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Ukrainian Skateboarder Goes Viral With Kickflip Video, Tony Hawk Shout-Out

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Tony Hawk, Svetlana Yurchenko. **TimothyJ / Flickr, sveyurchenko / Instagram**

A young skateboarder from Ukraine has gone viral after skating legend Tony Hawk gave her a social media shout-out.

Svetlana Yurchenko from Kiev posted a video of herself screaming and jumping in excitement after she landed a kickflip for the first time. The video, originally posted July 11, spread across skateboarding accounts, eventually grabbing Hawk's attention.

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One of the few positive effects of these strange, scary times is the increased interest in learning to skateboard. This has led to an unexpected boom in sales at a time when we at @birdhouseskateboards were preparing for the worst. Thanks to all of you that are new to the game or have supported us in the past; you are the reason we've been able to maintain this uncertain business for the last 28 years. The silver lining of all this is seeing the excitement of newcomers on social media. It's been uplifting to see them learning / relearning to skate during their plentiful "downtime." I believe they are unknowingly in pursuit of the exact feeling that @sveyurchenko got when she recently landed her first kickflip. Keep trying, it's worth the effort. (via @skatecrunchmag)

Публикация от Tony Hawk (@tonyhawk) 3 Авг 2020 в 7:03 PDT

Hawk then re-posted her video for his millions of followers, writing that one of the few positive effects of the current global pandemic has been a renewed interest in learning how to skateboard.

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@sveyurchenko got when she recently landed her first kickflip."

"Keep trying, it's worth the effort," he concluded.

On Twitter, a user re-posted a video from Yurchenko's Instagram story that shows her stunned reaction to Hawk's shout-out.

"Sorry for the swearing, but it was very truly unexpected," her Instagram story says.

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