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**For Immediate Release**

**The Toronto Ukrainian Festival, is pleased to announce 3 terrific bands that will be featured at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Festival in the Bloor West Village.**

From Toronto - **ZIRKA** - is a band of six musicians who love to play their instruments and have a good time. Peter and Morris Hucal started the band when they were 12 years old playing guitar and accordion. Five years later their brother Johnny joined in on trumpet, then a couple years later their sister Katherine on sax. Bill Hawryschuk joined the band three years ago, bringing with him the experiences of playing drums with Solovey, Burya and Dunai. Karen Aniol joined the band two years ago on violin. Zirka has performed at countless zabavas, weddings and festivals over the years. See [zirkamusic.com](http://zirkamusic.com) for more information. They are back by popular demand and will be the featured Saturday night Zabava Band on the mainstage at Jane and Bloor Streets Saturday night at 10:30 pm.



From Winnipeg -**ZRADA** - Formed in 2005, Winnipeg's Zrada has been forging unforgettable music ever since. The members of the band set out with the goal to take their Ukrainian roots into the modern world by fusing them with the music they grew up with in Winnipeg. Inspired by Slavic melodies, sultry gypsy dances, So-Cal punk rock, reggae and ska, Zrada's sound is a tight maelstrom of intricate melodies, unyielding grooves, and passionate, emotional beauty. While the Zrada live show includes modern interpretations of several traditional folk songs, the bulk of the material is original. Written in a folk style, the compositions strive to project the same emotion and imagery as traditional Ukrainian songs. See them on the main stage at Jane and Bloor Streets Friday and Saturday during the Festival.

See [www.ukrainianfestival.com](http://www.ukrainianfestival.com) in September for timing of their performances. Also see [www.zrada-music.com](http://www.zrada-music.com) and [www.myspace.com/zradaculturalacademy](http://www.myspace.com/zradaculturalacademy).





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From New York City - **HRIM** is a Ukrainian band consisting of 5 members all of Ukrainian descent. They are Roman Palylyk (Vocals, Bass Guitar), Peter Kolinsky (Vocals), Peter Drobenko (Accordion/Keyboard, Vocals), Roman Kozicky (Guitar), and John Drobenko (Drums). Since the band's inception in the summer of 2004, HRIM has performed at weddings, festivals, zabavas, and all kinds of events throughout North America. HRIM's sound is unique in the sense that it combines a traditional and modern style of music. The result is a sound that relates to all ages and that everyone can party to. The band is extremely excited to be in the process of recording their first album. Keep up with HRIM news, pictures, music, videos, blogs, merchandise and more at [www.hrimband.com](http://www.hrimband.com) and [www.myspace.com/hrimband](http://www.myspace.com/hrimband), <http://twitter.com/HRIMBAND> Hrim will be featured Friday night Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at the evening ZABAVA by the mainstage at Jane and Bloor Streets at 10:00 pm.



Please note that the deadline for Festival performance applications is June 30, 2009 !

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