



CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE BELARUSIAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

March 24th, 2018

4W43 Building – SOCIAL HALL
4 West 43th Street, New York, NY 10017

PROGRAM*

- 12:00** **Registration**
- Buffet of Belarusian cuisine
 - Bazaar of Belarusian souvenirs and artifacts
 - Exhibition of historical documents, books, periodicals, photographs, artwork, and other
- 13:00** **Official opening of the celebration**
- Address of the President of the Council of BNR, **Ivonka Survilla**
 - Address of the first U.S. Ambassador in Belarus, **David Swartz**
 - Greetings
 - Presentation: *From the Belarusian Idea to BNR*, **Dr. Ales Smalianchuk**, Professor of the Institute of Slavic Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland
 - Presentation: *The Contemporary Significance of BNR on Belarusian Identities*, **Dr. Paulina Survilla**, Professor of Musicology at the Wartburg College, Waverly, IA; Executive Director of the Center for Belarusian Studies, Winfield, KS.
- 14:30** **Coffee break and Viktaryna**
- Fun Quiz on History of BNR, raffle, prizes
- 15:00** **Concert**
- Concert featuring **Andrus Takindang**, leader of the Belarusian band *Recha*, and **Viktar Shalkevich**, famous Belarusian bard, actor, and showman
 - Sing-along and dancing

Admission: \$38 in advance (\$50 on the day of the event), free admission for children.

Ticket price includes food and drinks. To purchase tickets, please, follow the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/belarus-independence-day-in-new-york-tickets-42486865358>.

For more information, please, contact at info@belarusianinstitute.org.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU! LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

* Preliminary program. Some changes possible.