau Invite You to

An Evening with Award Winning Filmmaker

Halya Kuchmij

Friday, November 15, 2013

7:00 - 10:00 pm

Macdonald Building, Room 121

150 Louis Pasteur (UO Campus)

Cost - \$10.00 per person

Welcome to the film world of Halya Kuchmij and her cast of unique Ukrainian- Canadian characters. Let's pull back the curtain and meet:

~ Mike Swistun of Olha, Manitoba. He was Barnum and Bailey's 'Strongest Man in the World' and a pal of Houdini! "*The Strongest Man in the World*" is narrated by Hollywood's very own Jack Palance and it won the GENIE award! A classic! (30 min.)

~ Jacob Myadanyk from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Iconographer and creator of the popular comic strip character "Shtef Tabachniuk." "*Laughter in My Soul*" is narrated by John Colicos, a renowned Hollywood actor of Ukrainian descent. (30 min.)

~ Harvey Spak of Mundare, Alberta. Spak is a writer and filmmaker. In "*The Fullness of Time: Ukrainian Stories from Alberta*," he recounts compelling and dramatic stories from his Ukrainian childhood in "Kalyna Country," northeastern Alberta. (30 min.)



Halya Kuchmij has worked as a producer/director in film and television for 35 years, initially as an independent filmmaker, then with the National Film Board of Canada and finally with the CBC. Her films have won over 30 national and international awards, among them the Genie, Gemini, Gabriel, Chris, the NY International Television Festival and the Sovereign Award from the Jockey Club of Canada. Recently, Halya was awarded the Shevchenko Medal by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. She is currently working on a feature docudrama on the artist William Kurelek.

Everyone is welcome! Coffee/tea and desserts will be served after the screening.