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### LEMKO TOWER at Festival

**Toronto,** –The **Lemko Tower** ensemble from Lemkivshchyna (Poland) will visit Toronto from September 16-26, 2011. The group has been invited to Canada by the Canadian Lemko Association on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As well as performing at the **Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival September 16-18, 2011**, they will perform at the Canadian Lemko Association's Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Lemko Tower** is a community based song and instrumental group which is driven by enthusiasm and love of their ancestral culture. They formed in 2005 as a part of the Association of Lemko Culture Enthusiasts in Strzelce Krajeńskie, Poland. There are 22 members in the ensemble between the ages 16 and 25. The group has gained popularity at Ukrainian festivals in Poland thanks to their dynamic performance and modern approach to folk music. They have appeared in almost 200 concerts and perform frequently at the Lemko Vatrasy in Żdynia and Ługi.

Lemko Tower has recorded several CDs: *Christmas Carols* (2005), *The Scent of the Spring Breeze* (2006), *Lemko Tower Live in Gorzów* (2007), and *Spivnochky* (2009). *Spivnochky* won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the folk performers' competition *Virtualni Husli* (Virtual Violins).

For performance times at the Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival see [HYPERLINK "http://www.ukrainianfestival.com"](http://www.ukrainianfestival.com) [www.ukrainianfestival.com](http://www.ukrainianfestival.com).

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