



**Message from the Honourable Lana Popham**  
*Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport*



On behalf of Premier David Eby and the Government of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to everyone attending Folkloria.

Celebrating seven years of bringing cultural heritage to the hearts of the community, Folkloria is a shining example of how cultural festivals enrich our province, bringing communities together through dancing, food, song, music, arts and crafts, and more.

The importance of arts and culture to British Columbia cannot be overstated. Events like Folkloria not only celebrate our rich cultural heritage but also promote inclusivity and understanding among the diverse populations that call B.C. home. They provide an invaluable platform for cultural expression, preserving traditions, and creating a shared sense of community. This is why our government proudly supports Folkloria with funding from the BC Community Gaming Grants and the BC Fairs, Festivals and Events Grants.

Thank you to the Greater Victoria Folk Festival Society for organizing this event, and to the many talented and dedicated cultural groups whose participation makes it possible each year.

As we gather to celebrate Folkloria, may this festival continue to be a driving force for sharing and preserving our diverse cultures and fostering a healthy, connected community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lana Popham".

Hon. Lana Popham,  
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport