

Ethnic Heritage Council

JULY 2009

25th Annual Naturalization Ceremony July 4, 2009 at Seattle Center

On July 4, 2009, the Ethnic Heritage Council will host the 25th Annual Naturalization Ceremony at Seattle Center, from 12noon to 1:00pm, with a concert of festive selections beginning at 11am by William Blayney and the Greenwood Concert Band. Over 500 people, from more than 75 counties, will be sworn in by U.S. Circuit Judge Richard Tallman as new citizens of the United States of America. Produced by the Ethnic Heritage Council, Seattle Center, and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, this is by far one of the most meaningful and moving Fourth of July events in the region and arouses great interest among friends and families of the new citizens as well as within the general community. While this is an especially important day for the many new citizens, coming from a variety of nations and cultures, it also serves to reaffirm the deeper meaning of being a citizen of the United States of America. The pub-

lic is encouraged to attend and admission is FREE.

The ceremony will include speeches by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, U.S. Representatives Jim McDermott & Dave Reichert and Washington State Secretary of State Sam Reed, and with Seattle City Mayor Gregory J. Nickels as Master of Ceremonies.

The Washington Army National Guard Color Guard will present the colors. During the ceremony, Native American Storyteller and performer Gene Tagaban will present a sacred story along with Swil Kanim and Peter Ali and the The Sound of the Northwest gospel choir, with director Juan Huey-Ray, will perform. All countries represented will be announced and the eldest applicant for citizenship will be introduced. The Children of the World will lead the new citizens in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for their first time.

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Join us July 4, 2009 for the 25th Annual

Naturalization Ceremony

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11am Concert; 12pm Ceremony
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2009 Spirit of Liberty Award— Eduardo Mendonça

The Ethnic Heritage Council's Spirit of Liberty Award is given annually on the Fourth of July to a naturalized citizen who has made outstanding contributions to the United States while maintaining his/her ethnic heritage.

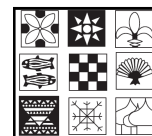
A native of Bahia, Brazil, Eduardo Mendonça traces his lineage to a royal African family bearing the hereditary title of Mama Beka ("prophet of the royal court"), as documented by the Instituto Geográfico e Histórico da Bahia. Brazilian music and dance are life-long passions, and his work in both his native Brazil and now the United States reflect his commitment to sharing his culture far and wide.

Growing up in a low-income district of Salvador, Bahia's capital and Bra-

zil's third largest city, home to the largest black population outside of Africa, Mendonça was among 22 high school students chosen by the Brazilian government to represent Bahian culture. The Brazilian government sent them to share the indigenous arts and culture of Bahia at fairs, conventions and other performance venues throughout Brazil and beyond. Mendonça earned his Masters in



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Each year, the Ethnic Heritage Council honors a naturalized citizen who has made outstanding contribution to his or her adopted country, the U.S.A., while maintaining his or her ethnic heritage. **Congressman Jim McDermott** will present the 2009 “**Spirit of Liberty Award**” to **Eduardo Mendonça** of the Brazilian community.

The 25th Annual Naturalization Ceremony is produced by the *Ethnic Heritage Council*, a non-profit organization formed in 1980, *Seattle Center* and *United States Citizenship and Immigration Services*, proudly sponsored by *Bank of America*, *Seattle Center*, *PEMCO Insurance*, *University Lions Foundation*, *American Legion Seattle Post #1*, *Rotary Club of the Seattle-International District*, *PrintFusion*, *National DAR - Rainier Chapter*, *Dan Parker LEGO® Artist*, *Swansons Nursery* and supported by the *City of Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs*, *Canonicus Fund*, and *4Culture*.



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Arts Education from the Instituto de Música da Universidade Católica do Salvador (Music Institute of the Catholic University of Salvador), and since 1982 has taught and performed professionally in Brazil, the United States, and abroad. He also taught in the Salvadoran public schools and served as a high school principal.

Mendonça garnered international acclaim in 1991 when he was a featured performer in Paul Simon’s documentary music video, “Born at the Right Time.” In 1994, he came to Seattle by invitation to teach Brazilian culture and rhythms, and while here, was invited to perform as a percussionist-in-residence with members from the Alvin Ailey Dance



6 ½ year old Eduardo with his guitar—his passion—in his arms. His sisters were very proud.

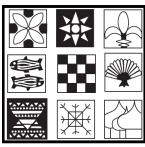
Company. The dancers were artists-in-residence at Seattle Public Schools, sponsored by Meany Hall at the University of Washington. Soon afterwards, he was granted a US performer visa to work in Seattle with the American-Trinidadian percussion

group, Bakra-Bata. He toured the US with them, and later formed his own company, Show Brazil! In 1997, he co-founded and co-directed Brasil-Fest, one of Seattle Center’s oldest cultural festivals. He continues to produce and perform in this annual festival.

He has performed for some of the world’s most well-known figures: Pope John Paul II, when the Catholic leader made his first visit to Brazil in 1982; former South Africa President Nelson Mandela in 1999; Brazilian President Jodão Baptista Figuelredo in Salvador, Bahia, 1979; and His Holiness the Dalai Lama in his historic visit to Seattle in 2008.

Seattle residents for over a decade,

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**To All Spirit of Liberty Awardees
“You Have Made a Difference in Our Community.
Thank You!”**

The Spirit of Liberty Award is presented at the Annual July 4th Naturalization Ceremony, to a naturalized citizen who has made a significant contribution to the community while successfully maintaining his/her culture and heritage.

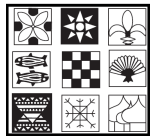
1986	Effie Wells	Greek-American
1987	Ina Bray	Lithuanian-American
1988	Alexander Shaw	Chinese-American
1989	Henning Boe	Norwegian-American
1990	Kalle Keranen	Finnish-American
1991	Encarnacion F. Tajon	Filipino-American
1992	Carin Jacroux	German-American
1993	Henry Friedman	Polish-American
1994	Helen Mirchuk	Ukrainian-American
1995	Bronka Kohn Serebrin	Polish-American
1996	Tsering Chamatsang Yuthok	Tibetan-American
1997	Farhat J. Ziadeh	Palestinian-American
1998	Mary Shriane	Irish-American
1999	Natacha Sesko	Chinese-American
2000	Theodore Kaltsounis	Greek-American
2001	Lucy Fueresz	Hungarian-American
2002	Raja H. Atallah	Arab-American
2003	Olaf Johannesen Kvamme	Norwegian-American
2004	Paull H. Shin	Korean-American
2005	Assunta Ng	Chinese-American
2006	Alma Franulovich Plancich	Croatian-American
2007	Ramesh Gangolli	Indian-American
2008	Ezra Teshome	African-American
2009	Eduardo Mendonça	Brazilian-American



**Ethnic Heritage Council
Congratulates our Newest U.S. Citizens!**

*I Pledge Allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.*





The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World



Located on a 12 acre island, the **Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World** was a gift of friendship from the people of France

to the people of the United States and is a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886, designated as a National Monument in 1924 and restored for her centennial on July 4, 1986.

The Statue was a joint effort between America and France and it was agreed upon that the American people were to build the pedestal, and the French people were responsible for the Statue and its assembly here in the United States.

The French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi intended to have the statue complete in commemoration of the American Declaration of Independence. However, the statue was completed in France, July 1884, traveled by ship, and arrived at New York Harbor in June of 1885. The 350 individual pieces were reassembled in 4 months. She was the centennial gift, 10 years late!

President Grover Cleveland officially accepted the statue on behalf of the United States, as gift from France, in a dedication ceremony on October 28, 1886.

In part of the acceptance statement, Cleveland said “We will not forget that Liberty here made her home; nor shall her chosen altar be neglected”.

... did you know?

The original name for the Statue was “Liberty Enlightening the World”.

The Statue of Liberty was the largest 19th Century structure in the United States.

The Statue was designated a National Monument on October 15, 1924.

It is said that the seven spikes in the crown represent either the seven seas (Arctic, Antarctic, North and South Atlantic, North and South Pacific, Indian) or the seven continents (North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Antarctica, Australia). The twenty-five windows in the crown represent the “natural minerals” of the earth. The toga represents the Ancient Republic of Rome, the torch represents enlightenment, and the chains underfoot represent Liberty (freedom) crushing the chains of slavery.

There are 354 steps (22 stories) up to the crown of the statue and 192 steps from the ground up to the top of the pedestal. Total height is 305’1” (ground to tip of torch).



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The LEGO® *Statue of Liberty*, created by Dan Parker, LEGO® Certified Professional artist in 1999, stands 9’ with the pedestal. An estimated 30,000 pieces went into building Lady Liberty, including her pedestal.

She will be on display for the 4th of July in the Center House at Seattle Center. Take a close look and note even her crown and torch are lit up!



*Honoring Chief Seattle
by Magenta Marie Spinningwind*

24th Annual Seafair Indian Days Pow-Wow—July 17-19

24th Annual Seafair Indian Days POW-WOW! July 17-19, at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, Discovery Park.

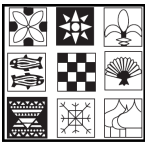
The United Indians of All Tribes Foundation holds this annual celebration on the beautiful grounds of Discovery Park, Seattle, Washington. The Pow Wow averages 400 - 600 dancers in full regalia, 25 drum groups, and 10,000 spectators which come to celebrate the richness of the Native American culture.

In addition to the dancers, more than

60 vendors showcasing a wide array of Native American arts and crafts which include jewelry, carvings, intricate beadwork, artwork, tapes, CD's, and T-shirts.

The Pow Wow includes: Contest Dancing/Drum Contest; Arts and Crafts; Salmon Bake and Fry Bread; Crowning of 2009 Seafair Pow-wow Princess.

Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center Discovery Park 3801 W. Government Way Seattle, WA 98199. Visit: www.unitedindians.org; 206-285-4425.



E Pluribus Unum - From Many, One - Motto of the United States of America

Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). All naturalization applicants must demonstrate good moral character, attachment, and favorable disposition.

- USCIS website: www.uscis.gov.

Becoming a U.S. citizen can take years. For starters, an immigrant to the United States has to learn the American way of process, which at times can be challenging for even those of us born here in the U.S. There are language barriers & lifestyle changes to be made.

Some immigrants come as children, others as adults and some even in their latter years of life; all for the hope of a better life here in the U.S.

Those who embrace all these challenges as they start their new lives and become one of the hard working citizens of the U.S. should be commended. Each and every one of us here in the United States personally knows or has a relative who has come to the U.S. as an immigrant. Maybe that person is you! Think of that person this 4th of July and what sort of hurdles he or she has conquered while taking on the challenges of becoming a citizen of the United States of Amer-

ica!

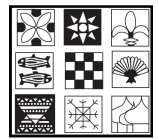
The *Naturalization Test* is among the many requirements one must accomplish in order to become a naturalized citizen. The test is one of the final steps before taking the oath to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America!

See if you can answer a sample test, *below*, of just a few of the questions given by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (U.S.C.I.S.). You can also visit the on-line test: Try for yourself - take the **Naturalization Self-test** at: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/> Click on Education and Resources. Good luck!

Naturalization Test Sample Questions:

Answers on page 10.

1. What are the colors of our flag?
2. What do the stars on the flag mean?
3. What do the stripes on the flag mean?
4. What is the date, of Independence Day?
5. Independence from whom?
6. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?
7. Who was the first president of the United States?
8. What is the Constitution?
9. What are the three branches of our government?
10. How many Senators are there in Congress?
11. What is the Executive Branch of our government?
12. Who becomes president of the U.S.A. if the President and the Vice-President should die?
13. Can you name the thirteen original states?
14. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?
15. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
16. Why did the Pilgrims come to America?
17. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
18. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence?
19. Where does freedom of speech come from?
20. Which President is called the "Father of our Country"?
21. What were the 13 original states of the United States called?
22. In what year was the Constitution written?
23. What are the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution called?
24. Name one purpose of the United Nations.
25. What is the introduction to the Constitution called?
26. Name one benefit of being a citizen of the United States.
27. What is the most important right granted to U.S. Citizens?
28. Name one right guaranteed by the First Amendment.
29. Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Military?
30. How many states are there in the United States?



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and click on NEWSLETTER

Fiddle Tunes—It's simply the finest and largest festival in the country where you can learn to fiddle from masters from all over North America and beyond, dance, join in jam sessions, be in a band lab, get tutorials on your instrument, and more. Cathie will work with the morning kids fiddle groups, jamming, taking workshops, looking for musical fun wherever it's to be found. **June 28 - July 4.** Visit: www.centrum.org/fiddle/

Wednesday, 1st

Bridging the Gap—Photography students from Western Washington University Department of Art have created a project entitled "Bridging the Gap". On display **through July 31** on the Sky Bridge over Third Avenue in Seattle. www.wvu.edu/artphotography.

Orchestra Zarabanda—Experience Benaroya Hall's Grand Lobby in a whole new way as local salsa band Orchestra Zarabanda transforms the space into a Cuban dance hall. 7:30pm, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4782; www.seattlesymphony.org.

Apollo 11: An Artist's Perspective—As part of the 40th anniversary celebration of humankind's first steps on the Moon on July 20, 1969, the Museum of Flight brings to Seattle the exhibit "Apollo 11: An Artist's Perspective" displayed in the Museum's "Space: Exploring the New Frontier." **July 1-September 7.** Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Thursday, 2nd

Othello—The Intiman Theatre presents a New Audience's production of Othello by William Shakespeare directed by Arin Arbus. **July 2-August 2.** Call: 206-269-1900; www.intiman.org.

"Breathing In, Breathing Out"—See Deborah Kapoor's "Breathing In, Breathing Out" exhibition. **July 2 - August 29.** ArtXchange Gallery. Call: 206-839-0377; info@artxchange.org

Friday, 3rd

Across the Spectrum—See the portrait gallery of Across the Spectrum: Stories from Queer Asian Pacific America. Wing Luke Asian Museum. Call: 206-623-5124; www.wingluke.org.

Spin The Bottle—Come to the Annex Theatre's late night variety show featuring music, dance, spoken word, film and whatever else we can find. 11pm,

Annex Theatre. Call: 206-728-0933; www.annextheatre.org.

English Country Dance—Join us for an evening for English Country Dance. 8-10:30pm, Swedish Cultural Center. Call: 205-525-6065; www.swedishculturalcenter.org

2009 Seattle International Beerfest - This "beer paradise" showcases over 150 world-class beers from around the world. The event specializes in hard-to-find rare and exotic styles and has been called the most sophisticated beer festival in the country. Seattle International Beerfest is pet friendly, features live music, rib-stickin' BBQ and other food and free pub games. Net profits are donated to local area animal charities. **July 3-5,** Mural Amphitheatre. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com/events.

Saturday, 4th

25th Annual Naturalization Ceremony—Over 500 candidates from more than 79 countries will take the Oath of Allegiance, becoming our newest citizens of the United States of America. Produced by Ethnic Heritage Council, Seattle Center, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. 11am Concert; 12noon-1pm Ceremony, Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center. Call: 206-443-1410; 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com; www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org. See story page 1.

The 22nd Annual Methow Arts Festival—This festival kicks off the 100 year birthday celebration of Twisp with hands-on art projects and more. 11:30-4:30pm, Twisp River Park. www.methowartsalliance.org.

Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival—The theme is heritage wooden boats and the ambience is that of an old-fashioned, down-home waterfront festival where everything is fun, and almost everything is free. **July 4-5.** 10am-6pm. www.cwb.org.

2009 Chase Family 4th at Lake Union—Come for a day filled with fun for the whole family with hands on activities, food, drinks, and more. Gasworks Park and Chase Playfield. www.onereel.org.

Sunday, 5th

Bharatanatyam Arangetram of Vidya Guhan—Vidya has been studying the classical south indian dance form for the past 9 years and is performing her solo debut. 4-6:30pm, Kirkland Performance Center. Call: 425-769-8229.

Wednesday, 8th

Columbia City Gallery—The Columbia City Gallery is celebrating its tenth an-

niversary by presenting to concurrent exhibits, "(de)construct" and "A Chapter in Human Trafficking: Cambodia". Gallery Opens July 8. Columbia City Gallery. Call: 206-760-9843; www.ColumbiaCityGallery.com.

2009 Summer of Fun—Come with friends and family to the 2009 Summer of Fun Concerts in the Park Series shows for the month. **July 8-29.** 7pm. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

Thursday, 9th

Distant Worlds—Come hear the Seattle Symphony perform three night of music from Final Fantasy with images from the game projected above the Orchestra. **July 9-11.** 8pm, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; www.seattlesymphony.org.

The Lake City Contra/Old-Time Country Dance features a post-Fiddle Tunes open band dance. Host musicians will be Cathie, Karen Iglitzin, and Laurie Andres. Joe Michaels will be calling. 7:30pm lesson, 8-11pm Dance, Lake City Community Center, Seattle. www.seattledance.org/contra/lakecity

Kent Cornucopia Days—Join us for the 38th Annual Kent Cornucopia Days festival with plenty of events to keep you occupied. **July 9-12,** Kent. Call: 253-852-5466; www.kcdays.com.

Friday, 10th

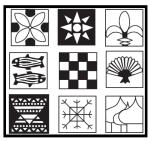
Squamish Nation 22nd Annual Youth PowWow—Join the Squamish Nation for a salmon BBQ and the annual youth powwow. **July 10-12.** Email: snpowwow@hotmail.com

Sonny Newman's Dance Hall - Waltz Evening with Cathie, Laurie Andres, David Cahn, and Tony Mates. You'll glide through the evening of waltzes and other couple dances. 7:30pm lesson, 8:30pm 'til midnight dancing. www.tangoseattle.com/

Saturday, 11th

26th Anniversary of Tivoli/Viking Days—This weekend event offers unique Scandinavian entertainment, food, arts & crafts vendors and real live Vikings only seen in Ballard. Featured edibles will represent each of the five Nordic countries such as Swedish meatballs, Finnish smoked salmon sandwiches, a variety of Icelandic goodies and more. **July 11-12.** Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org. See story page 8.

English Ivy and Holly Pull—Join us for a day in the protected Cedar River Municipal Watershed and help clear inva-



sive ivy and holly from the Education Center's grounds. 9:30am-4pm, North Bend. Call: 206-297-8141;

www.cedarriver.org.

Fireman's Ball—Help kick off the festivities of the Safeco Insurance Festival: Bastille Day with the Fireman's Ball. 6pm - 10pm, Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7366; www.seattlecenter.com.

Native American Culture Day—Local Native American tribes will be performing, cooking, and sharing their culture. 12-4pm, Deception Pass State Park. www.parks.wa.gov/events.

DANCE This... a cross-cultural collaboration of professional artists and young dancers and features local teens and artists and well as professional choreographer. 7:30pm, The Paramount Theatre. Call: 206-467-5510; www.stg.org. See story page 9.

Seafair Pirates Landing and 60th Opening Ceremonies—Join the Seafair Pirates for a day of fun with activities, food and merchants. 12pm, Alki Beach. Call: 205-365-1590; www.seafairpirates.org.

Redmond Derby Days—For the past 86 years the Derby Days has been a vital part of summer in Redmond. Join us for food, fun and live entertainment. 10am-10pm, Redmond City Hall Campus. Call: 425-566-2395; www.redmond.gov.

Queen Anne Fun Run/Walk & Children's Parade—This run begins at the McClure Jr. High School and begins at 8am. The Children's Parade begins at 10:45am. Call: 206-461-1283; www.queenannehelpline.org.

Wallingford Seafair Kiddie Parade and Street Fair—Come for the 60th Annual parade and festival designed for children young or old. The festival offers live music, street vendors, food and various activities. 10am-5pm, Wallingford Ave. Call: 206-632-3165; www.wallingford.org.

Skagit Valley Highland Games—Please join us for the 15th Annual Skagit Valley Highland Games and Celtic Festival. **July 11-12**. Edgewater Park. www.celticarts.org.

Chinatown-International District Summer Festival—This summer festival includes a Karaoke Idol Competition. **July 11-12**. 11am-8pm. Call: 206-382-1197; cidbia.org.

Mercer Island Summer Celebration—Come for the 19th Annual Summer Celebration. It's all about celebrating diversity and learning about different cul-

tures. 10am-5pm, Mercerdale Park. Call: 206-275-7864; www.mercergov.org.

Sunday, 12th

Bastille Day - A French Celebration. Discover La Vie Francaise with picnics, French wine tasting, cooking demonstrations, games and music at this Bastille Day celebration. The festival marks the French national holiday in memory of the liberation of the infamous Bastille Prison and the start of the French Revolution. Call: 206-684-7366; www.seattlecenter.com. See story page 8.

Monday, 13th

Summer Sings—Summer Sings brings choral music lovers together under the direction of the area's top conductors. 7-9:30pm, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4782; www.seattlesymphony.org.

Thursday, 16th

Children of the Revolution—Come to the free noontime concert, Children of the Revolution, a high energy world fusion of Greek, Spanish, Venezuelan, Iranian, Broadway, and Native American musical traditions. Seattle City Hall. Call: 206-684-7171; www.seattle.gov/arts.

Kla Ha Ya Days Festival—There is a bike rodeo for kids and they are also invited to participate in the parade. 1-4pm, Pilchuck Park. **July 16-19**. Call: 425-493-7824; www.klahayadays.com.

Friday, 17th

24th Annual Seafair Indian Days POW WOW! **July 17-19**. Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center Discovery Park 3801 W. Government Way Seattle, WA 98199. Call: 206-285-4425; visit: www.unitedindians.org.

Covington Days Festival—Join us for the 24th Annual event. **July 17-19**. Call: 425-432-9140; www.covingtondaysfestival.com.

Third Friday Dance—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their monthly Third Friday Dance featuring live music from Portland bands. 7:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Kirkland Uncorked—This festival of art, style, and taste is a grand celebration showcasing Washington's finest wines, gourmet foods, engaging art and the best northwest jazz. July 17-19. Marina Park. Call: 206-225-0405; www.kirklanduncorked.com.

Comcast Bite of Seattle - Seattle's summer food fest is quickly approaching, with more delicious food and great entertainment for the whole family!

Comcast Bite of Seattle fills the Seattle Center campus with 50 area eateries, beer and wine gardens, celebrity cooking demonstrations, The Alley hosted by Tom Douglas and "just-right bites," smaller portions at a lower price. New this year, Comcast invites you to step up and be a star at the Comcast Town Sing Along Challenge! **July 17-19**. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com/events.

Saturday, 18th

King County Greenhouse Maintenance—Help prepare plants for use in parks and restoration sites across King County. We'll move pots, pull weeds, and get plants ready for autumn restoration projects. 9am-1pm, Renton. Call: 206-297-8141; www.cedarriver.org.

Vagabond Opera—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents the Vagabond Opera with Scarlet Room and Harlequin Hipsters. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-442-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Ruze Dalmatinke Orchestra—Late Night in the Market! RD performs songs of Croatia and Bosnia. Come and listen or get up and dance! 7:30-10pm, Market Stage, Crossroads Bellevue. Call: 425-644-1111; 206-443-1410; www.crossroadsbellevue.com.

Sunday, 19th

Chinatown Seafair Parade—This parade features lion and dragon dances, martial arts, the Seattle Chinese Girls Drill Team, and many more local community groups from the Greater Seattle Area. 7-9pm, International District. Call: 206-949-4868; seattlechinesechamber.org.

Kirkland Classic Car Show—Hosted by the Legends Car Club. 10am-4pm, Downtown Kirkland. Call: 425-893-8766; www.kirklanddowntown.org.

The **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Folk Arts in the Parks Program** invites the public to **Festival Mexicana**. Headlining the program will be TriCities' own Tormenta de Durango and El Arranque Norteño, and the amazing folklórico dancers and costumes of the Yakima Valley's Los Bailadores del Sol. FREE! All Welcome! 1-7pm, at Sacajawea State Park, near Pasco, Washington. Call: 509-545-2361; 360-902-8526; www.parks.wa.gov/events.

Tuesday, 21st

Mercedes Nicole—The Pacific Jazz Institute at presents Mercedes Nicole with the Bernie Jacobs Quartet.



Bastille Day Celebration - July 11-12, Seattle Center

Bonjour! Enjoy the Annual Bastille Day Celebration at Seattle Center!



Vive la France with picnics, French wine tasting, cooking demonstrations, games and music at **Safeco Insurance**

Festál: Bastille Day - a French Celebration. The festivities begin with a ticketed **Fireman's Ball** on July 11, 6 pm-10pm. Free activities are offered on July 12, 11am - 6 p.m. All events take place at Center House, Fisher Pavilion and Fisher Green.

The festival marks the French national holiday in memory of the liberation of the infamous Bastille Prison, the start of the French Revolution and France's democratic beginnings. Festival-goers enjoy picnics on the grass, French wine and pastries, cooking demonstrations, children's games, music and more. They are encouraged to sip, eat and shop your way through French culture at this festival of gourmet de-

lights and fun for the entire family.

Special guests and activities this year include **Sophie Blouet**, a French watercolorist, in an exhibit and painting workshops, and **Adama Yalomba** and his band from Mali performing for the first time at Festival. Playing and singing in French and Bambara, the group illustrates the French influence on the world.

Did you know? Juliette Binoche is a French film actress born into a family of artists in 1964. Binoche's early films firmly established her as a star of some acclaim and earned her a European film awards and nominations. She is also an accomplished painter. The film "English Patient" was her greatest hit garnering her an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. She was also nominated for Best Actress for the film "Chocolat". Binoche is involved in several charities; and is a godmother to nine Cambodian orphans. Seen as France's most famous actress of international renown, Binoche still performs in small films and theater plays.

Join us at Safeco Insurance Festál and become a culture carrier (someone who contributes to cultural understanding through the sharing of stories, songs, music, food and family traditions). This festival is produced by Seattle Center in partnership with France Education Northwest under the auspices of the Consular Agency of France. For more information on Safeco Insurance Festál and other Seattle Center programming, visit: www.seattlecenter.com.

About Safeco Insurance Festál

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.

Tivoli/Viking Days at Nordic Heritage Museum

Saturday & Sunday, July 11 & 12, 10am-5pm; Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, 98117, 206-789-5707.

The Nordic Heritage Museum's annual Viking Days festival celebrates its 26th Anniversary on July 11 and 12, 2009. This eventful weekend offers unique Scandinavian entertainment, food, arts & crafts merchants and **real live Vikings** only seen in Ballard! Our **Taste of Scandinavia** will represent each of the five Nordic countries featuring delectable edibles such as Swedish meatballs, Norwegian lefse, Danish æbleskiver, and a variety of Finnish and Icelandic goodies. Also enjoy our Traditional Swedish Pancake Breakfast and Famous Salmon Barbeque Dinner.

The **Ravenstead Vikings** will be on hand all weekend clad in their authentic costumes. They will show Viking Days visitors all aspects of Viking life in their small encampment. Viking arts and crafts such as weaving, spinning, woodcarving and cooking will be demonstrated, and

will take you back to an earlier time. The Vikings will also lead discussions about many aspects of Viking life on both Saturday and Sunday. Visitors will also be able to view **live performances of Viking battles!**

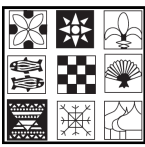
Extraordinary, traditional folk music and dancing will be performed both days on multiple stages during Viking Days, including Nordic dance music from TinnFelén, as well as Corky Dragland performing accordion acrobatics. Also performing will be Sammamish Sublimation, and many more! **High quality Nordic crafts** will be for sale at an array of merchant booths on site and kids can take part in hands-on crafts, try on Viking costumes and other activities during the festival.

On **Saturday, Living Voices** will present two unique and stirring presentations combining video and an interactive performer that will capture both your minds and your heart. Come learn what it was like to live in another time and experience the dynamically changing Northwest at the

turn of the century. The expansion of the railroad, the discovery of gold, labor struggles, and world war - these are the passages experienced by a young Swedish immigrant and her community. As she interacts with her African, Asian, and Native American neighbors you'll discover the diversity of the American experience.

Food and Drink: The very popular **Traditional Swedish Pancake Breakfast** takes place from 9 am to 12 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$6 children, \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Our famous **Salmon Barbeque Dinner** will be on Saturday from 5 pm to 7 pm. Tickets: \$10 children, \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Ages 21+ can visit our special **Valhalla Beer Garden** for exclusive music and performances!

Admission to Viking Days and the Museum is free, so take advantage of this very special weekend and see what goes on inside the Museum as well as on the grounds outside! Families and all ages are welcome.



11th Annual DANCE This... July 11

Seattle Theatre Group (STG) presents *DANCE This* on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at The Paramount Theatre at 7:30pm. The annual performance features local teen artists and professional choreographers collaborating through cross-cultural dance. *DANCE This* 2009 includes over 120 performers featuring step, modern, acrobatics and traditional dance from Mexico, Africa, the Middle East and Asia - all set to live music.

The performance connects dance from across cultures, both traditionally rooted and contemporary in form. The culmination of the performers' experience is an explosive and celebratory group finale featuring 120 participants performing one another's dance forms together, demonstrating the history and connection between dance styles and cultures. Nationally acclaimed and visiting professional artists play an important role as teachers and choreographers, raising the caliber and innovation of the performance, year after year. Performing in such a high-quality performance empowers and teaches youth the value of commitment towards a professional goal.

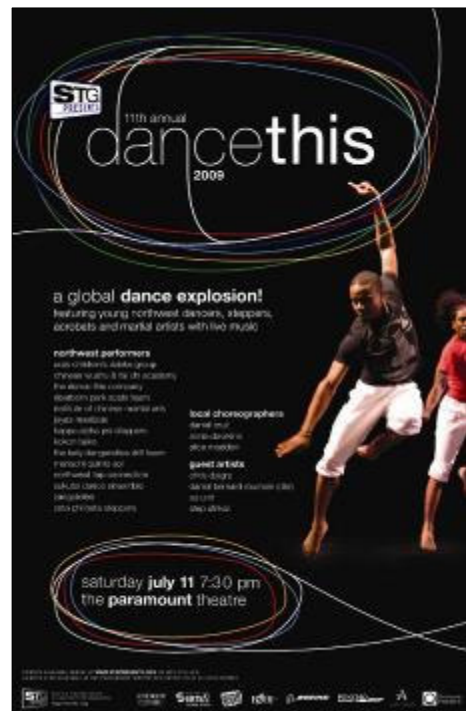
This year's *DANCE This* finale brings local choreographer Daniel Cruz together with Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR), a Boston-based composer, conductor and violinist, to direct a piece that incorporates live music, dance, acrobatics, martial arts with a blend of cultural influences from the United States, Mexico, Africa, the Middle East and Japan.

"We always strive to offer fresh new ways to experience dance and movement -- this year's performance, with all live music continues that tradition. In addition we will highlight new local artists and communities - not just from the world of dance, but from movement forms of martial arts, acrobatics and step. Lastly, for the first time we are inviting a teen choreographer from our professional training program, Young Choreographers Lab, to premiere her first work. This year's program is sure to make folks want to dance," said Vicky Lee, STG Director of Education & Performance Programs.

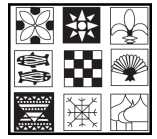
The 2009 *DANCE This* program includes over 120 performers featuring:

Mexican folk dances performed by 10 dancers from *Joyas Mestizas*, with live music by the bands *Mariachi Quinto Sol* (mariachis) and *Zangoloteo* (son jarocho); **Contemporary dance** choreographed by Sonia Dawkins, performed by 10 auditioned teens in the *DANCE This Company* with 9 professional dancers from SD Prism 2. All of the music is composed by DBR; **Step Collaboration** choreographed by Washington D.C.'s *Step Afrika!* The piece incorporates the rhythm and roots of step, African dance and tap dance, featuring eight *UW Step Team* members (*Kappa Alpha Psi and Zeta Phi Beta*), eight drill team members from the *Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club* *Lady Dangerettes*, six dancers from *Sukutai African Dance Ensemble* and ten tappers from *Northwest Tap Connection*; **Dabke**, a folkloric dance of the Middle East performed by *Arab Children's Dabke Group* with live Middle Eastern rapper; **Taiko-Martial Arts Collaboration**, performed by 14 *Kokon Taiko* drummers, eight *Chinese Wushu and Tai Chi Academy* martial artists and eight Institute for *Chinese Martial Arts kung fu* artists, staged by Daniel Cruz (local hip hop choreographer); **Young Artist Contemporary Choreography**, choreographed by teen artist, *Alice Madden* from STG's Young Choreographers Lab, featuring 11 teen dancers from local high schools and Cornish College of the Arts. Madden is the first teen choreographer to be featured in the program and was mentored by Amy O'Neal and Mark Haim; **S.C.A.T.S.** (Seattle Cirque & Acrobat TeamS), Seattle Public School's demonstration team from Dearborn Park Elementary School. Performance includes tumbling, juggling, unicycling, jump rope, hand walking and Double-Dutch; **Collaborative Music and Dance Finale**, performed by all performers, choreographed by Daniel Cruz with Music Director Daniel Bernard Roumain.

STG: 206.467.5510; tickets: 800-STG-4TIX; www.stgpresents.org/



EHC member organization *Joyas Mestizas* will perform Mexican Folkloric Dances at the 11th Annual *DANCE This... July 11 @ Paramount*
Photo by Jal © EHC



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Mendonça and his wife, Ana Paula, are the first members of their families to immigrate to the United States, deciding to make Seattle their permanent home. Seattle, he says, is a place he felt respected and supported and where the cultural diversity he represents is highly valued. As an artist-educator, he made it his mission to contribute to his new country by bringing Brazil to the Pacific Northwest through the cultural expressions of music and dance. He sought and gained citizenship in 2004.

Currently, Mendonça teaches workshops and performs with Show Brazil!, a festive, high-energy group in demand at local festivals and schools, including Seattle's beloved and ever-popular music festivals, Folklife and Bumbershoot. He was recently appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee of King County, 4 Culture, and is a voting member of the Recording Academy, which presents the Grammys and Latin Grammys.

In addition to his work as an artist and educator, Mendonça is a proud father. His youngest son, Marcos, was born in Seattle in 1996, and his daughter Bianca attends the University of Washington - and they're also terrific performers! His 17-year-old son Eduardo Almeida Mendonça currently attends high school and is studying music in Brazil.

As a performer and educator, Mendonça's contribution is invaluable to our community and youth. "I believe the arts are an important tool in education," he says. "Exposure to art forms from different cultures fosters respect and builds a community in which difference is valued."

With his infectious smile and boundless energy, his willingness to share his culture and its music with so many, and his deep commitment to enriching the lives of everyone he meets, Eduardo Mendonça embodies the true spirit of this award.



Eduardo & his daughter Bianca at EHC's 2008 Winter Worldfest.

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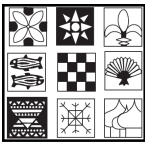
Eduardo (7 years old), Rosane (sister on right), and Nancy (2nd grade classmate) are ready to go to school to celebrate the Brazilian Holiday called São João (Brazilian Harvest Day).

1 year old Eduardo practicing to be what he does worst: play soccer!

**Answers to Sample
 Naturalization Questions**

Sample Questions on page 3.

1. Red, White, and Blue
2. One for Each State in the Union
3. They Represent the Original 13 States
4. July 4th
5. England
6. England
7. George Washington
8. The Supreme Law of the Land
9. Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary
10. 100
11. The President, Cabinet, and Departments Under the Cabinet Members
12. Speaker of The House of Representatives
13. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, and Maryland
14. A Civil Rights Leader
15. Nine (9)
16. For Religious Freedom
17. July 4, 1776
18. That All Men Are Created Equal
19. The Bill of Rights
20. George Washington
21. Colonies
22. 1787
23. The Bill of Rights
24. For Countries to Discuss And Try to Resolve World Problems; to Provide Economic Aid to Many Countries.
25. The Preamble
26. Obtain Federal Government Jobs; Travel with a U.S. passport; Petition for close relatives to come to the U.S. to live
27. The right to vote
28. Freedom of: Speech, Press, Religion, Peaceable Assembly, and Requesting Change of the Government
29. The President
30. Fifty (50)



7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729;
www.jazzalley.com.

Wednesday, 22nd

Our Dying Culture—Town Hall presents Chris Hedges: Our Dying Culture. 6:30pm, Town Hall Seattle. Call: 206-652-4255; www.townhallseattle.org.

Thursday, 23rd

Pieces of Us: How the Lost Find Home—This intensely contemporary theatre piece that explores Native identity and mixed heritage through the psychological journey of the main character Adam. **July 23-August 1**. 7:30pm, Rainier Valley Cultural Center. Call: 206-725-7169; www.seedseattle.org.

Friday, 24th

Molly's Revenge—Molly's Revenge is a dynamic, acoustic Celtic band known for its unique and infectious on-stage enthusiasm. This is an enjoyable experience for all fans of Scottish and Irish music. 7:30pm, Old Liberty Theatre. www.mollysrevenge.com.

IKEA Renton River Days—The 24th Annual Renton River Days is a festival and celebration of community pride. It is a time to get together with friends and family and enjoy the amenities and activities that make Renton a great community. **July 24-26**. Liberty Park. Call: 425-430-6528; www.rentonriverdays.org.

Tour de Terrace—Join us for the Seafair-sanctioned, summer festival for Mountlake Terrace and enighboring communities. Everyone is invited to this fun-filled festival. **July 24-26**. Call: 425-774-7335; www.tourdeterrace.org.

Amir Beso—Come hear Amir Beso live in Seattle at this all ages show. 10pm, Piccora's. Call: 206-322-9411.

Saturday, 25th

Order Sons of Italy In America - Farmer's Market & Italian Festival—American Italian Lodge #2172. 9am-1pm, Liberty Lake, WA. Call: 209-483-2844; maga418@comcast.net.

Ballard SeafoodFest—"Get Your Viking On" and celebrate 35 years of sun, seafood and Scandinavian-ness at the Northwest's favorite neighborhood summer festival. The festival offers quality arts & crafts, seafood vendors, kid's fun center, beer and wine gardens, performances, and more. **July 25-26**. 11am-8pm, Ballard. www.seafoodfest.org.

Scottish Highland Games—Join the Seattle Scottish Highland Games association for their **63rd Annual Highland Games and Clan Gathering**. **July 25 & 26**, Enumclaw Expo Center. Call: 206-522-2541; www.sshga.org.

Sunday, 26th

30th Annual Hispanic Seafair festival—A full day of Latin music, dance,

arts and crafts and an opportunity to sample regional cuisines. Call: 206-749-5600; info@hispanicseafair.com; www.hispanicseafair.org.

Pista Sa Nayon—9am-7pm, Seward Park Amphitheater. Call: 206-296-4054; www.pista.org.

Order Sons of Italy In America - Annual Picnic—Auburn Lodge #1955. 12noon-5pm, Les Gove Park Bocce Courts. Call: 253-833-9036; WB7tbg@aol.com.

Wednesday, 29th

This Is Our Time—Hip Hop Congress announces its 8th Annual Conference themed "This Is Our Time". **July 29-August 2**. www.hiphopcongress.com.

Friday, 31st

Umoja Fest—Come join us for this African Heritage Festival and Parade. **July 31-August 2**. 10am-10pm, Judkins Park. Call: 877-505-6306; www.umojafestnw.com.

Fifth Friday Dance—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their fifth Friday dance with live music. 8-11pm, Epiphany Episcopal Chapel. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

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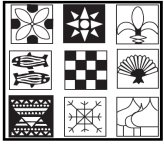
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