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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**The Honorable Andriy Shevchenko**  
**Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada**

**and**

**Yulia Marushevka**  
**Chief of Customs Bureau of Odessa, Ukraine**

**Will present a PRE-RELEASE SCREENING**  
**In Chicago of the documentary film**  
**“I AM A UKRAINIAN: PERSONAL STORIES OF A REVOLUTION”**

**Sunday, March 20 at 5:00 pm**  
**Ukrainian Cultural Center at**  
**2247 W Chicago Ave, Chicago**

(Chicago) The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America - Illinois Division invites everyone interested in Ukraine and in documentary films to attend a Pre-Release screening of the film “I Am a Ukrainian: personal stories of a revolution” with Andriy Shevchenko and Yulia Marushevka, who will attend the presentation and speak. The film will be screened on Sunday, March 20 at 5:00 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center at 2247 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago.

Both Andriy Shevchenko and Yulia Marushevka were active participants of the Euromaidan Revolution of Dignity in 2013-2014. Yulia was an idealistic graduate student. Andriy, a former TV journalist, was an opposition member of Parliament. During the revolution, [Yulia's YouTube video](#) “I Am a Ukrainian” went viral and Andriy had an impact out on the Maidan he'd never had inside Parliament. Their filmmaker friend from Los Angeles, Ben Moses, was there with his camera in the early days of the Euromaidan protests and he chronicles what became a very personal journey through a revolution and beyond.

The Honorable Andriy Shevchenko was recently appointed Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, and Yulia Marushevka, who before the revolution was an unknown university student working on her PhD, was appointed Deputy Governor of Odessa Oblast (“region”) last summer and more recently made Chief of the Customs Service of the region which borders on the Black Sea.

The 90 minute film focuses on the history leading up to the protests that began in late 2013 and escalated to a change in government in Ukraine and to the center of the world's attention, and then to the invasion and occupation of Ukrainian territory by Russian-sponsored forces. The film has already won several international awards, including Global Films Award – Humanitarian Award of Distinction, Accolade Award of Excellence Special Mention, Accolade Humanitarian Award of Distinction. The documentary's festival premiere was with the Peace on Earth Film Festival in Chicago. <http://www.iamaukrainianmovie.com/>

Director Ben Moses and executive producers Joe Luczka and Lynne Moses will be present at the screening along with Mr. Shevchenko and Ms. Marushevka. There will be a question and answer session after the screening.

The screening will be free of charge, however donations will be appreciated to support this and further filming projects in Ukraine. The screening is made possible by the generous support of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America, Heritage Foundation of First Security Savings Bank, and Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union.

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