

2024 Cossacks at the Holiday Fair

On Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Russian Center of San Francisco, the All Cossacks Union of San Francisco participated in the Slavic Children's Holiday Fair, which was an annual event organized by Russian Center's Executive Director, Alexandra (Sasha) Sabelnik-Whooley (also a member of ACU SF). In addition to a wonderful program of music, singing and dancing from various Slavic countries, delightfully MC'd by Sasha, games for kids and vendors selling arts & crafts, jewelry, books, collectibles and other items, authentic ethnic food and desserts were for sale.

Cossack Director, Palina Suhonos on behalf of ACU coordinated a photo booth with son Nikolai Suhonos as Ded Moroz (Father Frost) and his daughter, Alyonka. Traditional Cossack and Russian costumes were provided by another member of the Board, Snezhana Wilson and Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley, who also provided the beautiful "Snegurochka" (Snow Maiden) costume. Both Snezhana and her son, Andrey Wilson also facilitated in selecting and fitting costumes to the attendees at the fair, who enjoyed taking photos with Santa against the scenic back drop of winter. Along with raising some funds for the Cossack Union, much fun was had by couples, singles, children and families who took their photo at the Cossack photo booth.

Below, we share some photos from the event.



