

Ethnic Heritage Council

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Discover Teas and Flowers at Safeco Insurance Festál: Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival

Welcome spring with Taiko drumming, green teas, Ikebana flower arrangements and more at Safeco Insurance Festál: **Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival**, April 17-19, 10am-6pm at Fisher Pavilion and Lawn.

The 34th annual Festival focuses on **Centuries in Space: Princess Kaguya to Moon Satellite Kaguya**. Delicious Japanese food, tea ceremony demonstrations, traditional dances and music and artwork present both a modern and ancient view of this complex culture.

Special guests and activities this year include:

- ♦ A retelling of Japan's oldest folk tale, *Tale of the Bamboo Cutter*, about a beautiful princess from the moon named Princess Kaguya; and a cultural and technological look through exhibits and films of Kaguya.

- ♦ Special lectures on the success of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Japan's artistic love of the Moon, and Japanese environment and recycling technology.

- ♦ *Origami* Plane Contest.

- ♦ Participant construction (using 800 paper cups) and launch of a 17-foot model rocket that sent the Kaguya Satellite into space.

- ♦ Go tournament and lessons for all ages.

- ♦ Kids Access including *origami* and kite making/flying and Japanese language lessons.

- ♦ Children and adults kimono dress up.

- ♦ Cherry Blossom *Gyudon* (beef bowl), Obento Box, and sweets.

The festival commemorates Japan's gift of 1,000 blossoming cherry trees to Seattle in 1976. The trees were planted along Lake Washington Boulevard, in Seward Park and other places around the city.

Did you know? President of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Program Dr. Tadataka Yamada, born in Japan and educated in the United States, oversees a grant portfolio totaling \$6 billion in programs that apply technologies to major health challenges including TB, HIV, malaria and other infectious diseases, malnutrition, child health, and global health advocacy. A scientist and scholar in gastroenterology, Dr. Yamada has authored more than 150 original manuscripts on the subject, is the editor of "The Textbook of Gastroenterology" and has served in corporate, non-profit and academic leadership positions.

Join us at Safeco Insurance Festál 2009 and become a *culture carrier* (someone who contributes to cultural understanding through the sharing of stories, songs, music,

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Swil Kanim performed at EHC's 28th Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony March 27, 2009, at the Nordic Heritage Museum

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April 17-19

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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 *Telling Our Stories* to come in MAY ~

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Martha Brice & Red Eagle Soaring

March 27, 2009, EHC was honored to present **Martha Brice with the Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award**, an award given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community. In future EHC publications we will tell you about two more honorees: **Peter Pawluskiewicz** of the Polish community and **Mr. Nat V. Raman** of the Indian community.

Martha Brice is adopted-Tlingit, Eagle moiety, an honorary adoption in 1996 by the family of Rosetta Pintado, Tlingit elder. She was given a Tlingit name at the time of her adoption, which means "Mother of the Bear Cubs." A founding Board member and volunteer administrator and Program Director of Red Eagle Soaring Theatre Group from 1991 to 2007, Martha's experience and expertise have encompassed all of Red Eagle Soaring's activities, from mentoring the youth and helping to plan the Youth Theatre Program, to managing the organization's office and fiscal affairs, and writing grants to support its activities, all as a volunteer, without pay. Although retiring in 2008 from many of these activities, she continues to serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors and consultant to Programs.

In addition to a thirty-year career in bio-medical research in Hematology and Medical Genetics at the University of Washington until her retirement in 1998, she has since 1984 been a volunteer free-lance producer of multi-

cultural theatre projects, especially those with peace and social justice themes. As Program Committee Chair and former Board member of Physicians for Social Responsibility in the 1980's she planned educational events for the public, including production of the long-running show of dramatic readings *Word of Mouth: Women Reading and Singing for Peace*, and founding the annual Seattle August 6th peace event *From Hiroshima to Hope*, now in its 24th year. Other productions in the 1980's included *Most Dangerous Women*, a dramatization of the history of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and *Breaking the Silence*, a docu-drama of the history of Japanese Americans. For her involvement in this work, she was one of the recipients of the Aki Kurose Peace and Social Justice Award, presented in 2004 at an event at Seattle Center in honor of International Women's Day, and a recipient of the 2008 Malcolm Peterson Award from Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility.

For the past eighteen years, she has been active primarily in the Native Community, not only with *Red Eagle Soaring* but also participating in many community events, volunteering for the Sacred Circle Gallery at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, and serving with the American Indian Women's Service League.

Red Eagle Soaring is a non-profit theatre group based in Seattle that serves

Native American and Alaskan Native youth in the Pacific Northwest, especially in our city of Seattle. The group's mission is to "empower American Indian and Alaskan Native Youth through traditional and contemporary theatre arts", and they have done just that for the past 18 years, for the nearly 200 youth that have participated in their programs.

The organization currently produces a year-round series of drama and cultural workshops and performance projects. Among these projects, they present an original play every Spring, focused on health issues of concern to the youth and to the Native community. They then tour the play around the Northwest in the early summer to Indian Tribal communities and to multicultural venues. Through the inspired work of the many teaching artists, playwrights, and directors that have been brought together to teach them, and the dedication of mentors and leaders such as Martha Brice, the students grow in self-confidence and self-discipline, empathy and compassion, communication skills, teamwork, curiosity and creative expression.

In evaluation questionnaires, nearly all students report that they feel more confident, more at ease with strangers, that they have more good qualities than before, are better able to say 'no' to their friends, are "not as shy as before", are happier about how their life is going, are more comfortable speaking up in school, and are looking forward to the future.

The Elements of Honor by Swil Kanim

My name is Richard Marshall. That is just my name. Who I am is Swil Kanim. That is my Lummi name. I am an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation. That is what they call us. The Lummi Nation. That is not who we are though. For centuries we were called the Laq'temish. ~The People from the Place of Frogs.~ Maybe something got lost in the translation during assimilation.

Some would say that I am part Chillawack, part Nooksack, part Upper Skagit, and part Samish. I don't know which part of me is which. I guess that means that I am everyone I am. Not part anyone. Like in the spirit of ~We the People~ we are everyone we are. Not part anyone. We are all of our stories told and untold. We are all of our mistakes, failures and our victories. We are our 500 word essays and our haikus. We are all the right answers to the wrong questions. We are every version of the truth and every feeling, meaning and decision we have made. That is who we are.

For thousands of generations my ancestors have addressed the people in the language of the land by saying, ~All my relations.~ Albert Einstein in the language of physics said, energy is equal to the mass times the constant squared. $E=MC^2$. The constant is the speed of light. The result of this theory is that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. You see, we are all related to the speed of light through the night sky. We are all related to enlightenment and bigotry, ignorance and inquiry.

For every privilege there is an equal and opposite oppression. I may stand before you in the privilege of being a public speaker. When I speak, I will speak for every one that has ever been told they weren't good enough to speak. Like when I play my violin in front of an audience there is no doubt someone is in the audience that 'used' to play because they believed the lie that they weren't good enough to

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Whirligig—Seattle Center Whirligig presents non-stop craziness that keeps kids coming back for more. Enjoy free entertainment and non-stop fun. **Through April 12.** 11am-6pm, Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7366; www.seattlecenter.com.

The Dream of America—Take a glimpse of the ways Scandinavian immigrants helped shaped the new world and trace the journey of a Nordic immigrant from Scandinavia to Ellis Island. The exhibit is open from Tuesday - Saturday all month. 10am-4pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Two Women & Two Men Four Art. This exhibit features works by three self taught artists that encourage the audience to absorb the joy, faith, color, and rhythm of a people. **Through May 10.** 3-5pm, C Art Gallery. Call: 206-554-9444; www.cartgallery.net.

Wednesday 1st

A Nordic Spring—Children can come listen to the story Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and the Big Red Hen by Maj Lindman and make their own Easter Chicks. 10am, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Skandia Basics Class Series—Learn and improve your hambo dance skills. You will learn the basics of the beautiful Swedish dance known as the hambo as well as several others. **April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.** 7:30-9pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org

Thursday 2nd

The Price of Sugar—View this film directed by Bill Haney and narrated by Paul Newman which examines the plight of an impoverished community of Haitian immigrant sugarcane workers in the Dominican Republic. 6:30, Krasa Center Presentation Room. Call: 630-829-6288; wchen@ben.edu.

Skandia Beyond Basics Class Series—This class series will emphasize Norwegian dances. **April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.** 7:30-9pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Free First Thursdays—Enjoy our featured exhibit *Coffee: The World in Your Cup* at no cost while the museum remains open until 8pm and join coffee roasters from around the Puget Sound for specialty coffee tastings. Call: 206-543-5590; www.burkemuseum.org.

India, Technology, and the 21st Century. The World Affairs Council presents Nandan Nelekani who has made India

synonymous with IT and outsourcing and one of the World's best technology and business brains. 6pm, MOHAI. Call: 206-684-7171; arts.cutlure@seattle.gov.

3rd Annual Gina Sala's Sing and Soak—Immerse yourself and join in fun and simple intercultural Singing. All proceeds go to benefit Urban Rest Stop. 7pm, Banya 5. www.banya5.com.

Festival Folkdancer—Mini workshops with Jerry Wade teaching Bulgarian dances. 7-9pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-546-2533.

Friday 3rd

2009 Spring Gala Dinner—The Association of Washington State Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chambers of Commerce request the honor of your company at their spring gala. 5pm, Three Rivers Convention Center. www.awshcc.com.

Moscow, Belgium—Come see this romantic comedy featuring Actress Barbara Sarafan as a mother of three caught in a love triangle with two good-natured losers. Call: 323-337-9042; www.moscow-belgium.com.

Best of the Northwest—The C Art Gallery presents the Best of the Northwest exhibit. **April 3-5.** 10am-6pm, Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. Call: 206-554-9444; www.cartgallery.net.

India Jazz Suites—The Kirkland Performance Center is proud to present its 2nd annual Namaste Series. Chitresh Das and Jason Samuels Smith present an explosive collaboration. 8pm, Kirkland Performance Center. Call: 425-893-9900; www.kpcenter.org.

Fiddles of Tierra Caliente Concert—Enjoy music and dance from the Michoacan & Guerro regions of Mexico. Olympic Hall, SSCC. Call: 206-528-8423; www.seafolklore.org.

Saturday 4th

Annual Spring Polish Bazaar—Food, pastries, crafts, pottery, books, and more! 12noon-7pm, Polish Hall. Call: 206-322-3020.

Wing Luke Annual Dinner & Auction—All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go towards the Wing Luke Asian Museum's operations and programs. Bell Harbor International Conference Center. Call: 206-623-5124.

India Arie—Come see the incredible performance by India Arie with special guest Laura Izibor. 8pm, Paramount Theatre. Call: 206-467-5510; www.theparamount.com.

All Fools Carnival Masquerade Ball! Join us for a parade, sing along with Russian jesters Chervona, dance wild Slavic dances and submerge into a

happy foolishness and let your inner fool out. 8:30p, Jewelbox Theatre. Call: 206-441-5823; info@thebadthings.com.

Red Stars, Blue Stars, Old Stars, New Stars—Astronomer Dr. Julie Lutz for an entertaining and illuminating program. 2pm, William M. Allen Theatre. www.100hoursofastronomy.org.

First Saturday Folkdance Party—Fourth Corner Folkdancers First Saturday Folkdance Party with Seattle Band RTW. 8-11pm, Fairhaven Library. Call: 360-280-0456; acmills@gmail.com.

A Peace Odyssey—Please join the Seattle Peace Chorus in support of their mission to "Wage Peace Through Song". 5 pm, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Call: 206-264-5532; www.seattlepeacechorus.org.

Fry Bread for Justice—A fundraiser for the Duwamish Tribe's Legal Defense Fund with a day full of surprises, native entertainment, all you can eat fry bread, indian tacos, honey, jams and jellies. 10am-5pm, Duwamish Tribes Longhouse and Cultural Center. Call: 206-431-1962; www.duwamishtribe.org.

Nordleik—See the featured band at the first Saturday Dance with a potluck dinner to celebrate a CD release. 7-10pm, Island Center Hall. Call: 206-706-9780.

Pandit Vikash Maharaj and Prabhash Maharaj—See two internationally acclaimed musicians from North India perform in Seattle for the first. 7:30pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-528-8523; www.seafolklore.org.

Sunday 5th

Gypsy Colors—The Hungarian-American Association presents a fascinating world music experience blending Eastern and Central European folk music featuring Kalman Balogh Gypsy Cimbalom Band from Budapest. 7 pm, Seattle Art Museum. Call: 201-836-4869; www.centrummanagement.org.

Seattle Walk for Multiple Sclerosis—Join hundreds of other in a walk to fight Multiple Sclerosis. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support local services and programs. Call: 800-344-4867; www.walkMSwashington.org.

Scandinavian Dance—Join us in Bellingham for an evening of Scandinavian dance. 2-5pm, Norway Hall. call: 360-734-2516; tayolson@earthlink.net.

Splendor in Brass—Concert by the Seattle Chamber Brass Quintet. 4pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707.

Man Without a Past—See this film by Aki Kaurismaki as a part of the Nordic Film Series. Scandinavian Cultural Center PLU Campus. www.plu.edu.



Ukulele Song Circle—Come to Ukulele workshops by SUPA. 2:30-4:30pm. Call: 425-241-0553; www.seattleukulele.org.

Tuesday 7th

Nordic Stories—Children can listen to a Norwegian troll story by Tim Meyers and make a fun craft project to take home. 10 am, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707.

Kendra Shank Quartet—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz alley presents the Kendra Shank Quartet for two nights featuring Frank Kimbrough, Dean Johnson, and Tony Moreno. **April 7-8.** 7:30 pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Culture Night—Native American Education presents Culture Night with dinner and activities. 5:30pm, Wilson Pacific Cafeteria. Call: 206-431-1962; www.duwamishtribe.org.

Wednesday 8th

Community Resource Exchange—It's a day devoted to connecting people experiencing homelessness in King County with immediate access to the services and resources they need. 9am - 2pm, Quest Field Plaza. www.unitedwayofkingcounty.prg/cre.

County Outlook: Vietnam—Join the Trade Alliance for a briefing on the current business climate of Vietnam and the opportunities available for greater Seattle businesses featuring Donald Nay. 12pm, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Friday 10th

Amir Beso—Come see this great artist perform. 9:30pm, Red Bicycle. www.amirbeso.com.

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde—ACT opens its 45th anniversary season with a gripping new spin on a classic thriller. April 10-May 10. 7:30pm, ACT Theatre. Call: 206-292-7676; www.acttheatre.org.

Caledonian St. Andrew's Social Gathering—Join the Caledonian St. Andrew Society with entertainment provided by Celtic harpists. 7:30pm. www.caledonians.com.

NW Seaport Chantey Sing—Join us aboard the historic steamship Virginia V. 8-10:30pm, Lake Union Park. Call: 206-447-9800; www.nwseaport.org.

Saturday 11th

Turkish Tunes—Come join in celebrating Turkish music, dance, and culinary culture sponsored by the Turkish Canadian Society. Immerse yourself in wonderful live Turkish music, taste delicious food and be inspired by dance performers and music. 7pm, Scottish Cultural Center. acmills@gmail.com.

Mahmood Mamdani—Come here this professor and write talk about his pro-

vocative new book on the situation in Darfur, *Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War of Terror*. 3pm, Elliott Bay. Call: 206-624-6600; www.elliottbaybook.com.

Dunava—Spring is here, and that means it's time to sing. Listen to the ladies of Dunava and dance to music by special guest **Ruze Dalmatinke**, performing music of Croatia & Bosnia. 7:30pm, Shoreline Universalist Unitarian Church. www.dunava.org.

Peter Ali—Native flute play Mr. Peter Ali will be performing a variety of songs on flutes all of which he made. 7pm. Call: 206-431-1962; duwamishtribe.org.

Kiran Ahluwalia—This Indo-Canadian vocal sensation backed by her five-piece ensemble creates a captivating live performance. 8pm, Kirkland Performance Center. Call: 425-893-9900; www.kpcenter.org.

Spring Ho'olaule'a—Join us for the 22nd semi-annual Hawaiian Culture Celebration. 11am-8pm, Leschi School. www.lokahiohanaw.com.

HAPA—See the most successful Hawaiian music group in recent history. 5:30-8:30pm, The Triple Door. Call: 206-838-4309; www.thetripledoor.net.

Laura Zaerr & Mick Doherty—See Zaerr and Doherty in concert performing Celtic and classical music. 7:30pm, Dusty Strings. Call: 206-634-1666.

Monday 13th

Jake Shimabukuro—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents solo ukulele wizard Jake Shimabukuro for one night only. 7:30 pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Tuesday 14th

25th Anniversary of Barneleikarringen—Barneleikarringen of Greater Seattle celebrates 25 years with an evening of Norwegian folkdance and singing. 6:30-9:30 pm, Leif Erikson Lodge. Call: 206-783-1274; oronnestad@msn.com.

Wednesday 15th

Oleta Adams—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents vocalist Oleta Adams touring in support of her brand new release *Let's Stay Here*. **April 15-19.** 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729.

UW Seattle Spring Career Fair—Come to the largest general career fair at the University of Washington. 3-7pm, Husky Union Building. www.careers.washington.edu/events.

Beethoven String Quartet—The American String Quartet will appear in the final performance of the series which will include several of Beethoven's works. 7:30pm, Illsley Ball Nordstrom

Recital Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; www.seattlesymphony.org.

Hardanger Embroidery Classes—Join Edda todd for embroidery classes. 6-8pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center. **April 15-16.** Call: 253-531-8523; www.plu.edu.

Thursday 16th

Caribbean Americans—The Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas presents American Heritage Series: Caribbean Americans. 7 pm, Northwest African American Museum. Call: 206-323-4032; www.takepartinart.org.

Girls Rock! Join us for a documentary film about a rock 'n' roll camp where young female rockers learn that it is "100 percent ok to be exactly who you are". 12pm, City Hall. Call: 206-684-7171; arts.cutlure@seattle.gov.

Say Hey Kitsap! Say Hey is an opportunity to draw professionally accomplished leaders with disabilities together with jobseekers with disabilities and employers. 5-7pm, Silverdale Beach Hotel. Call: 1-866-252-2939; langjk@dshs.wa.gov.

Friday 17th

Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival—Explore Seattle's deep connections with Japan and celebrate the beauty of Spring. Enjoy delicious Japanese food, teas, demonstrations and artwork. **April 17-19.** 10am-6pm, Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7366; www.seattlecenter.com.

Yuliyán Yordanov—Learn Bulgarian dances during this teaching weekend. **April 17-18.** www.ratchentitza.com.

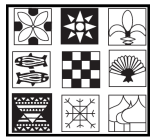
Saturday 18th

Vagabond Opera—See this six-piece group which specializes in Bohemian eclecticism with music styles from all over the world. 8pm, Fries Auditorium. Call: 1-800-838-3006; www.rivergoose.com/fries.

African American Film Festival—The Langston Hughes African American Film Festival brings 9 days of black Cinema to the community. **April 18-26.** Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center. Call: 206-326-1088; www.langstonblackfilmfest.org.

Earth Day Arbor Day Festival—Come join us for a day of stewardship and celebration as we help beautify Bellevue's Parks. 8:30-11am. Call: 425-452-7225.

Norwegian Pancake Breakfast—Come down and enjoy delicious thin Norwegian pancakes with lingonberries, ham, scrambled eggs, and different beverages. 8:30 am - 12 pm, Leif Erikson Lodge. Call: 206-783-1274; lieferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net.



Food as Art—The Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas proudly presents the premier annual fundraiser featuring Seattle's finest African-American chefs and restaurateurs. 6:30pm, Bell Harbor International Conference Center. Call: 206-323-4032.

Art Show and Sale—You are invited to an Art Show and Sale exhibiting the work of Sister Julie Codd.. Call: 425-451-1770; www.csjp-olp.org.

Sunday 19th

Wangari Maathai—Town Hall Seattle presents Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai and her new book *The Challenge for Africa*. 7:30pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-652-4255; www.townhallseattle.org.

The Challenge for Africa—Wangari Maathai is the author of *The Challenge for Africa*, which examines the complex and dynamic nature of her continent. 7:30pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-625-4255; www.townhallseattle.org.

Daffodil Dinner—Join the Slavonian American Benevolent Society. Tacoma. Call: 253-752-5260.

Thursday 23rd

Portland Rebetiko Festival—The Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum present a special viewing of the film *Rembetiko*. 6:30 pm, Alexis Restaurant. Call: 503-697-1066; gpdia-mond@comcast.net.

Seattle Jewish Film Festival Opening Night—The Seattle Jewish Film Festival begins with *The Little Traitor* film and a cocktail party. 5:30-7:30pm, Palace Ballroom. Call: 206-622-6315; www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org.

Seattle Sister Cities Reception—Reception co-chairs Mayor Greg Nickels; Richard Conlin, President, City Council; Tay Yositani, CEO, Port of Seattle; and members of the Seattle City Council at the 13th Annual Seattle Sister Cities Reception honoring our 21 Sister City associations and the representatives of International entertainment and cuisine Raffle, silent auction and no-host bar. 6-8pm, Bertha Landes Room, City Hall. Reservations Required. Call: Ed Mandity, Reception Committee, 206.285.4360, email: mandiew@attglobal.net; Bud Bard, 206-364-1469; paljoeybard@earthlink.net.

Friday 24th

OneAmerica 8th Annual Dinner & Awards Celebration—Help recognize and honor the contributions of those who have played an outstanding role in promoting equality and justice for immigrants in Washington State with OneAmerica, With Justice for All. 6 pm, Washington State Convention Center.

Call: 206-723-2203; www.weareoneamerica.org.

Second Annual Poetry Month Celebration—Poetry contest winners will be invited to read their poems during this event. 7:30; Shoreline Community College Theatre. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

World Rhythm Festival—This is the best weekend for immersion in world music, drum and dance imaginable including African, Middle-Eastern, Latin, Indian, Brazilian, N. American and more. www.swps.org.

Spring Arts Fest—Join the Hilltop Elementary Heritage Dancers for their Spring Arts Fest. 7-9pm, Hilltop Elementary. Call: 425-774-5676; annmoore75@hotmail.com.

Seattle Jewish Film Festival - April 23-May 3, SIFF, McCaw Hall; Cinerama; MOHAI; WSHM Tacoma. **Opening Night Cocktail Party** Hosted by Celebrity Chef Tom Douglas, followed by opening night film *The Little Traitor*. 5:30-7:30pm, Palace Ballroom. Call: 800-838-3006; Film Festival tickets: www.browpapertickets.com. Call: 206-622-6315; seattle@ajc.org; www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org/

Saturday 25th

2nd Annual Folkdance Reunion. Join Hoolyeh and friends for their 2nd annual Folkdance reunion. 7pm, Corvallis, OR. acmills@gmail.com.

Action On the Road to Educational Justice 2nd Annual Conference. Come to the second annual Advocacy, Activism and Action conference. 8am-4pm; Pacific Lutheran University. www.plu.edu

3rd Annual Eastside Arts Education Fair 2009—Introduce the whole family to dance, music, theatre, heritage, visual and literary arts. Enjoy an exciting mix of workshops, live performances & informational booths. 11am-4pm; Crossroads Bellevue. Call: 425-644-1111.

Spring Day of Gregorian Chant. Join us for a day of Gregorian chant and immerse yourself in singing and meet fellow chanters. 8:30am-6pm, Rosary Heights. Call: 206-781-8544; www.centerforsacredart.org.

Garden Art Fair. Flowers, fun and flourish at the 6th annual Garden Art Fair in Anacortes. See display gardens, plants, garden art, and more. **April 25-26**. 10am-5pm, Depot Arts Center. Call: 360-293-3663; www.depotartscenter.org.

Shujaat Khan. Khan approaches Indian classical music with his own unique performance style - always intuitive, spontaneous, and astonishing. 8pm,

Kirkland Performance Center. Call: 425-893-9900; www.kpcenter.org.

Tanchaz—Join Tanchez for all day dance workshops. www.hungarianamerican.org.

Ensemble Caprice—Join la Folia and the Gypsies for music taken from the Slovakian collection Uhrovka Zbierka. 8pm, Town Hall. Call: 425-325-7066; www.earlymusicguild.org.

The Tacoma Mountaineers Folk Dance—Join the Mountaineers for an evening of dancing. 8pm, Normanna Hall. Call: 253-732-4231; www.tacomamountaineers.org.

Cross-Stop Waltz Weekend—Join instructors Richard and Angela for a weekend of waltzing. Swedish Club Ballroom. April 25-26. Call: 206-781-1238; www.nwdance.net.

Sunday 26th

Kisbetyarok 26th Anniversary Performance—Parallel Paths...from Village to Bartok is a concert celebrating the anniversary of Hungarian family dancers. 2-5pm, Mountlake Terrace High School. Call: 425-670-2396; www.hungarianamerican.org.

Matzoh Momma Sunday Brunch and Film—Come for a brunch and the film *Stand up for Jewish Women* with comedian Cory Kahaney. 10am, Cinerama. Call: 206-622-6315; www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org.

Wednesday 29th

Farmers Market—The Columbia City Farmers Market starts up again with over 30 farmers and food vendors selling a delicious assortment of items. **April 29 - October 21**. 3-7 pm, Columbia Plaza. Call: 206-623-5234; www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org.

Thursday 30th

Festival Folkdancers—Come for the 5th Thursday International Party. Costumes are encouraged. 7-10pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-546-2533.

~ More ~

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

Has your EHC membership expired?

Check your mailing label to find out:

Examples:

12/1/08 = expired Dec. 2008

12/1/09 = continues to Dec. 2009

Please renew & support the work of the Ethnic Heritage Council.





A Friend Passes

We give our sympathy to the family of **Etienne DeBaste**, who passed away last month. We were honored to have shared his wonderful story in the EHC November 2008 Newsletter. If you would like to read Etienne's story, visit: <http://www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org/news/Nov08.pdf>

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food and family traditions). This festival is produced by Seattle Center in partnership with the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival Committee.

Seattle Center's Safeco Insurance Festival 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 Festival plays a vital part in Seattle Center efforts to connect our dynamic and varied communities.

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keep on playing. I have received accolades as a 'sensitive' man when a woman behaving the same way would have been perceived to be weak. We the People must learn to be generous with our being. We must use every privilege to uplift the oppressed. That includes assuming the privilege of overcoming our own internalized oppression for the sake and honor of all. In 1983 Native American elders met at the University of Lethbridge to address substance abuse on reservations. Their conclusion was, ~The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.~ It is my responsibility to honor all by expressing who I am in the context of community. My self expression has most constructively been expressed through my heritage of music and spoken word. Self expression in community is not selfish. In fact self expression in community identifies who we the people are.

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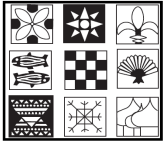
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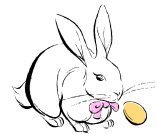
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