

Ethnic Heritage Council

FEBRUARY 2009

Festival Sundiata: African-American Celebration

February 14-16, 12 p.m.-8 p.m. in Fisher Pavilion and Center House at Seattle Center, with an art opening on February 13, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. www.festivalsundiata.org.

Festival Sundiata, celebrating its 29th year, is the Northwest's premier cultural arts celebration for people of African descent. 2009 theme is "Unity in the Community".

Discover more ...

Traditional drumming and dance set a rhythmic tone for a weekend filled with continuous live entertainment. Festival Sundiata celebrates African-American heritage with dance, gospel, jazz, neo-soul, hip-hop and an African marketplace. The festival is named for the legendary 13th century West African Mansa "king of kings" of the Mali Empire, King Sundiata, who rescued his people's storyteller and keeper of oral history. Festival Sundiata presents a collective and compelling picture of the African and African-American journey. Presented by the Sundiata African-American Cultural Association.

Did you know?

The Reverend Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, Pastor Emeritus of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle, WA, is a legendary leader of the civil rights movement, classmate and friend to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and co-author of the classic "Church Ad-

ministration in the Black Perspective." Dr. McKinney is cited by *Ebony* magazine as one of America's top black preachers. He founded Liberty Bank, the first black-owned bank in the Pacific Northwest, along with a day care center, kindergarten and scholarship fund that annually awards \$20,000 in academic scholarships. Another legacy is the Samuel Berry McKinney Manor built in 1998, across the street from the church. The residence has 64 units, 40 of which are for low-income residents. Dr. McKinney is a recipient of multiple honorary degrees and remains active in the Seattle community today.

Seattle Center's Safeco Insurance Festál presented by Seattle Center in partnership with community organizations, is a year-long series of FREE events that honors the cultural richness and diversity of the Pacific Northwest. Safeco Insurance Festál plays a vital part in Seattle Center efforts to connect our dynamic and varied communities.

This collection of 22 events is presented with the generous support of Safeco Insurance, Wells Fargo, Verizon Wireless and KUOW 94.9 Public Radio. Additional support is provided by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, The Boeing Company, Seattle Center Fund and the City of Seattle. Visit: www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/



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**Ethnic Heritage Council's
28th Annual Meeting
& Awards Dinner
Friday, March 27, 2009
@ Nordic Heritage Museum
206-443-1410; ehc@seattle.gov**

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Telling Our Stories Discovering Our Heritage

"Tell YOUR story"! Everyone has one! In doing so, you will be reminded of what has been and what is important to you. Your story is a part of history - a story to be shared with your family and with others.

Begin by thinking about your life... a special life experience; holiday celebration; your immigration story (or that of your relative)... to name a few. Write it down or let us know when you are ready to share and we can even arrange an "assistant" to help you get it down on paper!

~ More to come each month on **Telling Our Stories** ~



Rainbow Bookfest—Celebrating Authors of Color

7th Annual Rainbow Bookfest, February 28, 8am-6pm, Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center. Bookreadings & workshops throughout the day. See website for complete schedule and all featured authors: www.rainbowbookfest.org.

Currently an all-volunteer run event, the Seattle Rainbow Bookfest is the first organized effort in the United States to bring authors of color together under one roof.

Authors of color have many voices, faces and history in America, yet they continue to struggle to be heard and be recognized. Their writing reflects a diversity and wealth of experiences that broaden and deepen our understanding of the human condition. Seattle Rainbow Bookfest creates a crossroad for people of color and their allies to “normalize” the voices of color as equal and important voices in the United States.

The mission of the Seattle Rainbow Bookfest is to engage the community in a festive event that celebrates authors of color.

The goals are to provide a venue for dialogue between authors, readers, and publishers; to provide resources and recognition for authors of color; to showcase and support works by authors of color; and to entertain readers from both mainstream and minority communities by providing diverse perspectives and rich cultural experiences.

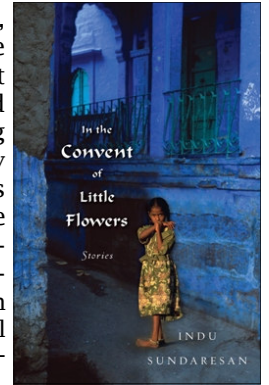
Interested in Joining Us?

If you are a Northwest author of color or know of someone who wants to participate in the Seattle Rainbow Bookfest, contact Belinda Chin or 206-684-5999, Rainbow Bookfest Chair.

Ethnic Heritage Council is proud to be the umbrella organization for RBF.

Featured Author - **Indu Sundaresan** will read from her book titled: *In the Convent of Little Flowers*.

[Indu Sundaresan's]...new book... turns her revealing prose on the contorted relationship of past and present in 21st-century India...These stories are portals into the Indian soul, revealing the breaches and the bonds that delineate the relationship between rural and urban India, and the intricate play of ancient stricture and modern striving in contemporary life...The stories within these pages are brilliant, penetrating ... - Don George, National Geographic Traveler



Cultural Exploration of Greater China

Cultural Exploration is a non-profit organization (CE) is dedicated to promoting a better understanding of Chinese language and culture through education. This year through successful fund raising effort (thanks to many who support the program), CE is able to **grant three teachers from the Greater Seattle area** an opportunity to explore Chinese culture and acquire personal experiences with the Chinese people by taking a trip to China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. All teachers from the Greater Seattle area are welcome to apply. More than 30 teachers have been taken this trip in the past and have found this trip a once in a life time experience. For more information about the trip, visit our website at <http://culturalexploration.org/>. To request an application form, or with any questions, contact Kathy Chen. kathychen12@msn.com.

Note that this is an opportunity for teachers not of Chinese background to experience China.

Offer tours to teachers:

The CE program offers tours to Mainland China, Hong Kong and Tai-

wan with opportunities to expand to other regions in the future. Today, the Chinese people live in many different countries, so Chinese culture is manifested in a variety of ways in every part of the world.

The CE program is community-based. Unlike many other cultural exchange programs sponsored by various governments or academic organizations, CE is a “people to people” program. Our program differentiates itself by emphasizing “informal” people interactions. A non-governmental sponsored program, CE covers multiple regions under different political systems..

Share resources and knowledge:

Upon returning from the trip, participating teachers are required to: 1) develop ready-to-use lesson plans to share the knowledge they gain with their colleagues; 2) post their lesson plan on the CE's website to reach a wider audience.

The organization is not intended to do in-depth academic research. How-



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ever, because of our connection to the Chinese community, we will enlist local experts to develop Chinese culture related lesson plans to help teachers incorporate China into their teaching subjects.

Application form is available at: www.culturalexploration.org/apply.html Please submit completed **application forms** with an **attached resume** to Pollyanna Wang: pollyannawang@culturalexploration.org by **February 28, 2009**, in Windows Word file. Candidates will be interviewed in March and CE will inform applicants of the final decision by April, 2009.



The Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia

- by Vicki Koeplin, article originally published in December 2008, EHC Newsletter.

Although the star of the current exhibit at the Pacific Science Center is most assuredly Lucy, the 3.2 million year-old hominid fossil discovered in 1974, the spotlight is also on Ethiopia, Lucy's home, which long has been considered the cradle of civilization and the birthplace of coffee.

Using written narrative and colorful displays of primitive artifacts, religious icons and photos of ancient sites, the exhibit brings to life the fascinating history and culture of this country.

An added plus is the many interactive displays that both children and adults will enjoy as they smell the aroma of pungent spices used in Ethiopian food, identify the animals indigenous to the country of sift through rocks for fossils.

Two little known facts about Ethiopia have shaped its history: It is the only African nation to embrace the Christian Orthodox religion, which was introduced in the 4th century, and it has never been colonized, although the Italians were in power briefly before World War II.

Legend has it the Queen of Sheba ruled Ethiopia and her son by King Solomon, brought the Ark of the Covenant from Jerusalem to Ethiopia for safekeeping where it resides to this day.

The exhibit begins with prehistoric Ethiopia, where the early inhabitants were among the first to domesticate cattle and cultivate crops. Stone tools and cave painting depict an advanced society.

Ancient Ethiopia focuses on the Kingdom of Axum, a thriving trade center which was considered one of the four great empires of its time. The exhibit includes a replica of one of the huge stone obelisks that mark the tombs of kings and a collection of gold coins, reflecting the wealth and sophistication of this ancient civilization.

Axum has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and to this day, the mystery of how they erected

these massive stelae has not been solved.

Another World Heritage Site in Ethiopia is Lalibela, the city famous for its rock-hewn churches carved in the ground during Medieval times. Visitors will also learn about the architectural wonders of Gondar the third great city featured in the exhibit, which came to power as a center of art and learning in the 17th Century.

Colorful displays of religious icons, vestments, manuscripts and ornate ceremonial crosses demonstrate how Ethiopian culture has been influenced by Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Due to their isolation from Western Christianity, Orthodox Christians in Ethiopia retained many ancient rituals, including practices found in the Jewish faith. The exhibit includes many examples of the distinctive style of colorful religious paintings used to decorate churches and monasteries.

Since medieval times, Harar has been the center of Islam in Ethiopia. Today it is considered the 4th largest holy city and a commercial hub known for coffee, woven cloth and basketry.

Using photos and paintings, the modern Ethiopia section focuses on the powerful rulers who united the country and fought off the Italians. The best known is the charismatic Haile Selassie, who ushered Ethiopia into the 20th Century and gained international recognition for his accomplishments as a diplomat and for promoting African solidarity.

(Attend the exhibit and you will find out why the Rastafari movement in Jamaica was inspired by Haile Selassie.)

Because of its proximity to the Persian Gulf States, Ethiopia is a melting pot of African and Arabic people who still practice traditions that go back centuries. The majority of them live in rural areas where they eke out a living as farmers of cattle herders while Southern Ethiopia is home to many primitive tribes. Visitors will see baskets, weapons, jewelry, games, pottery and musical instruments used in daily life.



The evolutionary part of the exhibit is fascinating as it explains how fossils are formed and how paleoanthropologists use scientific and physical evidence to analyze and trace the history of hominids.

The Lucy room features a huge mural depicting 5 million years of evolution, a life-size replica of Lucy and her skeleton.

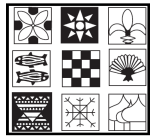
In the last decade Seattle has become home to many Ethiopian immigrants and the Legacy of Lucy: The Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia exhibit is a great opportunity to learn more about the vibrant people and the rich culture they bring to us.

Pacific Science Center is located at Seattle Center. For tickets: pacificsciencecenter.org or call: 1-877-SEE-LUCY. **Through March 8, 2009.**

Lucy Facts

Donald C. Johanson discovered Lucy in 1974 in a maze of ravines at Hadar in the Afar region of Ethiopia. She was named after the Beatles' song Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, which was played during a celebration of the discovery, though the Ethiopian people refer to her as "Dinkenesh," an Amharic language term meaning "You are wonderful."

Lucy was very small for her species. At about 3.5 feet tall she is one of the tiniest Australopithecus afarensis adults ever found, and 18 inches shorter than the largest recovered member of her species.



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Lucy's Legacy—Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia. Through March 8. For tickets: pacificsciencecenter.org or call: 1-877-SEE-LUCY. See article page 3.

Retablos: Mexican Folk Art—Daniel, Hugo and Luis Angel Vichis from Mexico display their colorful paintings in this gallery. Their work blends Mexico's traditional popular art with their own contemporary take on modern day culture. **Through March 1.** Call: 206-760-9843; www.columbiacitygallery.com.

Sunday 1st

Klezmer Music and Yiddish Song—Frank London and Lorin Sklamberg, founders and members of the Klezmatiks perform a special Sunday Performance. 11am, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-652-4255; www.townhallseattle.org.

Tuesday 3rd

Strunz & Farah—Grammy-nominated acoustic guitar duo Strunz & Farah for two nights, touring in support of their latest release *Fantaseo*. **February 3-4.** Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Black History Month Events—Antonio Edwards and Brick City Krumpers—Spoken-word artist Antonio Edwards is well known in the Tacoma area for his spoken-word poetry. He began performing pieces in the late '90s while a student at Tacoma community college and is now sought-after for his work addressing life's struggles, spirituality and politics. Local dance group The Brick City Krumpers will entertain. Krump dancing is an energetic, free-style street dance. 12noon-2pm. Call: 253-230-3835.

Poets Mahogany Browne and Robert Lashley—Mahogany Browne, nationally renowned performance poet, author, editor, freelance journalist, entrepreneur and the host and curator of Nuyorican Poets' Café in Manhattan, will read selections from her work. Also available for signing her books and CDs. Northwest poet Robert Lashley will open the evening with his own selected poems. The event is co-sponsored by UW Tacoma Arts and Lectures, Student Activities Board, Diversity Resource Center, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Student Labor Action Project, Queer Straight Alliance, Black Student Union, Latino Students Organization and the HOPE network. 6:30pm, Philip Hall, UW Tacoma. Call: 253-692-4542.

Wednesday 4th

Notorious-Eden Macadam-Somer and Larry Unger—Come listen to old time,

Eastern European, Celtic, and swing fiddle tunes by this Boston-based band. 7pm, Brad's Swingside Cafe. Call: 206-663-4057.

Gee's Bend—Stories and quilts representing the African-American journey of the past century by Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder. **February 4-28.** Taproot Theatre. Call: 206-781-9707.

Thursday 5th

Film Screening "Access Denied?"—See a screening for the new documentary about a Vermont musician who lost her arm due to improper drug labeling, and the bigger story of the legal issues of FDA oversight and approval. 7:30pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-652-4255; www.townhallseattle.org

Free First Thursdays—Enjoy our featured exhibit *Coffee: The World in Your Cup* presenting the story of one of the world's most widely traded commodities and how it has impacted cultures, economies, and environments across the globe. 10am-8pm, Burke Museum. Call: 206-542-5590; www.burkemuseum.org.

Barry Douglas—Irish pianist Barry Douglas joins Seattle Symphony to highlight 19th Century Romanticism. **February 5, 7, 8.** Benaroya Hall. Call: 2 0 6 - 2 1 5 - 4 7 4 7 ; www.seattlesymphony.org.

Ramsey Lewis Trio—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents American jazz icon, pianist Ramsey Lewis for four nights. **February 5-8.** Call: 206-441-9729.

Friday 6th

Voices and Images from Bulgaria—This exquisite photographic exhibit expresses the ending of Balkan tradition society as the transition to a modern society begins. Exhibit by Martin Koenig. **February 6-March 28.** Shady Lady Interiors. Call: 206-463-6200.

Contretemps—Frank Blade, Cathie Whitesides, and Margie Katz play joyous tunes with gusto for Bellingham Contra Dance. Fairhaven Library. Call: 360-676-1554; mbp@januscom.com.

Lasagna Dinner Night by Piccola Italia—Rick Rizzs "Sharing Italian Heritage" and the 2009 Seattle Mariners. 7pm, St. Bernadette's Parish Hall. Call: 206-501-5535.

Spin the Bottle Late-Night Variety Show—Join host Bruce Hall for an entertaining night featuring theatre, music, dance, spoken word, film and more. 11pm, Annex Theatre. Call: 206-728-0933; www.annextheatre.org.

Ryan Francesconi and Kane Mathis—Don't miss this event to see two great young musicians from Seattle, Ryan Francesconi (Bulgarian Tambura) and Kane Mathis (Oud). 8pm, Conor Byrne Pub. Visit: www.myspace.com/notyourdaddysguitar.

Skandia Folkdance Society First Friday Dance—Hamilton and Elaine Mathies will provide instruction on Polska fran Ore and Polska fran Alvdalen. 7:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Saturday 7th

Disney Tribute & Guest Artist Dee Daniels—Join in the fun as Sno-King Community Chorale pays tribute to the legendary Walt Disney with memorable selections for children young and old. 7:30pm, Edmonds Center for the Arts. Call: 425-275-6565; www.sno-kingchorale.org.

Sujata Mohapatra: The Legacy Continues—See Odissi Dance's most distinguished performer and heir to the legacy of the late Guru Padmavibhushan Kelucharan Mohapatra. 8pm, Evergreen State College Experimental Theatre. Call: 360-867-6833; www.evergreen.edu/expressions.

3rd Annual African Heritage Unity Celebration—Celebrate a rich, common African Heritage and build a better community for everyone. 11am-4pm, Seattle Central Community College. 425-452-7922; www.bellevuewa.gov.

5th Annual Illumination Langston Hughes Center Fundraising Gala—Celebrate the 107th birthday and illuminating the life of Harlem's Poet Laureate Langston Hughes presented by SAFECO Insurance. 6-9pm, Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center. Call: 2 0 6 - 2 8 6 - 1 1 7 7 ; visit: www.brownpapertickets.com

Search for Meaning—A Pacific Northwest spirituality and theology book festival featuring Sherman Alexie and James Wellman. 9am-5pm, Seattle University. Call: 206-296-5330; visit: www.seattleu.edu/stm

Balkan Singing Workshop—Everyone is welcome to join Mary Sherhart and John Morovich and spend a fun afternoon learning songs from Bulgaria, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Macedonia. 2-3:30pm, Sandpoint Education Center. Visit: mary@marysherhart.com

Vagabond Opera in Seattle—From Russia, with Love! A Valentine's Eastern-Euro Cabaret with Chevronea. 7:30pm, Shorecrest Performing Arts Center.



Call: 206-417-4645; email:
info@shorelinearts.net; www.shoreline
arts.net; www.vagabondopera.com.

Chop Shop: Bodies of Work—StoneDance Productions and the Theatre at Meydenbauer present master classes for dancers at this contemporary dance festival. As a part of Chop Shop, master classes offered by the artistic directors of the performing companies. **February 7-8.** Call: 206-799-6004.

Rugby 6 Nations 2009. Saturday, February 7-March 21. www.6-nations-rugby.com/six-nations-results/2009-six-nations-fixtures.

Sunday 8th

An Evening of Russian Folk Music—See Viacheslav Shcurov, Juliana Scetlitchnaia and the PAVA Ensemble. Proceeds go to the artists. 6pm. Call: 206-422-9001; email: elenadubinites@gmail.com; www.ethnorussia.com

Tu Bishvat Dinner and Fruticas Celebration—6pm, Sephardic Bikur Holim Sam. H. Baruch Social Hall. Call: 206-723-3028; rsvpsbh@gmail.com.

Tuesday 10th

Mose Allison—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents for two nights only pianist, singer and composer Mose Allison. **February 10-11.** Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com; visit: www.moseallison.com.

Wednesday 11th

St. David's Day Concert—Presented by the Seattle Welsh Women's Club and the Puget Sound Welsh Association. 2:30pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Call: 206-524-0854; email: gerribp@hotmail.com.

CATS! There's no better way to introduce your family to the wonders of live theatre than with the magic, mystery and memory of CATS by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Paramount Theatre. **February 11- March 15.** Call: 888-214-6856; email: seattle-groups@broadwayacrossamerica.com.

Black History Month Events—Bobby Seale appearance—Human rights icon Bobby Seale was one of the founding fathers of the Black Panther Party. Seale helped to institute programs such as free breakfasts, affordable housing and after-school activities. Sponsored by the Black Student Union and Student Activity Board. 6:30-8:30pm, Longshoreman's hall, UW Tacoma. Call: 253-692-4684; contact Shawn Jenkins: sabissue@u.washington.edu

Thursday 12th

Mindi Abair—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents pop-influenced jazz saxophonist and vocalist Mindi Abair for four nights, touring in support of her latest release *Stars*. **February 12-15.** Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com; visit: www.minidabair.com.

Darwin's Birthday Bash—Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin. Three guest speakers will illuminate the enduring legacy of Darwin's life and work. 6-9pm, Burke Museum. Call: 206-542-5590; visit: www.burkemuseum.org.

Amir "Lazy" Beso—Come see Amir "Lazy" Beso, one of the finest guitarists this side of Sarajevo. Listen to his mix of Balkan to contemporary music. 9-10:30pm, Egan's Ballard Jam House. Call: 206-789-1621; www.amirbeso.com; www.ballardjamhouse.com.

Black History Events—ALCAN—This film chronicles the building of the Alaskan Canadian Highway, documenting how 5,000 African American soldiers were sent into the frozen Alaskan tundra to construct a 1,500-mile military road. The film also reveals how the ALCAN project displaced Native peoples from their homes and forced African American soldiers to work in dangerous winter conditions without adequate shelter or supplies. 12:30-1:30pm, Carwein auditorium, UW at Tacoma. Call: 253-692-4776.

Friday 13th

2009 Festival Sundiata—*The Black Palette Artist Exhibit celebrates its 29th year.* Northwest African American Museum. Call: 206-684-7200; 206-328-7973; amcquarter@msn.com.

Wales: Land of Singing—The Welsh Singers join us leading up to St. David's Day and share in song and story of part of our Celtic Heritage. Presented by Caledonian-St. Andrews Society. Visit: www.caledonians.com.

Waltz Night—Join the Rhythm Rollers playing superb waltzes plus a variety of couple dances. 8:30pm, Sonny Newmans Dance Hall, Greenwood. Visit: www.sonnynewmansdancehall.com.

All Roads—All Roads is a National Geographic initiative that features indigenous artists sharing their cultures and perspectives through the power of film. **February 13-15.** 10:30am-4:30pm, Burke Museum. Call: 206-542-5590; www.burkemuseum.com.

Saturday 14th

Greek Music at Georgia's—Listen to authentic traditional Greek music and songs while dining and dancing. 7pm, Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Call: 206-783-1228; visit: www.georgiasgreekrestaurant.com.

Fundraising Dinner Event—King County Chapter Blacks in Government presents their Annual Black History Month fundraising dinner with proceeds benefiting the Rotary Boys and Girls Club and King County B.I.G. 6pm, Doubletree Suites Hotel Tukwila. Call: 206-263-5279.

Weekend of Mini-Workshops—Join Helene Eriksen for four three-hour workshops open to both men and women. Improve your finger cymbal technique, learn dances of the Ghawazi, Sheikhat, Sahraui and Guedra. **February 14-15.** Motion & Rest Studio in Ballard/Seattle. mail@heleneeriksen.de

Festival Sundiata—Seattle Center. **February 14-16.** Call: 206-684-7200. *See article page 1.*

Yakima Valley Red Wine and Chocolate—Visit us for a weekend of memorable red wine and chocolate indulgence. The weekend provides a distinctive and elegant offering of fine chocolates and wines. **February 14-16.** Call: 509-965-5201; www.wineyakimavalley.org.

Sunday 15th

"Toddish McWong's" Gung Haggis Fat Choy™ III !!!—produced by Bill McFadden, President of the Caledonian & St. Andrew's Society of Seattle. A Chinese/Scottish Cross-Cultural Event - Celebrating The 250th Birthday of Robert Burns and Chinese Lunar New Year Year of the Ox. 8 Course Dinner, Haggis, Raffle/Door Prize. Musical entertainment featuring: Emcee Mr. Todd "Toddish McWong" Wong and his inimitable "Address tae the Haggis Rap", "Red" McWilliams, Sifu David F. Leong's Belltown Martial Arts, Kenmore & District Pipe Band, Karen Shelton Highland Dancers - Karen Shelton, Director, Melody Dance Group - Melody Xie, Director, Pipers Don Scobie and Joe McDonald, Asian Youth Orchestra - Warren Chang, Director. Ticket price \$35 per person. 5-9pm, Ocean City Restaurant in Seattle's International District (across from Uwajimaya). Reservations, Bill McFadden: 206-364-6025; billmcfadden@mindspring.com.



Global Rhythms: Accordi-O-Rama II. The sequel to last year's smash success, features accordianists from several cultural perspectives. 2pm. Call: 8 0 0 - 8 3 8 - 3 0 0 6 ; www.brownpapertickets.com.

Pekka and Petru—Finnish musicians Pekka Pentikainen and Perttu Paapanen perform at various events her in the Seattle area. Come for a dance workshop and potluck dinner 2pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-368-9720; www.folkvoiceband.com.

Multicultural Events at KCLS - Programs for Teens - Japanese Feast. Come sample a variety of Japanese snacks and practice your chopsticks skills. 3pm, *Snoqualmie Library*, 425.888.1223.

Monday 16th



Thursday 19th

Soul Food Lunch—The UW Tacoma Black Student Union is sponsoring a Soul Food Lunch. Tickets \$5 for spaghetti or fried chicken meal. Music provided by DJ Jus Nice. 11:30am-2:30pm, UWTpost, Mattress Factory. Call Bryan Neal: 253-230-3835, or at the door.

Friday 20th

Skandia Folkdance Society Third Friday Dance and Vinterdasen—Join us for three hours of toe-tapping music by Gammel Dansk. 8-11pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Saturday 21st

Annual Israeli Potluck and Dance—Enjoy this potluck with Jewish recipes and music by *What the Chelm*. 6pm, Bay View Civic Hall. Call: 360-391-0601.

10,000 Black Men Named George—This film, starring Andre Braugher, traces the founding of the first African-American union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, against the backdrop of the Great Depression. 7:30pm, New Freeway Hall. Call: 206-722-2453; FSPseattle@mindspring.com.

Blue Nile Children's Organization Fundraiser—Enjoy music, a silent auction and Ethiopian Dinner. 4:30-8pm, St. Mark Cathedral. Call: 206-760-2873; www.bluenile.org.

Peace, Love, and Chocolate—Hosted by KCHA AmeriCorps, Peace, Love and Chocolate will encourage creative activity, discussion, entertainment, and

chocolate with the goal to empower youth and families to create a more peaceful community. 10am-2pm, White Center Boys & Girls Club. Call: 206-816-3240.

Get Looney at MOHAI—Join us for a full day of fun for families with face painting, cartooning workshops, caricature artists, crafts, gallery tours, and special visit from Warner Bros. cartoonist Bob Abrams. 10am-5pm, MOHAI Museum. Visit: www.seattlehistory.org.

Sunday 22nd

The Day of the Accordion—Come and enjoy lively accordion entertainment by some of the areas finest accordion players. Free introductory lessons, exhibitions, dancing to live music, and workshops. 11am-5pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-662-4786; www.nwasnews.com.

Vietnam, Essence of Yesteryear—The Huong Viet Performing Arts Group invites friends and family to celebrate Vietnamese traditional music and arts. 1:30-2:30pm, Everett Public Library Auditorium. Call: 206-240-3597; www.huongviet.us.

Wednesday 25th

Rick Steves' Scandinavia—Eat dinner with Rick Steves and see his "Scandinavia" Presentation. 6pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Film from Finlanda: Aavcan meren talla puolen (Kid) - 12-yr. old Kirsi who reluctantly leaves her home in Sweden for a summer trip to Karelia. 7:30pm, Swedish Cultural Center. www.finnsnw.com/FFSC/films.htm.

Thursday 26th

Aran Glantz: War Vets Come Home—Come here about his new book based on interviews with more than one hundred recent war veterans documenting how the U.S. government is neglecting its soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. 7:30pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-652-4255; visit: www.townhallseattle.org.

Friday 27th

KBCS Presents an Evening with John McCutcheon. "The Hardest Working Man in Folk Music" returns to Seattle after a two year absence. Along with being a master of a dozen tradition instruments, McCutcheon's songwriting has been hailed around the globe by critics and singers alike. All proceeds from this concert benefit KBCS community radio. 7:30pm, Town Hall Seattle. Visit: www.kbcs.fm.

Saturday 28th

Brazilian Carnival 2009—Dance to the Carnival Music from 1899 to 2009. Join us for our 15th anniversary for live music with Eduardo Mendonca and Show Brazil! Free samba dance workshops and guest artist Tado Beleza. 9pm, Columbia City Theatre. Call: 425-254-1616; www.showbrazil.com/carnaval.htm.

Greek Music at Georgia's—Listen to authentic traditional Greek music and songs while dining and dancing. 7pm, Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Call: 206-783-1228; visit: www.georgiasgreekrestaurant.com.

Rainbow Bookfest 2009—Celebrating Authors of Color. 8-10am, Writers workshop; 11-6pm, readings panel discussions, workshops. Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center. www.rainbowbookfest.org.

Family Day: Playful Pursuits—Celebrate the opening weekend of *Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness* with American Art from the Yale University Art Gallery and More. 10am-3pm, Seattle Art Museum. Visit: seattleartmuseum.org.

What's Behind the Mask? 2009 Masquerade Party—Join the Ladies of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as we party 'Mardi Gras' style in Seattle. **February 28-March 1.** Spirit of Washington Events Center. Call: 206-426-5223; fundraising@akaduo.org.

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Multicultural Events at KCLS Programs for Children, Families and Adults. Visit: www.kcls.org.

March 1-3: Don't miss out on the 16th Annual Northwest Festivals & Events Conference. Register by February 15th, and receive the "Early Bird Discount". Join WFEA, if you aren't already a member, and receive our "Member Discount". The conference is produced jointly by Washington Festivals & Events Association and Oregon Festivals & Events Association, and rotates between Washington & Oregon each year. The conference draws between 200 & 300 attendees with an average of 60% from Washington and 40% from Oregon. This is an excellent opportunity to network, attend educational seminars, meet vendors & suppliers, book your entertainment, or just have fun. Call: 4 2 5 - 6 7 3 - 6 3 7 9 ; www.nwfestivalconference.com; www.wfea.org/; www.oregonfestivals.org.



In Memory of Anne Brozovich Chopp

Many thanks for recent donations to the Ethnic Heritage Council, in the memory **Anne Brozovich Chopp**:

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And all the Members of the
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Anne Brozovich Chopp, mother of Frank Chopp, Washington State Speaker of the House, died November, 2008, at age 91.

*Quoting from the Washington House Democrats website: January 10, 2005 - Text of remarks delivered by Speaker Frank Chopp on Opening Day of the 59th Legislative Session, 2005 - "My father left school to work in the coal mines in Roslyn after the 6th grade. My mother, **Anne Brozovich Chopp**, went back to get her high school diploma at Green River Community College when she was 65! And I'm proud to say she's here today! My parents knew that education determines our future. This is why we must commit*

ourselves to making education -- our primary focus in 2005."

Thank you Speaker Frank Chopp, Chopp family and friends for your ongoing support of the Ethnic Heritage Council.



Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, July 4, 2004, 20th Annual Naturalization Ceremony. Anne Chopp, his mother, attended as his guest.

Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway Youth Camp Instructor/Counselor Grant Application

Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 Scholarship Committee each year award grants to persons who can provide a positive camp experience for young people participating in the District Two Youth Camp Program. To be eligible for the Youth Camp Instructor/Counselor Award, the applicant must be either: 1) a student who is accepted by or attending an accredited college/university in a Scandinavian Studies Program, OR 2) a student who is accepted by, or is attending any other college/ university program with an interest in Scandinavian heritage and culture, OR 3) any member in good standing of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, who demonstrates a knowledge or interest in Scandinavian heritage and/or culture. Applications due **March 31, 2009**. For information, call: 206-783-1274; email: Lorie Lind, 206-789-6533, markolind@aol.com; Ingrid Rasmussen, 206-985-4560, rdirgni@msn.com; Heidi Ludeman (Larsen), 360-927-1194 or heidi.ludeman@gmail.com; Jessica Olsen, 425-770-5200 or ol-senjp@msn.com; Gail Engler, cody24gracie@hotmail.com, Cultural Director/LEL Board Rep.



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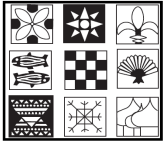
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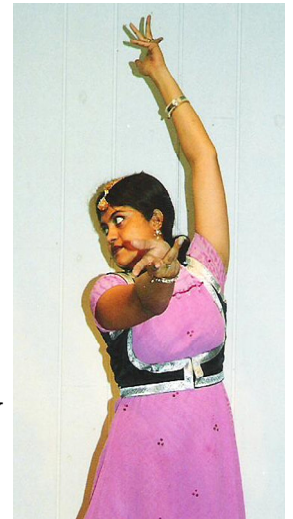
A Night of Kathak & Semiclassical Dance Performance By Chandrayee Bhattacharyya & all her "Nritangan" students

**February 7, 2009—FREE
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Chandrayee has been teaching Kathak & Semiclassical Creative dance for many years in UK & US. Chandrayee is the Producer & choreographer of this show.

Kathak dance is among the six major classical dance of India & one of the most dynamic theater arts in the world. The word Kathak is derived from katha, meaning "art of storytelling". It is also synonymous with the community of artists known Kathakas whose hereditary profession it was to narrate history while entertaining with dance, music and mime.

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The Lion King Workshops

African Art & Culture Family Workshop

Saturday, February 21, 2009, 1:00-5:00 pm

Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center (104 17th Avenue S, 98144)

In this three part family workshop, children and parents will explore the African continent through mask-making, song, dance and theatre.

MASK-MAKING

Create animal masks using recycled material, led by by the African diaspora

AFRICAN SONG AND DANCE

**Learn African songs and dances from Lora Chiorah,
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THEATRE

**Reenact a West African folk tale with instructor, Kibibi Monié,
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* Recommended Ages: 5 and up with adult (children under five not recommended)

* Cost: \$40 per adult/child pair; \$5 for each additional child; additional parent no charge

*** Registration required by February 16, 2009.**

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