



Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery in partnership  
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# MOTIFS

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE THROUGH  
THE UKRAINIAN ART OF  
PYSANKA AND EMBROIDERY

**15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

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**Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery**  
141 Queen St, Melbourne 3000



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## PYSANKA

The art of creating Ukrainian Pysanky (from the word *Pysaty* – to write) has been handed down from generation to generation. Decorated eggs are intimately related to the greeting of spring – they represent life winning over death, spring over winter.

An echo of the past, this unique and striking art, a symbol of the sudden burst of life from dormancy offers hope and beauty for the future. In today's society there is a need for peace, harmony and creativity: the Pysanka's deeply rooted symbolism encompasses this.

## RUSHNYKY

Ukrainians take great pride in their rich, symbolic, embroidered cloths, which function as decorative and ritualistic cloth heirlooms that are integral to Ukrainian culture.

The rushnyk is a ritual cloth that, in Ukrainian tradition, was regarded as a protection against evil. Today, rushnyky are still found displayed in places of honour in Ukrainian households. They are made of linen or cotton, with woven or embroidered designs.



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*There is no life without art, pysanky and rushnyky are a folk art which have been the pulse of the Ukrainian nation. The symbolism of pysanky and rushnyky have brought hope happiness and protection to the Ukrainians for many centuries.*



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