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Participants at the East European and Slavic Fall Festival



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Pitt Carpathian some of the music of Eastern Europe



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On October 29, 2017 the Yugoslav Nationality Room and the Center for Russian and East European Studies at University of Pittsburgh sponsored the East European and Slavic Fall Festival at the Cathedral of Learning. On behalf of the Serb National Federation, I participated in this event. Skolarac, Serbian Language School, run by Verica Cvetkovic, was also represented at this event.

The Festival gathered together many ethnic groups from the Balkans as well as Eastern Europe. Guests could enjoy different kinds of ethnic food, dances, and cultures. E. Maxine Bruhns, Director of Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs at University of Pittsburgh, welcomed all of the guests and participants.

The featured event was the Pitt Carpathian Ensemble. They played music from all over Eastern Europe, which was enjoyable for the entire audience. Richard Balazs, Director of the Folk Factory Ensemble, a special guest, taught many participants Balkan dances.

This was a great Festival which beautifully demonstrated the richness and diversity of Eastern European cultures, so many of whom are a part of the Greater Pittsburgh area.

