

## Celebrating Ukraine's Independence Day Together!

On August 23rd, a true fireworks display of emotions and patriotism took place at our **Center of Ukrainian Culture and Support "Stärke der Einheit" e.V. in Crailsheim**—a concert dedicated to the Day of the Flag and the Independence Day of Ukraine!

Invited representatives from public organizations **DUG Heilbronn e.V.** (Head Anastasiia Kozak und Deputies Olena Khavalits, Viera Marushchak) and from **Öhringen** Anastasiia shared with us the history of the struggle and establishment of the Ukrainian people, touching the hearts of everyone present.

Our guests had the unique opportunity to enjoy incredible performances by talented musicians:

- **Lyliana Todorova** – her performance of the song "Malvy" left a mark on everyone's heart;
- **Vyacheslav Koditsa** – winner of international competitions, a one-man orchestra playing 50 instruments;
- **Zamir Zakiyev** – a violinist who gifts music of support to Ukraine;
- **Bohdan Behme** – a cover master and manager of creative projects;
- **Nicole**, a modern song performer from Romania – a future European star;
- **Tony** from Ukraine – a talented musician;
- **Anna**, a student at the Crailsheim Music School, surprised with her flute performance;
- The **Gospel Choir "We are One"** led by **Felix Kranke** – presented bright songs;
- **Oleksandr Bartienyev** – a Ukrainian solo guitarist who captivates with melodies.

It was a separate pleasure to watch the dance performance of the children from the **"Kinder in Bewegung"** group under the guidance of **Tetiana Zelenska**.

Every song, every word about our native country stirred the heart deeply.

The hosts of the celebration, **Illia Modenov** and **Anna Rybalchenko**, introduced the performers' talents to the guests, and the vibrant video sequence, managed by **Olena Homich**, made the atmosphere even more engaging.

This evening was filled with pride and pain for Ukraine and the unity of Ukrainians worldwide. The concert became a symbol of the strength, resilience, and love for our country.



The charity lunch immersed everyone in the Ukrainian flavors of **borscht, varenyky, and kulish**, and served as a reminder of our people's hospitality.

The fair of jewelry and Ukrainian souvenirs, led by **Alla Bakhmisova**, helped increase donations.



The art exhibition by the artist **Roman Ahasyan** from Kharkiv immersed everyone in the world of art. And the drawings by the young group members, led by **Elena Sherenok**, reminded adults that dreams come true.

We remember those who are currently defending our freedom, and we thank everyone who supports Ukraine abroad.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed donations during the event—your support helps us continue cultural initiatives and do even more for Ukraine!

