



# HUTSUL CULTURE AS A REFLECTION OF UKRAINIAN IDENTITY

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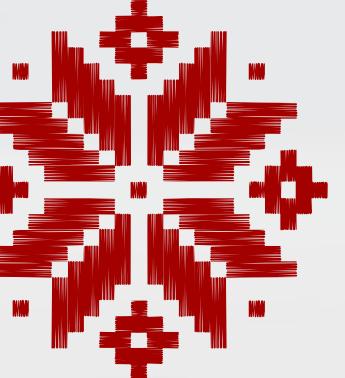
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# INTRODUCTION TO HUTSUL CULTURE

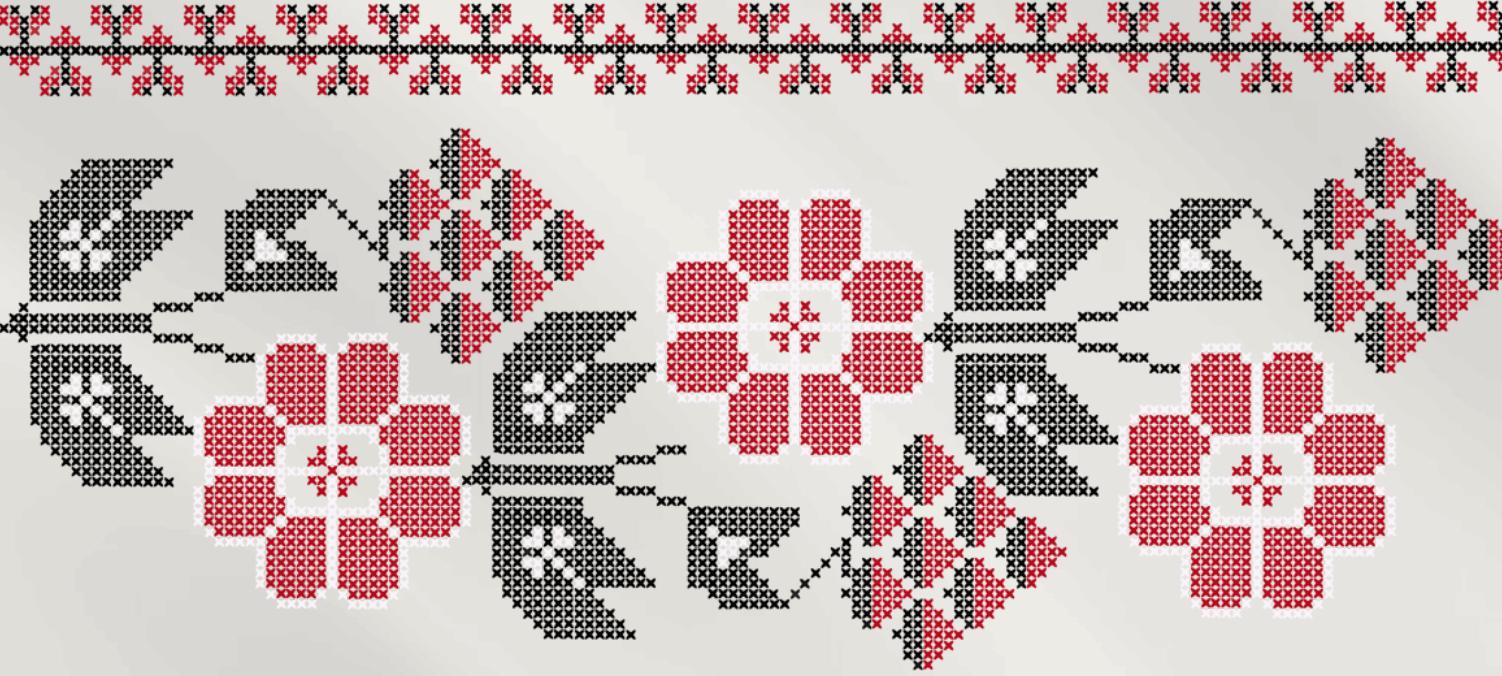


HUTSUL CULTURE IS ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT COMPONENTS OF UKRAINE'S INTANGIBLE HERITAGE.

LOCATED IN THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS, THE HUTSULS HAVE PRESERVED ANCIENT TRADITIONS IN MUSIC, DANCE, RITUALS, AND CUISINE.

THIS PRESENTATION EXPLORES CULTURAL ELEMENTS THAT REFLECT THE UNIQUE WORLDVIEW AND IDENTITY OF THE HUTSUL COMMUNITY.





# MUSICAL HERITAGE OF THE HUTSULS

MUSIC PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN HUTSUL DAILY LIFE AND CEREMONIES.

STUDENTS VISITING THE TREMBITAR MUSEUM LEARNED ABOUT TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS:

- TREMBITA — A WOODEN ALPINE HORN USED FOR SIGNALING AND RITUALS
- FLOYARA, DENCHIVKA, DRYMBA
- VIOLIN AND CIMBALOM

HUTSUL MELODIES ARE CHARACTERIZED BY IMPROVISATION, ENERGETIC RHYTHMS, AND ECHOES OF MOUNTAIN NATURE.



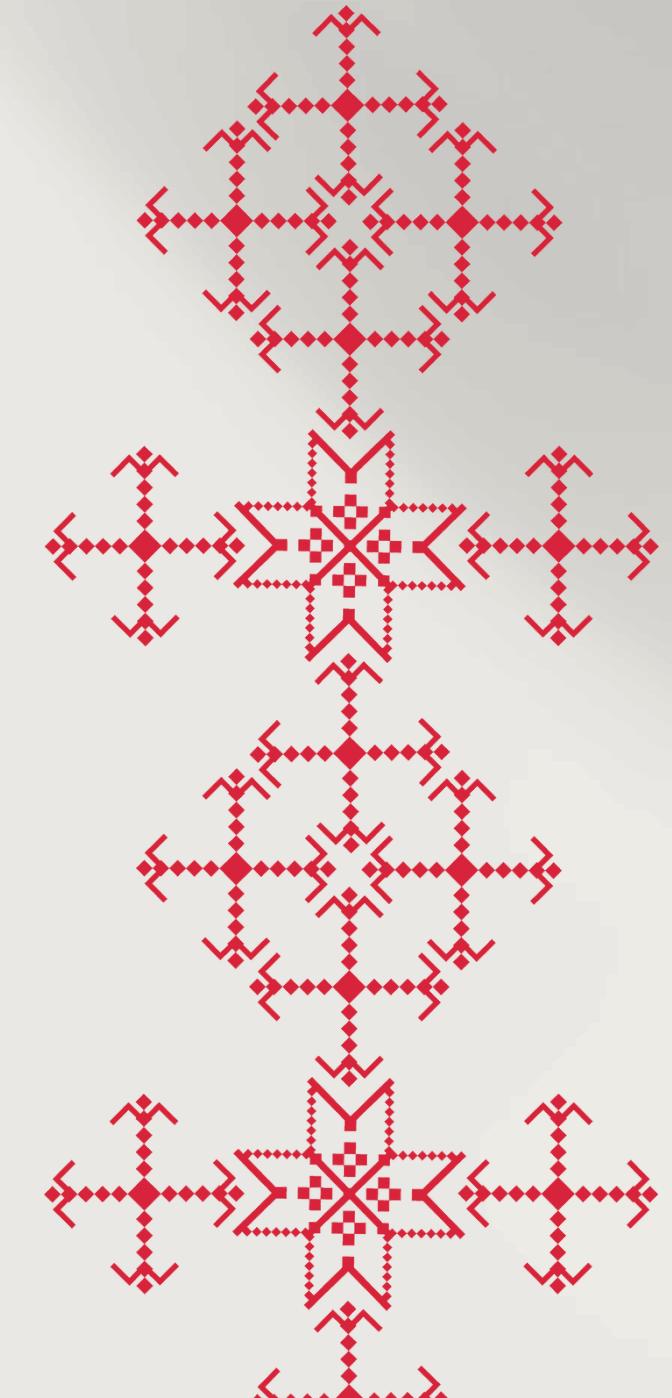
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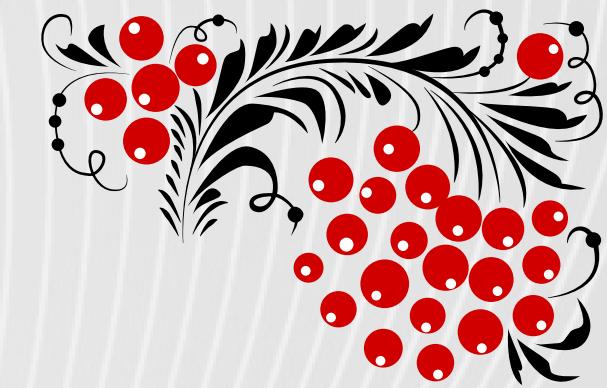
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VIOLIN



# TRADITIONAL HUTSUL MELODIES AND FORMS



## ARKAN



## HUTSULKA



## KOLOMYIKA



TRADITIONAL HUTSUL MELODIES AND FORMS DURING THE MUSIC WORKSHOP, SEVERAL ICONIC MUSICAL FORMS WERE DEMONSTRATED:

- ARKAN — A TRADITIONAL MEN'S CIRCLE DANCE
- HUTSULKA — A LIVELY SOCIAL DANCE
- KOLOMYIKA — FAST, HUMOROUS, RHYTHMICAL DANCE AND VOCAL FORM

THESE MUSICAL GENRES REFLECT MOUNTAIN LIFE, LOCAL LABOR TRADITIONS, AND THE EMOTIONAL RICHNESS OF THE COMMUNITY.



**HOW OUR UKRAINIAN AND ROMANIAN STUDENTS DANCED THE HUTSULKA**

# SONGS AND VOCAL TRADITIONS



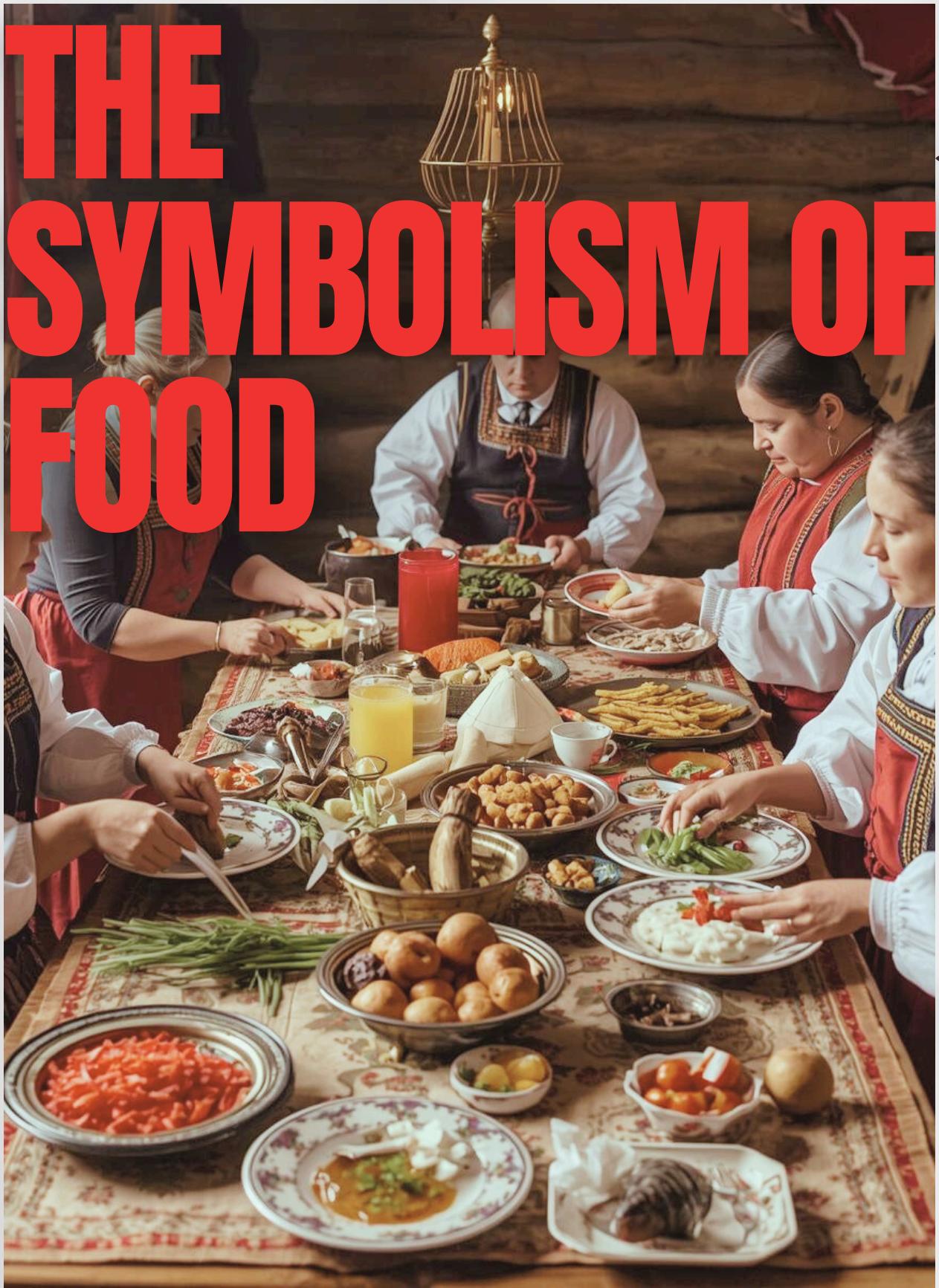
HUTSUL SINGING TRADITION INCLUDES IMPROVISATIONAL SHORT SONGS CALLED SPIVANKY.

EXAMPLES SUCH AS "IN THE FOREST, ON THE MEADOW" PORTRAY:

- DAILY LIFE ON THE MOUNTAIN PASTURES,
- DEEP EMOTIONAL CONNECTION WITH NATURE,
- HUMOR AND WISDOM OF THE PEOPLE.

THE VOCAL STYLE IS EXPRESSIVE, BRIGHT, AND DYNAMIC.

# THE SYMBOLISM OF FOOD



FOOD IN HUTSUL CULTURE CARRIES RITUAL MEANING:

- BRYNZA — A SYMBOL OF ABUNDANCE
- BANOSH — A FESTIVE DISH SERVED AT WEDDINGS AND FAMILY CELEBRATIONS
- MUSHROOM SOUP AND PLATZINDAS — EVERYDAY MEALS OF SHEPHERDS
- CHEESE HORSES — PROTECTIVE CHEESE FIGURINES SYMBOLIZING LUCK, PROSPERITY, AND SAFETY; TRADITIONALLY GIVEN AS GIFTS DURING CELEBRATIONS AND RITUALS

HUTSUL CUISINE REFLECTS THE HARMONY BETWEEN PEOPLE AND THE CARPATHIAN NATURE.





# CULINARY HERITAGE OF THE HUTSULS



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HUTSUL CUISINE REFLECTS MOUNTAIN LIVING CONDITIONS — SIMPLE, NUTRITIOUS, NATURAL. DURING THE CULINARY WORKSHOP, STUDENTS LEARNED TO PREPARE:

- BANOSH
- KULESHA
- DUMPLINGS WITH BRYNZA
- MUSHROOM SOUP
- PLATSYNDA
- HUTSUL SOUR MILK (HUSLYANKA)

INGREDIENTS INCLUDE CORN FLOUR, DAIRY PRODUCTS, BRYNZA, WILD MUSHROOMS, AND HERBS.



# THANK YOU.



THESE TRADITIONS PRESERVE:  
• HISTORICAL MEMORY,  
• ANCESTRAL VALUES,  
• STRONG TIES WITH NATURE,  
• THE CULTURAL UNIQUENESS OF  
THE UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS.  
HUTSUL CULTURE IS A POWERFUL  
SYMBOL OF UKRAINIAN NATIONAL  
IDENTITY AND AN ESSENTIAL PART  
OF THE COUNTRY'S INTANGIBLE  
HERITAGE.



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