

## PRESS RELEASE

**"Recovery Room" Winnipeg Screening A Great Success**

■ Winnipeg: The powerful feature documentary "Recovery Room" was successfully presented at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Winnipeg, organized by Irka Balan and her team, on Sunday, October 29.

The church auditorium was full of people from both the Ukrainian Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholic churches in Winnipeg, and non-Ukrainians from Winnipeg area. Dignitaries present were Hon. Terry Duguid, M.P. for Winnipeg South, and Mr. Daryl Gervais, Winnipeg Department of Education, with his wife.

Welcome and opening remarks were given by Father Alexander Harkavyi, followed by Vasyl Balan who introduced Adriana Luhova, the director of the film. Adriana spoke about her inspiration, vision and experiences in making "Recovery Room". She thanked her father, Yuriy Luhovy producer of the film, Oksana Rozumna the film script editor, and everyone who helped support making the film.

The documentary informs, visually

shows and shares through its original music score, the truth concerning the latest encroachment on the freedom and rights of Ukraine, and depicts the brave and dedicated work of the Canadian Medical Missions in Ukraine organized by the Canada Ukraine Foundation.

The award-winning film captures the progression of events as they unfolded over the last three years, including Canada's and the community's humanitarian aid given to wounded soldiers, making everyone present even more proud to be Canadian. The testimonials, war footage, photos, and music in the film captured the viewers hearts and minds by sharing the truth, in a world that often suppressed or denies truth, such as what happened in the Holodomor Famine-Genocide in Ukraine 1932-1933 in eastern Ukraine.

Everyone was moved by the documentary, many taking the opportunity to come and see the documentary again, at its third successful Winnipeg screening. A question and answer period followed the film. Concluding

remarks were given by organizer Irka Balan. She emphasized the importance of the documentary, how well the story is told, and the need to give wide public exposure to "Recovery Room".

Flowers were presented by Ms. Nika, to Adriana Luhova with a thank you on behalf of all present by Val Noseworthy, stating "in confirmation of the good work being done through the film", and best wishes for "energy, inspiration, well being and support to continue your work".

The Ukrainian Orthodox Millennium Villa sponsored the reception prior to the film. Donations from the Ukrainian Women's Organization Kniahynia Olha and others went to help offset the outstanding production costs of the film. The documentary captivates the audience touching on an important topic.

Held on October 26, Prof. Orest Cap, director of The Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies (CUCS), University of Manitoba" invited Adriana Luhova and the award-winning documentary "Recovery Room" as part of

the 2017 "Dr. Iraida and Prof. Michael Tarnawecy Distinguished Lecture" at St. Andrew's College. Following the documentary, comments by Adriana and closing remarks by Prof. Cap, a beautiful plaque was presented to Adriana by CUCS, University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, which read, "Adriana Luhovy. For Creatively and Exceptional Contribution to Ukrainian Canadian Cinema". Present at the university was Dr. Adrian Hawaleshka, member of the Medical Mission to Ukraine.

Winnipeg's first successful showing of "Recovery Room", was organized September 14 by Halia Duplak for the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Manitoba Provincial Council at the Manitoba Museum Auditorium. The documentary continues to be shown in other cities raising awareness of the ongoing war and its impact.

For further information see:  
[www.recoveryroomthemovie.com](http://www.recoveryroomthemovie.com).

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L to R: Film director Adriana Luhova with Val Noseworthy, Irka Balan and Nika at the screening at St. Mary's the Protectress hall.

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L to R: Film director Adriana Luhova receiving a recognition-plaque from Prof. Orest Cap, director of The Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies, University of Manitoba.

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L to R: Film director Adriana Luhova receiving flowers from Ms. Nika at St. Mary the Protectress hall.

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