

Austyn Kozun BIO

Austyn grew up in Nipawin, SK and started dancing at the age of 4 with the Nipawin Veselii Dancers. He danced with Nipawin for 14 years until he graduated high school. In Nipawin, Austyn helped on the family farm and played many other sports such as hockey, baseball, and volleyball to name a few. Once Austyn graduated, he moved to Moose Jaw to pursue a career in the Electrical Engineering Technologist Program. At the same time, he also auditioned for the Pavlychneko Folklorique Ensemble (PFE). Austyn started dancing with PFE in 2014. Driving back and forth from Moose Jaw and Saskatoon for school and dance practice showed his dedication to Ukrainian dance. When Austyn graduated from Saskatchewan Polytechnic, he moved to Saskatoon to work for Saskatoon Light and Power. This gave him the opportunity to dance full time with PFE and begin to build lifelong friends and buy a house in Saskatoon. In 2017 he toured with PFE to Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Hungary and Ukraine. Performing all over Saskatchewan with PFE brings Austyn joy and love for the Ukrainian community. Austyn was given the opportunity to start teaching Ukrainian dance 2018. Since then, he has never looked back. He loves teaching kids and having the opportunity to share Ukrainian culture with the younger generation. Austyn continues to dance with PFE and teach in Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Recently, Austyn returned from his second dance tour with PFE from Argentina and Brazil, Two Worlds One Soul Tour. Austyn is looking forward to joining the Boyan Ukrainian Dance Association Inc this year.