

Ethnic Heritage Council

MAY 2009

38th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival celebrates Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Centennial

The 38th annual Northwest Folklife Festival celebrates the centennial of the A-Y-P and includes special performances, exhibits, and demonstrations to celebrate this milestone in Seattle's history!

One hundred years ago Seattle hosted its first world's fair, the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, known as "the A-Y-P." It was a milestone in the city's history—a hugely successful five-month-long event that celebrated the culture, industry, and innovation of the Pacific Northwest. Held at the University of Washington campus, the A-Y-P drew almost four million visitors and put the young city of Seattle on the map as the gateway to the Pacific Rim.

A century later, in 2009, Northwest Folklife is honored to kick off the Centennial Celebration of the A-Y-P at the 38th annual Northwest Folklife Festival. The Cultural Focus: A-Y-P Centennial will include special performances, exhibits, and demonstrations by ethnic groups that made Seattle their home in the early 1900s as well as by groups that were featured at the A-Y-P: Scandinavians, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiians, Filipinos, and Alaska Natives.

Northwest Folklife invites you to help celebrate the A-Y-P Centennial! Join us on Saturday afternoon, May 23, at the Mural Stage

for a special recreation of the opening of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Visit: <http://www.nwfolklife.org/> to learn more about the A-Y-P Centennial Programs planned for the 2009 Northwest Folklife Festival and to view the 2009 Folklife schedule of events! Questions? Call: 206-684-7300.

Special thanks to the Mayor's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, 4Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts for their support of the A-Y-P Centennial Cultural Focus. For more information about A-Y-P Centennial activities throughout the region, please visit the Mayor's Office web page for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific-Exposition Centennial Celebration.

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, food and family traditions).

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

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Photo by Jal Schrof

EHC member organization, Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble, will perform at GIANT MAGNET—12noon, McCaw Hall, May 15, 2009

Safeco Insurance FESTÁL at SEATTLE CENTER

Asian-Pacific Islander
Heritage Month
Celebration
May 3

Spirit of West Africa
May 9

Northwest Folklife Festival
May 22-25

A Glimpse of China:
Chinese Culture and
Arts Festival
May 30

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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 JUNE ~

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SICF is now GIANT MAGNET

New Identity Of Seattle International Children's Festival Unveiled "Giant Magnet - Global Attractions Playing Locally"

March 20, 2009 audience members, board, volunteers and staff of the Seattle International Children's Festival celebrated the beginning of the next chapter in the history of a beloved arts institution. "Giant Magnet" is the new name for the organization dedicated to celebrating world cultures through the performing arts for children and adventurous people of all ages. Along with the name change comes a new positioning statement, "Global Attractions Playing Locally," and a lively new logo.

"Simply put, the original name is limiting, long and wrong," said Executive Director Andrea Wagner. "No matter how the words are arranged, the name doesn't differentiate the organization from all the other "Seattles", the other "Children's" or other "Festivals". It doesn't exactly conjure images of world-class artistic programs, nor does it imply the rich educational resources and in-school residency programs, all of which are its hallmark. It neither resembles nor resonates with the audience it serves, and it doesn't portray its wide geographic reach."

Added Giant Magnet Board President Teresa Gallo, "Armed with a multi-year capacity building grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, two years ago the Board and staff set off on a quest to change it. Along the way we encountered many friends and had many advances and retreats. A few months ago, just when we thought we were at a dead end, naming and branding wizard Peter Stocker of Story Trading Company joined us. Peter waved his magic wand, pro bono, several times and the hard working, mission-driven, but dowdy-looking organization we all know and love has a new identity."

Seattle Center Director Robert Nellams said, "I am pleased and proud to officially usher in this new chapter. SICF occupies an important and respected place in the Seattle Center family as the first campus celebration of the festival season and an outstanding community resource year-round. The new name will support the organization's efforts to

draw in the diverse audiences it serves."

The official unveiling featured hand-made kites designed by the Drachen Foundation and a special theremin fanfare, composed by Seattle percussionist and multi-instrumentalist extraordinaire Paul Hansen, and played by a theremin ensemble of illustrious local artists.

Giant Magnet 2009 will take place May 12-16 at Seattle Center and May 17 & 18 at the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts in Tacoma. This year Giant Magnet will deliver the usual high quality professional and international artists that audiences have come to expect—and a few *un-usual* happenings sure to delight and surprise. The annual performing arts festival for all ages presents a lineup of circus-theatre, music, puppetry, dance and multi-disciplinary shows designed to educate and entertain P-20 school groups, their teachers, families and adults alike. 2009 performers represent Belgium, Zimbabwe, India, Canada, Germany, Croatia, American First Nations, Japan, Mexico, and the USA.

The Line-Up. Belgium: Les Argonautes in *Pas Perdus*; **USA:** The Gentlemen of the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Friends; **India:** Sidi Goma-The Black Sufis of Gujarat; **Zimbabwe:** Thomas Mapfumo and The Blacks Unlimited; **Canada:** Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia in *The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favourites*; **Japan:** Kuniko Yamamoto; **Germany:** Hacki and Company; **Belgium:** Ontroerend Goed in *The Smile Off Your Face*.

The Opening Night International Variety Show will play Tuesday night, May 12 at the Bagley Wright Theatre.

World Samplers, featuring three companies in one show, include festival headliners and local companies including **Apna Bhangra Crew**, **Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble** (EHC member), salsa band **Cambalache**, Tulalip rapper **Komplex Kai**, **Lelavision** and classical Indian dancer **Subhashini Santhanam** (EHC member).

Ten Years in Tacoma. The Festival will celebrate its tenth anniversary of serving South Sound audiences at the Broadway Center for the Performing

Sidi Goma - The Black Sufis of Gujarat



"ecstatic power building slowly and steadily to a fever pitch" - *NY Times*

"Spectacular, mystical and - most importantly - fun, Gujarat's Black Sufis are a revelation." - *Rhythm Magazine*

Africans in India? Sure! The exuberant energy and joy **Sidi Goma** brings to the stage are as captivating and powerful as their heritage is unique. These masterful dancers and musicians are descendants of East Africans who, in the 10th century, traveled across the ocean to India where they embraced the Muslim faith. Their performances begin with a traditional muezzin call to prayer. Then, as the music gradually gets more rapid and excited, the performers, celebrating their ancestral spirit, don peacock feather skirts and head-dresses and perform a series of constantly evolving animal imitations (similar to Australian Aborigines), which climax in a spectacular coconut-breaking feat. The entire performance is an exhilarating experience!

Arts. Les Argonautes, Mermaid Theatre and Sidi Goma will play school performance in the Pantages Theatre and Theatre on the Square will house Hacki and Company, Kuniko Yamamoto and the Gentlemen of the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Friends for school performances.

Tickets are now on sale for schools, homeschoolers and groups and the general public.

For more information call: 206-684-7338; visit: www.giantmagnet.org.



Shen Yun Performing Arts - May 22 & 23

Shen Yun Performing Arts Friday, May 22 and Saturday May 23, Paramount Theatre. www.stgpresents.org; 800-431-0915.

A glorious art form. Five millennia in the making. One unforgettable show. Inspired by the spirit of an ancient culture, Shen Yun Performing Arts brings to life classical Chinese dance and music in a gloriously colorful and exhilarating show. With an elite company of dancers, singers, and musicians, the New York-based Shen Yun returns to Seattle this spring to present its best works from past years. State-of-the-art backdrops conjure celestial palaces and pastoral vistas, while groundbreaking music combines the best of Chinese and Western composition. The breathtaking beauty of Shen Yun is not to be missed. www.divineperformingarts.org.

Meet the world's premier Chinese dance and music company.

Shen Yun Performing Arts (formerly known as Divine Performing Arts) is a triumph of collaboration, bringing together leading dancers, choreographers, and musicians from around the world. Its productions are unique in being not only tremendously fun and entertaining, but also educational, enriching, and uplifting.

The company's rich repertoire breaks new ground by focusing on the authentic cultural heritage of classical China while also giving artistic treatment to the world around us. Each year, Shen Yun premieres an entirely new program of dances, songs, and musical scores.

Shen Yun Performing Arts came into being in 2006 with a vision of cultural renewal. It was then that leading Chinese artists and several small performance companies joined together to revive an artistic tradition. For its first two-plus years the company was known as Divine Performing Arts.

Today, Shen Yun is proud to consist of three dance companies, two orchestras, and a host of choreographers, composers, costume designers, backdrop artists, and artistic staff.

The response to Shen Yun's productions has been phenomenal. Laughter, tears, and standing ovations are a common sight. In its inaugural 2006-2007 season the company performed for some 200,000 people. In 2007-2008, the number swelled to 600,000.

Shen Yun has already graced many of the world's greatest stages, including New York's Radio City Music Hall, London's Royal Festival Hall, Washington DC's Kennedy Center, and Paris' Le Palais de Congrès.

Once the producer of shows titled variously Chinese Spectacular, Holiday Wonders, and Shen Yun, our company now often performs under simply its own name. Each year Shen Yun Performing Arts travels the world, performing on tour across Europe, North America, Oceania, and Asia.

Jewish and Arabic Musicians Join Forces to Play for Peace on New CD and Concert Tour Coming to Seattle

This Darkness Is Your Candle - A night of ecstatic poetry and sacred music with Michael Meade and The Qadim Ensemble. Jewish and Arabic musicians join forces to play for peace on new CD and concert tour coming to Seattle. **May 21**, 7pm, All Pilgrims Church. **Knocking at the Gate: Ecstatic Poetry and Sacred Music** - **May 22**, 7pm, Bethel Church, Vashon. Call: 800-233-6984; mosaicstore.org.

As conflict continues in the Middle East and a new American president extends an olive branch to the Muslim world, The Qadim Ensemble, a group of Jewish and Arabic musicians, have joined forces to play for peace on a new CD and concert tour to the Pacific Northwest. Produced by celebrated nevezan Eliyahu Sills and Six Degrees' artist Jef Stott, "Eastern Wind" is being released worldwide this Spring on Embarka Records.

In this special engagement, mythologist and storyteller Michael Meade will weave ecstatic poetry with ancient

"wisdom tales", while The Qadim Ensemble offers devotional music of the Middle East.

Eliyahu Sills, the band's leader, comments that "music can be a tool in spreading cultural understanding and healing. 'Qadim' brings together musical traditions from the diverse cultures of the Middle East, highlighting their many similarities, and pointing to their common roots in the ancient history of the region. This experience of shared musical heritage can strike a chord of peace among people who are struggling to find common ground in modern times." Rachel Valfer adds, "its hard to hold a grudge against someone who loves something you love, who sits next to you clapping to the same rhythms and moved at the same shift in the maqam mode. We have entered a tense room and felt hostility melt around this musical experience."

"Eastern Wind" masterfully mixes the sounds of Middle
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Nordic Lecture Series—May 5, 7, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9. Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Saturday 2nd

Cinco de Mayo Celebration - Join El Centro de la Raza for their annual Cinco de Mayo event featuring delicious traditional foods, a fashion show of traditional clothing, community vendors, and all kinds of entertainment. 3-8pm, Jefferson Community Center. Call: 206-957-4640; www.elcentrodelaraza.org.

Byzantium in Rome - Come hear Cappella Romana Vocal Ensemble. 8pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 1-866-822-7735; www.capellaromana.org.

One Crazy Raven - Please join us for a great evening of entertainment at a benefit concert for Red Eagle Soaring featuring master storyteller and performing artist gene Tagaban. 7:30pm, Thumbnail Theatre. www.redeaglesoaring.com.

Workshop with Keith Bear - Join award-winning flute player and story teller, Keith Bear, for a workshop on Northern Plains flute traditions, songs, and stories. 1-3pm, Saltwater State Park.

Sunday 3rd

Asian-Pacific Islander Celebration - Explore cultures of Asia through spectacular dances, youth drill teams, Taiko drumming and incredible performers from around the state. 12-5pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

Children's Day - Come for a day filled with Korean food, crafts, games, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations, Korean dance lessons and more. 1:30-4:30pm, Beaver Lake Park Lodge. Call: 425-281-3669; www.koreanfocusnw.org.

Romance of Strings - Come here *Romance of Strings*, part of the Mostly Nordic Concert Series. 5pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707

Monday 4th

Kick-Off Celebration - Join us for the Arts Education Month kick-off celebration. 5:30p, Seattle Center Rainier Room. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

Wednesday 6th

Mixer Dance - Celebrate spring at the Skandia Folkdance Societies mixer dance. 7:30pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Thursday 7th

Amir Beso - Come see Amir "Lazy" Beso perform. Eat dinner and enjoy live music. 9pm, Ballard Jam House. www.ballardjamhouse.com; www.amirbeso.com; 206-789-1621.

Wells Fargo Free First Thursday - Explore the New Frontier exhibit, flight simulators, and more courtesy of Wells Fargo. 5-9p, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Traces of the Trade - Katrine Browne discovers that her forefathers were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. This film follows a remarkable journey, bringing them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise. 7-10pm, Columbia City Cinema. Call: 206-693-8599; www.muse-indigo.com.

American/Asian: A Tale of New Cultures - This exhibition honors national Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and presents the work of 13 regional artists. **May 7 - June 27.** ArtXchange Gallery. www.events.linkin.com

Into the Fire - Had To Be Productions presents "Into the Fire". This is an exploration of returning vets with both visible and invisible disabilities and their stories as they integrate into their families, communities and workforce. 3:30pm, North Creek Event Center. Call: 425-352-5307; www.uwb.edu.

War Memories and Memory War - Korean American Historical Society presents Dr. Seung-Hee Jeon discussing the issue of the role of art and literature in representation of collective historical memory. 5:30pm, Wing Luke Asian museum. www.kahs.org.

Swedish Seattle and Swedish Oregon: An Evening with Authors Paul Norlen and Lars Nordström—Discussion and book signing with Lars Nordström, author of the recently published *Swedish Oregon*, and Paul Norlen, author of *Swedish Seattle*. This evening will celebrate Swedish life in the Pacific Northwest, from the influx of Swedish immigrants in the 19th century to thriving Swedish traditions in our 21st-century communities, and consider the similarities and differences between Swedish life in Seattle and in Oregon. FREE.

7pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Friday 8th

8th Annual More Music @ the Moore - More Music @ the Moore features exceptional local teen musicians mixing up diverse music styles from Indie Rock, Irish Fiddle, and String Ensembles. 7:30pm, The Moore Theatre.

Jagjit Singh - The legendary Jagjit Singh is a famous Ghazal singer from India. Singh will be performing with a full orchestra. 8:30pm, S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium. Call: 253-261-4455.

Dance of the Spirit - The Evergreen Orissi Dance Ensemble will be joined by Urvasi Dance Company member Ratna Roy for two evenings filled with dancing. **May 8-9.** 8pm, Evergreen State College. Call: 360-867-6833; www.evergreen.edu/expressions.

Saturday 9th

Spirit of West Africa - The traditions of six West African countries are explored through hip hop, jazz, rock, exhibits and storytelling. 12-8pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

Benefit Dinner - Auction - The Seattle Junior Tamburitians are holding a benefit dinner and auction to help finance their trip to Croatia for performances with traditional folklore groups. Renton Senior Center.

Global Oneness Project - The Project has traveled to six continents gathering stories from individuals and organizations working in the fields of sustainability, conflict resolution, social justice, spirituality, indigenous wisdom and politics. 6-9pm, MOHAI.

25th Anniversary Concert - Tamburaski Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac celebrates its 25th anniversary with a folklore concert featuring Kardinal Stepinac, Jele Croatian Women's Choir, Hrvatski Vietzovi and more. 1pm, Vancouver Technical School. www.toks.ca

Dinner Show and Auction - The Seattle Choral Company's 23rd Annual Dinner Show and Auction. This year's theme is Mambo Italiano. Call: 206-713-1077; www.seattlechoralcompany.org.

International Humanitarian Law Today - Join the American Red Cross in Seattle as they host a seminar on "International Humanitarian Law Today: The lasting consequences of War". 10am-5pm, Highpoint Library. Call: 206-726-3554; www.seattleredcross.org.

A Gathering of Flutes - You and your friends are invited to attend the Native



People's Circle of Hope: A Gathering of Flutes. **May 9-10**. 10am, Discovery Park. npcoh@spiritone.com.

"The Preparation and Tying of the Water Drum, its History, Symbols, and Meaning" - a program of native American storytelling for children of all ages, conducted by Chenoa Egawa and Alex Turtle, 7pm; "Remembering Catherine", a concert of modern chamber music and native American song, 8pm, The Chapel Performance Space 4th Floor, The Good Shepherd Center, Wallingford District. Email: spinningwind-productions@hotmail.com.

Tower Exhibit - The Museum of Flight Tower at Boeing Field reopens after extensive renovations and four entirely new exhibits. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Bruce Molskyu - Come see Bruce Molskyu perform with Tatiana and Alex Hargreaves. 7:30pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-783-2244.

Green River Community College 2nd Annual POW WOW 12noon, Grand Entry 1pm-and 6pm. Call: 253-833-9111 e x t . 2 6 6 6 ; e m a i l : bhughes@evergreenriver.edu.

Pierogi Fest - Several different kinds of pierogi available for your pleasure. Eat as much as you like while talking to friends, listening to the Polish music and having good time. 12-5pm, Polish Hall, Seattle. Info: www.polishhome.org/DefaultEng.htm

Sunday 10th

Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra - Comprised of their most advanced players, the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra is one of the premier youth orchestras in the United States. 3pm, S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium. Call: 206-362-2300; www.syso.org.

Monday 11th

20/20 Vision: 20 Artists for 20 Years - This exhibit features 20 artists that have shown in The Gallery in its 11 years in operation. There will be a diverse collection of artistic mediums being represented in this special show. **May 11-June 28**. The Gallery at Shoreline Center. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

Music of Remembrance: Mirror of Memory - For our spring concert, MOR presents the world premiere of a new commission from Betty Olivero, a work that gives musical witness through poems and texts. 7:30pm, Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall. Call: 206:365-7770.

Borneo: Paradise Under Siege - With stunning images, Matteis Klum is one of National Geographic's most popular storytellers and he brings Borneo's majestic ecosystem to life. **May 11-12**. 7:30pm, S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium. Call: 206-215-4714.

Tuesday 12th

1st Annual Innovation Luncheon - A fundraiser for MOHAI with special guest Dr. Christopher Elias. 12pm, Rainier Club. Call: 206-324-1125; www.seattlehistory.org.

Giant Magnet 2009—May 12-16 at Seattle Center and May 17 & 18, at the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts in Tacoma. Call: 206-684-7338; visit: www.giantmagnet.org.

Eric Alexander - The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander for two nights. **May 12-13**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729.

Wednesday 13th

Monthly Meet and Greet Breakfast - Join the Rainier Club for their Monthly Meet and Greet Networking Breakfast. 7-9am, The Rainier Club. Call: 206-296-6848; www.therainierclub.com.

Thursday 14th

The American String Project - TASP is made up of fifteen exceptional artists from all over the world brought together to present three concerts. **May 14 and 16. 7:30pm, May 16 2pm**, Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall. Call: 206-380-8753.

Job Fair - KOMO TV is hosting a job fair as a part of their community commitment to be "Problem Solvers" and deliver "Tactics 4 Tough Times". 1-7pm, ShoWare Center. www.komo4news.com

Keiko Matsui - The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents pianist Keiko Matsui for 4 nights. May 14-17. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Friday 15th

Third Friday Dance - Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for the Third Friday Dance. 7:30, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Penn Cove Water Festival - Come experience the traditional Native American "coming ashore" canoe ceremony and listen to tribal elders' stories of the first festivals of the 1930's. **May 15-17**. Coupeville. Call: 360-678-3451; www.whidbeycamanoislands.com.

Weavers Teaching Weavers Class - Come and learn the art of ancient basket weaving. **May 15-16**. Great Wolf Lodge. Call: 360-867-6485.

Saturday 16th

Grecian Sounds - Enjoy Greek music with Hank Bradley and Yanni Novakis along with dancing, great food, wine, and ouzo. 7pm, Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Call: 206-783-1228; www.georgiasgreekrestaurant.com

The Rhythm Rollers - Tacoma Contra dance features *Rhythm Rollers* with music that is straight, strong, and electrifying. 8pm, Wells Hall. Call: 253-652-6483; www.tacomacntradance.org.

Viking Fest - Poulsbo's Viking Fest is a celebration of Norway's Constitution Day. Three full days of fun including food/craft booths, carnival, entertainment, a parade, iron chef competition, and much more. **May 16-18**. Call: 800-337-0580; www.visitkitsap.com.

CanadiYanks - "CanadiYanks" is based upon the true story of Canadian Major Harold E. Hartney who transferred to the American army in 1917 to prepare "Yank" airmen for service on the Front. **May 16 & 23**. William M. Allen Theatre. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Hellvik Mannskor - Enjoy a night in Norway with the song and music of Hellvik Mannskor from Norway, The Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle, and the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle. Suggested donation \$10 at the door. Following the concert is a dessert reception. The event is part of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Centennial. 7:30pm, Kane Hall, University of Washington campus. Call: 206-335-8391; v.sangrey@comcast.net.

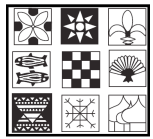
Gypsy Soul House Concert. 8-10:30pm, Our House. 7pm, doors open. Reservations required. Call: 206-328-2479; House.concerts@comcast.net

Hank Bradley & Yanni Novakis play Greek music at Georgia's Greek Restaurant. 7-10pm or so. Belly-dancing too! Also **May 25**. Res.: 206-783-1228 or georgiasgreekrestaurant.com

Sunday 17th

4th Annual Pasta Feed - The Sno-King Community Chorale invites you to their Pasta Feed with the theme of "Be Our Guest" from their recent Disney concert. There will be a 4 course meal with an auction. 4-7 pm, South County Senior Center. Call: 425-673-1242

School of Jazz - KPLU's CD release concert for School of Jazz features Stadium



High School, Mercer Island High School, South Whidbey High School and Inglemoor High School students. 3pm, MOHAI. Call: 206-324-1125; www.seattlehistory.org.

SYTTENDE MAI: Norwegian Constitution Day! - In celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day or "grunnlovsdag," admission to the Nordic Heritage Museum is free, food and drink will be for sale in our Nordic Café and we will feature free hands-on craft activities for kids on each of the three floors of the Museum. Our Viking boat restoration project, The Nordic Spirit, will also be on display at the Museum from 10am until noon on the 17th of May! At 4pm, please join us for the parade along Market Street! For parade information, please contact Laila Sharpe @ 206-782-8284. NHM: 206-789-5707.

Monday 18th

Cocoa Martini - The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents the Seattle-based jazz vocal trio Cocoa Martini for one night only. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729.

Tuesday 19th

Night at the Museum - Be one of the first to see Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian which opens nationwide on **May 22**. 6:30pm, MOHAI. Call: 206-324-1125; www.seattlehistory.org.

Guilty Pleasures Fundraiser - Book-It Repertory Theatre presents its annual Guilty Pleasures fundraiser dinner event. 6pm, Teatro ZinZanni. Call: 206-216-0877; www.book-it.org.

Wednesday 20th

Gardening & Community Connections: Make a Difference - Learn how to grow food and help others at the same time. 10-11:30am, Central Bldg., 401 Board Room. Call: 206-684-0639.

Thursday 21st

This Darkness Is Your Candle - A night of ecstatic poetry and sacred music with Michael Meade and The Qadim Ensemble. Jewish and Arabic musicians join forces to play for peace on new CD and concert tour coming to Seattle. 7pm, All Pilgrims Church, **May 22, 7pm, Bethel Church, Vashon**. Call: 800-233-6984; mosaicstore.org.

Karrin Allyson - The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents vocalist Karrin Allyson touring in support of her latest release Imagina: Songs of Brasil. **May 21-24**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729.

Friday 22nd

Shen Yun Performing Arts - Inspired by the spirit of ancient culture, Shen Yun brings to life classical Chinese dance and music in a gloriously colorful and exhilarating show. **May 22-23**. Call: 206-601-8861; www.divineperformingarts.org.

Northwest Folklife Festival - One of the largest folklife gatherings in North America celebrates the diverse cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest with music, art, and dance. **May 22-25**. Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

Saturday 23rd

Grecian Sounds - Enjoy Greek music with Hank Bradley and Yanni Novakis along with dancing, great food, wine, and ouzo. 7pm, Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Call: 206-783-1228; www.georgiasgreekrestaurant.com

Cascade Warbirds Fly-In - Join the Museum for the annual Cascade Warbirds Fly-In. Visitors will enjoy the chance to view a wide variety of beautifully restored vintage military aircrafts. 9am-3pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Gypsy Soul. 6:30 & 9pm, The Triple Door. 206-838-4309 or thetripledoor.net.

Sunday 24th

Memorial Day Panel - A special panel of three WWII Tuskegee Airman veterans will be at the museum to talk about their experience flying long range mission to Berlin during the war. 2pm, William M. Allen Theatre. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Monday 25th

Memorial Day 2009 at Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Festive music and memorial speeches. 1:30pm, Washelli Amphitheatre. Call: 425-483-0555.

Tuesday 26th

Eldar Djangirov - The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents jazz pianist Eldar Djangirov for two nights. **May 26-27**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729.

Wednesday 27th

Party with a Purpose - The Spring Arts Fling is back. Come eat, drink, and get a taste for what the participating arts organizations have to offer young professionals and arts patrons. Enjoy musical theatre selections, a cirque-style routine and more. 6:30pm, Teatro ZinZanni. Over 21 only. <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/64294>.

Friday 28th

Blanca Santander - See Offerings works by Blanca Sander. 4:30-6:30pm, C Art Gallery. Call: 206-554-9994; www.cartgallery.com.

Trio da Paz - The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents Brazilian jazz group Trio da Paz for three nights. **May 28-30**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729.

Saturday 29th

Fifth Friday Dance - Join the Skandia Folkdance Society on the fifth Friday of the month with a focus on village dances. 8pm, Epiphany Episcopal Chapel. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Sunday 30th

Glimpse of China: Chinese Cultural and Arts Festival - Music, art, and movement tell the story of a rich and ancient culture. Martial arts, costumes and gift booths provide color and excitement for festival-goers. 11am-6pm, Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

DOORS - an extraordinary evening of star-studded entertainment to benefit **Seattle Theatre Group**. Enjoy an evening of casual dining and diverse performances while seated on the flat floor of The Paramount Theatre! Attire: Blue Jeans! Call: 206-467-5510 x 1117; or aarons@stgprepresents.org. Visit: www.stgprepresents.org/doors.

The Arts & Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest - This exhibition showcases significant buildings and interiors, furniture, glass, metalwork, ceramics, textiles, fine arts, graphics, photography and more. MOHAI. Call: 206-324-1125; www.seattlehistory.org.

Indigenous Voices Reply - Come see the exhibit Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Indigenous Voices Reply. 2-4pm, Burke Museum. www.burkemuseum.org.

~ More ~

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

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More Festál in May

Spirit of West Africa – May 9, 12noon-8pm

Discover more ...

Watch while the traditions of six West African countries come to life through exhibits, live music, dance performances and storytelling. Explore the African roots of hip-hop, jazz and rock with live performances by top local and touring artists from Ghana, Senegal, Benin, Nigeria, Gambia and Guinea. Festival-goers may take part in ritual and celebratory African drum and dance work-

shops, learn how a drum talks and witness the healing drums of West African drum masters trained since birth to serve their communities.

Call: 206-684-7200; <http://www.thionediop.com>

A Glimpse of China: Chinese Culture and Arts Festival - May 30

Discover more ...

Enter a virtual Chinese garden and partake in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of China's history in this celebration of one of the world's oldest cultures. "A Glimpse of China" explores the rich traditions of China's graceful dance, music, martial arts and brilliant costumes. Gift booths offer authentic Chinese goods, and nationally acclaimed artists from the Northwest and China share their crafts and talents. Presented by the Washington Chinese Art Culture Committee.

Call: 206-684-7200; <http://www.chinaartandculture.com>

APA Art Exhibit

The Ethnic Heritage Art Gallery proudly presents the First Annual APA Art Exhibit. The Ethnic Heritage Art Gallery is a collaborative effort by City of Seattle Affinity groups, led by Citywide Black Caucus, Latino City Employees, Native American Civic Employees, Filipino American Civic Employees of Seattle (FACES). Special thanks to CBRE, Fleets and Facilities, and the Mayors' Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs for their continuing support. The Gallery is located on the 3rd floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower.

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Eastern instruments to create a collection of traditional and original songs that celebrate the shared musical and spiritual heritage of a region now deeply divided by ethnic and religious differences. Featuring folk tunes, improvisations, and songs of love and devotion from the 12th century onward, the eclectic ensemble uses traditional instruments to travel on a musical journey through Arabia, Armenia, Egypt, Israel, Morocco, Turkey and Yemen.

Jef Stott's digital production brings to life ancient acoustic instruments including the ney, oud, saz, bansuri flute, kemanche, tablas, doira, qarqaba, bendir, daf, zarb, riqq, darbuka and dhola, and upright bass. "Eastern Wind" features accomplished multi-instrumentalists and vocalists Bouchaib Abdelhadi, Eliyahu Sills, Evan Fraser, Faisal Zedan, Fares Hedayati, John Villa, and Rachel Valfer, the group's lead vocalist.



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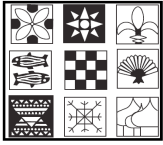
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