



# Ethnic Heritage Council

APRIL 2010

## EHC Celebrates 30 Years!

**Ethnic Heritage Council  
30th Anniversary  
Celebration—May 15, 2010**  
Join us in Acknowledging 30 Years  
of Celebrating Community at  
**Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014  
NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117**

**Dinner - Entertainment - Awards  
Ceremony - Silent Auction.** With  
Keynote Speaker - **Phyllis Camp-  
bell**, Chairman of Pacific Northwest  
Business, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank  
and Honorary Co-chairs - **Bill Staf-  
ford & Stephanie Pulakis Stafford.**

Awards to be presented: *The As-  
pasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial  
Award, The Gordon Ekvall Tracie  
Award, The Heritage Award*

*The Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Me-  
morial Award - given annually to an*

individual who has contributed  
significantly to a Northwest eth-  
nic community, (named in honor  
of Stephanie Stafford's mother,  
the first Vice President of the  
Council); *The Gordon Ekvall  
Tracie Award* - given to an ethnic  
performing artist who has made  
significant contributions to the  
development and presentation of  
the traditional arts in our com-  
munity; *The Heritage Award*,  
which will be presented for the  
first time at the event, will honor  
an organization that has contrib-  
uted to the mission of the Coun-  
cil.

For more information & tickets  
call: 206-443-1410 or email:  
ehc@seattle.gov;  
www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org



**EHC Celebrates 30 Years  
May 15, 2010**  
@ Nordic Heritage Museum  
Photo by Jal Schrof

## Benefit Dinner for EHC - April 17 @ Crossroads Bar & Grill

**Benefit Dinner for EHC at Cross-  
roads Bar & Grill!** The new Cross-  
roads Bar & Grill opens its doors for  
business on Monday, April 19. **WE  
get a sneak preview April 17!**

Please come to this special benefit  
and bring your friends. All pro-  
ceeds will be donated to EHC!!!  
Good Food! Good Friends! Good  
Music! **\$10 all-you-can eat buffet.**

Pay at the door. 6-9pm, Cross-  
roads Bar & Grill.

Thank you Crossroads Bar & Grill  
for this fundraising opportunity!

[www.neighborhoodgrills.com/](http://www.neighborhoodgrills.com/)  
NE 8th & 156th Ave. NE in Belle-  
vue · 425-644-1111.

*In November 2010, EHC & Cross-  
roads Bellevue present the 20th  
Annual Cultural Crossroads!*

## Seattle CFU Lodge 439 Honors Richard L. Major

*Richard L. Major is the 2003 recipient  
of EHC's Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis  
Memorial Award-given annually to an  
individual who has contributed signifi-  
cantly to a Northwest ethnic commu-  
nity.*

Seattle Lodge 439 of the Croatian  
Fraternal Union is proud to honor  
brother Richard L. Major with a din-  
ner & dance on **April 17, 2010** at  
the Renton Senior Center. The  
event will recognize the numerous  
contributions brother Major has  
made to the Pacific Northwest Croa-

tian Community as well as his  
very active participation in the  
Croatian Fraternal Union, both  
locally and nationally.

Dick became a member of the  
CFU in 1963 and has held many  
offices with Lodge 439, currently  
serving as secretary/treasurer  
and Nest manager. Through the  
years, Dick has also held various  
important offices with the Na-  
tional Croatian Fraternal Union

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**FESTÁL 2010  
at SEATTLE CENTER**

**Seattle Cherry  
Blossom & Japanese  
Cultural Festival  
April 16-18, 2010**

**FREE!**  
[www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com)  
206-684-7200

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## Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival

### Yokoso ようこそ

Explore Seattle's deep connections with Japan and celebrate the beauty of spring at the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival. From the booms of taiko drums to the silence of ikebana flowers, the event is a feast for the senses. Delicious Japanese food, tea ceremony demonstrations and artwork present both a modern and ancient view of this complex culture. Presented by the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival Committee.



JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL © STACI JOHNSON

### Did you know?

**Colors of the Japanese Culture:** red and white. **Most Popular Foods:** Rice-based dishes, Sushi, Udon noodles and seafood. **Greatest Source of Cultural Pride:** Honor. **Livelihood:** Varied, from agriculture to high technology, auto manufacturing and electronics.

Seattle Center Festál: Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival; Call: 206-723-2003; 206-684-7200.

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including serving as President of the High Trial (Judicial) Board until he retired from that position in 2006.

For many years Dick has been the back bone of Lodge 439... always there to lend a hand or chair an event. He is the guiding force at the monthly lodge meetings, keeping accurate and precise records and correspondence as well as providing a little levity with his inventive periodic raffles.

Among his many achievements is the founding of the Seattle Junior Tamburitizans (SJT "Tammies") with his good friend, the late Tom Krmpotich.

SJT celebrate their 40th anniversary this year and are still going strong. Many second generation Tammies are current musicians and dancers. Dick and his wife Louise are proud to have their grandsons, Sammy and Matty among them. SJT will provide a short program in Dick's honor followed by dancing to music by Sinovi .

Dinner/Dance: Prime rib dinner: \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years of age. No host bar, beer and wine. **Reservations required by April 10.** Send check to CFU Lodge 439, c/o Cathryn Morovich, 2130 - 48th Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98116. Call: 206-937-8960. *Respectfully submitted by Cathryn F. Morovich, Lodge 439*

## World Music & Dance of Peace Concert—April 24

Vocals, percussion and dance converge in a high-energy collaboration called the World Music & Dance of Peace Concert. In a border-bending mix of music and dance from Middle Eastern, Balkan, African and South American roots, 10 performers celebrate diverse culture and find magic crossovers in rhythm and theme.

The World Music of Peace Concert, co-sponsored by 4Culture and the Office of Cultural Affairs, features 5 singers, 3 musicians and 2 dancers. The inter-cultural music and dance approach of these artists is the kind of collaboration they believe peace is built upon. The concert is the project of the following groups and individuals:

**Abráce**—A vocal/percussion ensemble [5 women singers and a multi-percussionist] that sings in 18 languages including Arabic, Hebrew, Swahili, Ladino, Bulgarian and Portuguese. Lead Singer Samia Panni, born in Bangladesh but raised internationally, is a fine interpreter of Afro-Brazilian music.

**The MB Orchestra**—Egyptian group featuring Maurice Sadak Rouman, virtuoso oud player and his son George Sadak (percussionist)]. Maurice, born and raised in Southern Egypt, spent 40 years performing internationally and on Egyptian T.V.

**Helene Ericksen**—Internationally recognized researcher, teacher and performer of the dance traditions between North Africa and Central Asia. She tours widely throughout the world. [www.helene-ericksen.de](http://www.helene-ericksen.de)

**Dora Oliviera**—Brazilian dancer. Dora has danced professionally since 1976, when she joined renowned Brazilian folkloric dance troupe, Exaltacao A Bahia.



World Music & Dance of Peace

The Arab-Israeli Peace Song, centerpiece and inspiration for the World Music of Peace Concert, was produced in the Middle East by Palestinian and Israeli musicians as a bold statement of hope and peace. In the same spirit, the Muslim, Jewish and Christian members of this project have come together to celebrate the unifying power of music and dance, break down barriers and open doors of understanding and community.

8pm to 10pm, Rainier Valley Cultural Center. Tickets: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/102170](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/102170); Visit: [www.seanet.com/~jyarrow/concert](http://www.seanet.com/~jyarrow/concert)  
Call: 206.755-6529; [jyarrow@seanet.com](mailto:jyarrow@seanet.com)



## Washington State Nonprofit Conference

**Make the investment. Experience the IMPACT!**

Join the 16th Annual Washington State Nonprofit Conference being held **Thursday, April 29, 2010** at the fabulous Meydenbauer Center, in Bellevue, WA.

This year's conference will feature keynote speaker **Dan Pallotta**, author of *"Uncharitable: How Restraints on Nonprofits Undermine Their Potential,"* and a special appearance by Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire (invited), along with keynote speaker Kristin McSwain, *Chief of Program Operations and the Director of AmeriCorps State and National for the Corporation for National and Community Service* (an independent federal agency). In addition, there will be over 25 workshops, lots of exhibitors, door prizes, a special awards luncheon & celebration and "NEW" this year, Peer-to-Peer Idea Tables and a Networking Soiree.

Key workshops have been designed and will be available in the following areas:

- Marketing & Communications**
- Executive Leadership**
- Fundraising**
- Boards & Volunteers**
- Finance & Law**
- Human Resources**
- Public Policy & Advocacy**
- Social Media and more...**

This year's conference is a **must-attend** event!

Proudly offered by EA Alliance of nonprofits; Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy; Seattle University. Visit [www.npconference.org](http://www.npconference.org) to register & learn more. Call: 206-328-3836.

## Radost Folk Ensemble Fund Raiser April 9

What better time than Spring to get together and have FUN!

Come join us at the Russian Center for the best way to spend Friday night, April 9 with some great music, fun dances, singing, delicious food and drinks!

Radost Folk Ensemble will be holding a special fund raising event to benefit both the ensemble and the May 7-8 weekend workshop and party with Iliana Bozhanova and Todor Yankov hosted by the Seattle Balkan Dancers.

Highlights of the evening:

- \* Beginning @ 8:30 pm
- \* Dance performance by Radost
- \* Singing performance by Dunava
- \* Balkan live music for dancing, provided by orkestar RTW
- \* Silent auction for great items to take home (you are also more than welcome to bring items for the auction - call Sidney at the number below for details!)



Please bring party foods to share with everyone. Show off your culinary talent or just bring along some party snacks. There will be wine and beer available for sale.

This whole evening of festivities will be brought to you for only \$10 at the door. Donations are gratefully accepted as well.



The Russian Center on Capitol Hill in Seattle: 704 19th Ave. E (corner of 19th and Roy) Contact info: Sidney Deering @ 206-860-5251; email: [deerings@seanet.com](mailto:deerings@seanet.com); Steve Bard @ (425) 883-0332; email: [danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org](mailto:danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org)

[www.radost.org](http://www.radost.org);  
[www.seattlebalkandancers.org](http://www.seattlebalkandancers.org)

## Beginning Japanese Taiko Drumming

Teachers Gary Tsujimoto and Nancy Ozaki of One World Taiko introduce students to Japanese culture and language through the study of Japanese drumming. Learn to play the large Japanese drums called taiko using both your mind and body through memorizing of rhythms and disciplined movement exercises. Their drumming style is energetic and athletic with a mix of modern and traditional rhythms and whole body movements similar to the martial arts.

**Location:** Bitter Lake Community Center

**Day:** Mondays April 5-May 24

**Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** 11-15

**Requirements:** Must be present for 8 weeks; perform on June 2 and June 5 performances. Transportation and drums provided. Registration is required only 15 spot available. For more information call Bitter Lake at 206-684-7524.

**Bitter Lake Community Center**  
13035 Linden Ave N  
Seattle WA 98133  
206-684-7524



### Has your EHC membership expired?

Check your mailing label to find out:

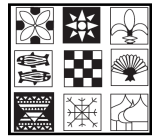
**Examples:**

12/1/09 = expired Dec. 2009

12/1/10 = continues to Dec. 2010

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

**ONGOING THANKS TO NEW MEMBERSHIPS & RECENT RENEWALS!**



**READ THIS NEWSLETTER  
ON LINE! VISIT:  
[www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org](http://www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org)  
~ April 2010 ~**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Winter Worldfest on Adventure TV!** Adventure TV is now in its 16th year of being on the air!! "For over Fifteen years, I've enjoyed highlighting, videotaping and airing events of interest going on in our community here in Seattle, as well as weekend getaways that are generally within a few hours drive of Seattle, and also showing footage of my travels throughout this great country of ours. It is my hope that you will find the footage enticing enough for YOU to travel to one of these events and create your own experiences. I continue to create this program because I truly enjoy capturing the events attended and travels taken, and because I hear comments from the viewers who have gone to an event or travel destination due to the footage I shot." So, "Have all your travels become an Adventure!" - *TJ Williamson*. **Cultural Festivals: Winter Wonderfest '09 part 2 repeats, 11am.** Adventure TV & Adventure TV: Cultural Festivals. Call: 206-367-5054; [adventuretv@gmail.com](mailto:adventuretv@gmail.com); <http://adventuretv.bravehost.com> (programming info/links)

**Pictures at an Exhibition**—Music director Gerard Schwarz leads Romantic piano specialist Alexander Toradze and the Seattle Symphony in a concert featuring Modest Mussorgsky and Leos Janacek. **April 1-3.** 8pm, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; [www.seattlesymphony.org](http://www.seattlesymphony.org).

**Seattle Center Whirligig Offers Carnival Fun, Face Painting and Children's Arts and Crafts**—Whirligig transforms Center House into an indoor funfest, filled with eye-popping decor, super-sized inflatable rides, roaming clowns, arts and crafts and face painters, 11am-6pm. **Through April 11.** Call: 206-684-7200; [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com).

The **Nordic Heritage Museum** is proud to announce an exhibition of work by acclaimed **local sculptor Ray Jensen**. For more than fifty years, Jensen, who is of Danish and Swedish descent, has been creating figural sculpture—both small-scale works and large public commissions—and has developed a distinct and economical sculptural style. A former instructor at Cornish College of the Arts and Bellevue Community College, Jensen has explored a variety of media throughout his career and has been innovative in his technical methods. The Museum's retrospective exhibition will

showcase the breadth of Jensen's career, from his early professional work of the 1950s to his most recent projects. **Through April 18.** Call: 206-789-5707; [www.nordicmuseum.org](http://www.nordicmuseum.org).

**Tulips are Blooming - We have tulips!** "Bloom Dates According to Mother Nature" Several fields of flowers have burst into bloom and are ready for your viewing pleasure. Come us for a visit -- both RoozenGaarde and Tulip Town have beautiful displays ready for you to enjoy. Our spring weather is wet and cool, so be sure to bring shoes that can get muddy; you might want an umbrella and be sure to bring a warm coat as it is always cooler out in the fields of flowers. Many of the festival activities are available for you to enjoy. We suggest you call the specific businesses you might be interested in to find out their hours of operation. All of the festival events and activities will kick off in April and run through the end of the month. To get a complete schedule, download our brochure or check out your itinerary in our schedule of events. **April 1-30.** Call: 360-428-5959; [www.tulipfestival.org](http://www.tulipfestival.org)

**A Seattle Lens on Global Ties - Photographs by Bill Stafford** - Bill Stafford, President of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, has been instrumental in positioning the region as an international leader. The striking photographs from his travels capture the beauty, humanity and cultural diversity of the global community. **Through July 18.** McCurdy Gallery, MOHAI. Call: 206-324-1126; [www.seattlehistory.org](http://www.seattlehistory.org).

**Free First Thursday**—Once a month, the museum stays open late courtesy of Wells Fargo. Enjoy the Museum's T.A. Wilson Great Gallery and other exhibits including *In Search for Amelia Earhart*. 5-9pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; [www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org).

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**First Friday Dance**—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their monthly First Friday Dance and learn the Telespringar. 7:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; [www.skandia-folkdance.org](http://www.skandia-folkdance.org).

**Vagabond Opera**—Join us for a fabulous evening of entertainment and fun with music, dancing, and a live auction. 8pm, Mississippi Studios. Call: 503-288-3895; [www.mississippistudios.com](http://www.mississippistudios.com).

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk**—The National Japanese American

Memorial Foundation presents its historical and cultural walk to raise awareness about the Japanese American experience during World War II. 9:30am. Call: 202-530-0015; [www.ncbfreedomwalk.org](http://www.ncbfreedomwalk.org).

**In the Swing of Spring**—Celebrate the first weekend of the Japanese woodblock print show fleeting beauty with art, music and more. 11am-2pm, Seattle Art Museum. [www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org).

**Kites on the Fly**—Bank of America sponsors the monthly weekend family workshop at the museum. Visitors are invited to hear the story of these incredible yet simple flying objects and then make and decorate their own kite to fly at home. **April 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25.** 11:15am, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; [www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org).

**Kid Flicks: My Neighbors the Yamadas**—See this Japanese animation film about a charming and fun family. 1:30pm, Seattle Art Museum. [www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org).

**Balkan Music**—Join Hank Bradley and Yannis Novakis for a evening of fine Greek food, belly dancing, and more. 7-11pm, Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Call: 206-738-1228; [www.georgiasgreekrestaurant.com](http://www.georgiasgreekrestaurant.com).

**Norwegian Dance Workshop & Scandinavian Dance.** 6pm, Optional potluck supper. 7pm, Dance with music by Nordleik. Island Center Hall, Bainbridge Island. 206-780-8036 or [www.efn.org/~efs/CascadeContras.html](http://www.efn.org/~efs/CascadeContras.html)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Balkan Music**—Join Hank Bradley and Yannis Novakis for excellent food, music, and dancing. 5:30-8pm, Kafe Neo. Call: 425-672-3475; [www.kafeneo.com](http://www.kafeneo.com).

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Tomasz Stanko**—Triple door presents world class jazzman Tomasz Stanko and his Quintet. 7:30pm, Triple Door. Call: 206-838-4333; [www.thetripledoor.net](http://www.thetripledoor.net).

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Habib Koite and Bamada**—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents internationally-known Malian Musician and his West-African Supergroup. **April 6-7.** 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; [www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com).

**Dreamgirls**—Come see this incredible and inspirational musical as it tours to Seattle. The Paramount Theatre. **April 6-11.** Call: 888-214-6856; [www.broadwaycrossamerica.com](http://www.broadwaycrossamerica.com).

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Soulful Expression**—Enjoy classes starting with full speed with Portionte Floes representing Festival Sundiata. Jefferson Community Center. Call: 206-233-7022.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The Glenn Miller Orchestra**—The Glenn Miller Orchestra performs as part of the Seattle Pops series. Originally formed in 1937, the group brings its unique big band jazz sound to more than 300 venues each year. **April 8-11**. Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; [www.seattlesymphony.org](http://www.seattlesymphony.org).

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring Folkdance Festival**—Join the Kafana Klub for an evening dance party and a weekend of workshops, a potluck dinner and dance performances. **April 9-11**. Fulton Park Community Center. [www.kykosfolk dancers.org/festival2010](http://www.kykosfolk dancers.org/festival2010).

**Seattle Balkan Dancers Fundraiser**—See the Seattle Balkan Dancers joined by Radost Ensemble, Orkestar RTW and Duvana for a night of music and dancing. 8:30pm, The Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332; [www.seattlebalkandancers.org](http://www.seattlebalkandancers.org).

**Rachelle Ferrell**—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley Presents Rachelle Ferrell for one night only. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; [www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com).

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Seattle Rainbow Bookfest - a celebration of authors of color presents -The Power of Your Story -New Voices, New Stories from our communities.** Neighborhood House High Point, 10-11:30am. Email: [belinda.chin@comcast.net](mailto:belinda.chin@comcast.net); visit: [www.rainbowbookfest.org](http://www.rainbowbookfest.org).

**The Slanted Screen**—See the film directed by Jedd Adachi about stereotypical depictions and the absence of Asian males in American cinema. 1pm, Wing Luke Asian Museum. Call: 206-623-5124; [www.slantedscreen.com](http://www.slantedscreen.com).

**Spaghetti Dinner**—The Cle-Elum Eagles invite you to bring friends and family to their Spaghetti Dinner. Cle Elum Lodge #1968. Call: 509-674-5318.

**The Vietnam Air War Experience**—The Museum of Flight has partnered with the Seattle Opera to offer audiences a historical perspective on the Vietnam War Story in the Opera "Amelia". 2pm, William M. Allen Theatre. Call: 206-764-5720; [www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org).

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**Big and Bright**—Come and sculpt big shapes and bright colors into your own brilliant sculptures. Seattle Art Museum. [www.seattleartmuseum.org/learn/youthfamily](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/learn/youthfamily).

**Ole, Ole, Ole**—Hear the Seattle Men's Chorus at their concert "Ole, Ole, Ole", comprised of sounds and flavors from Latin America and Spain. Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7100; [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com).

**Nordic Dancers NW Scandinavian Dance.** 2-5pm, Norway Hall, Bellingham. Call: 360-734-2516.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Icelandic Fantasies**—Hear international award-winning guitarist from Iceland, Ogmundur Thor Johannesson, along with British-born international guitarist Michael Partigton. 4pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707.

**MS Walk**—Participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the walk to help cure Multiple Sclerosis. 9:30am, Husky Stadium. Call: 206-390-0677.

**Language of Food Series - Bulgarian Traditions**—Come discover Bulgarian cuisine, as NWLA continues its Language of Food series with demonstration classes and dinner featuring the marvelous food of Bulgaria. Call: 360-321-2101; [www.nwlanguageacademy.com](http://www.nwlanguageacademy.com).

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**Swedish Dalmalning Workshop**—Learn different techniques of Folk Art Painting from Dalarna, Sweden during this weekend Workshop. **April 11-14**. 9:30am-3:30pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center. Call: 425-882-3647.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Critical Messages: Northwest Artists on the Environment**—The work of 26 artists from the Northwest will be showcased in this exhibit that has been organized around eight environmental issues facing the area. **April 12-May 29**. Call: 360-650-3900; [www.westerngallery.wvu.edu/](http://www.westerngallery.wvu.edu/)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Storm Weather Shanty Choir** (crazy salty sailor folk music from Norway), 8pm, Tractor Tavern. Call: 206-789-3599; [www.tractortavern.com](http://www.tractortavern.com)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Black Women Conquer The West Exhibit**—Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas presents an American Heritage Series: Black Women Conquer the West which showcases the impact of Black women pioneers. 7pm, Northwest African American Museum. Call: 1-800-838-3006.

**Horacio Gutierrez**—Celebrated conductor Gilbert Varga will lead Seattle Symphony and pianist Horacio Gutierrez in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4. **April 15-18**. Benaroya Hall. [www.seattlesymphony.org](http://www.seattlesymphony.org).

**Madeleine Peyroux**—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents French-American Jazz singer, songwriter and guitarist Madeleine Peyroux. **April 15-18**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; [www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com).

**All Balanchine**—See the performance of All Balanchine presented by the Pacific Northwest Ballet. **April 15-25**. McCaw Hall. Call: 206-684-7100; [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com).

**Henry V**—See this famous historical play written by William Shakespeare presented by the Seattle Shakespeare Company. April 15 - May 9. Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7100; [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com).

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Nrityagram Dance Ensemble of India**—The Nrityagram Dance Ensemble teaches an Introduction to Odissi that includes a demonstration of the language of dance and of dance pieces. 4:30pm, Heritage Hall. Call: 206-315-8009; [www.stgpresents.org](http://www.stgpresents.org).

**The Sun Behind the Clouds**—SIFF will be showing a documentary film on Tibet's Struggle for Freedom. **April 16-22**. SIFF Cinema. [www.siff.net](http://www.siff.net).

**Seattle Balkan Dancers.** 7:30pm, Dance Teaching; 8:30pm, Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332; [www.seattlebalkandancers.org](http://www.seattlebalkandancers.org)

**Cherry Blossom Festival**—The Seattle Center presents the annual Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival. **April 16-18**. 10am-6pm. Call: 206-684-7100; [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com).

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Teacup Topsy**—The Driftwood Players present a new play about daring to dream. **April 17-19**. Driftwood Theatre. Call: 425-774-9600; [www.newclassicstheatre.org](http://www.newclassicstheatre.org).



**Nrityagram Dance Ensemble of India**—The Nrityagram Dance Ensemble is regarded worldwide as one of the foremost dance companies of India. Moore Theatre. [www.stgpresents.org](http://www.stgpresents.org)

**East KongYick**—Help celebrate a happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Wing Luke Asian Museum with a dinner and live auction. 6pm, Wing Luke Museum. Call: 206-623-5124; [www.wingluke.org/2010auction](http://www.wingluke.org/2010auction).

**Balkan Cabaret with Mary Sherhart**. 6pm, at the Skagit-Anacortes Folkdancers 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Party. Bay View Civic Hall, Bay View. Call: 360-293-9274.

**Dunava Concert**. 7:30pm, Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church, Shoreline. Call: [www.dunava.org](http://www.dunava.org)

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Spaghetti Dinner**—Come for the annual Presidents' Day Spaghetti Dinner at the Tacoma Lodge #1175. St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Call: 253-752-4763.

**Balkan Music**—Join Hank Bradley and Yannis Novakis for excellent food, music, and dancing. 5:30-8pm, Kafe Neo. Call: 425-672-3475; [www.kafeneo.com](http://www.kafeneo.com).

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Susana Baca**—Afro-Peruvian Vocalist. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. **April 20-21**. 206-441-9729; [www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Compania Nacional de Danza**—Come experience one of Spain's National Treasures as part of the UW World Series. **April 22-24**. 8pm, Meany Hall. Call: 206-543-4880; [www.uworldseries.org](http://www.uworldseries.org).

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Scandinavia Folkdance**. 8-10:30pm, Swedish Cultural Center, Seattle. Email: [pat@folk dancing.com](mailto:pat@folk dancing.com).

**VASA Lodge Mt. Vernon's Scandinavian Dance**. 2-5pm, Music by Folk Voice Band. Call: 360-676-1577.

**Seattle Balkan Dancers**. 7:30pm, Dance Teaching; 8:30pm, Russian Center. **April 23 & 30**. Call: 425-883-0332; [www.seattlebalkandancers.org](http://www.seattlebalkandancers.org)

**World Rhythm Festival**—Join us for three days packed with amazing world

music, drum and dance. **April 23-25**. 10am-6pm, Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7100; [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com).

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Folkdance Party**—Hoolyeh and Friends present invite you to their 2010 Folkdance Party. 7pm, Mary's River Grange Hall. [www.hoolyeh.com](http://www.hoolyeh.com); [www.marysrivergrange.org](http://www.marysrivergrange.org).

**Carpathian Dawn**—The modern muses of the Cabiri troupe depict ancient myths and legends using theatre, music, aerial arts, dance, and puppetry. 7:30pm, Auburn Performing Arts center. Call: 253-931-3043; [www.anunnaki.org/cabiri](http://www.anunnaki.org/cabiri).

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Art Fair**—Bring friends and family for flowers, fun, and flourish at the annual Garden Art Fair in Anacortes. **April 24-25**. 10am-5pm, Depot Arts Center. Call: 360-293-3663; [www.depotartscenter.org](http://www.depotartscenter.org).

**Norwegian Heritage Festival**—This festival is full of Norwegian inspired music, crafts, vendors and food. 11am—3pm, Pacific Lutheran University. Call: 253-535-7322; [www.plu.edu/~scancntr](http://www.plu.edu/~scancntr).

**DOORS**—A night of stellar entertainment accompanied by cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. 8pm, Paramount Theatre. Call: 206-467-5510; [www.stgpresentsdoors.blogspot.com](http://www.stgpresentsdoors.blogspot.com).

**World Music and Dance of Peace Concert**—8pm, Rainier Valley Cultural Center. Visit: [www.seanet.com/~jyarrow/concert](http://www.seanet.com/~jyarrow/concert). See article page 2.

**Coast Salish Art**—Educators are invited to attend this hands-on workshop. 9am-4pm, The Burke Museum. Call: 206-543-5591.

**Tacoma Mountaineers Folk Dance**. 8pm, Normanna Hall, Tacoma. Call: 253-566-6965.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mt. Vernon VASA Lodge Scandinavian Dance**. 2-5pm, with live music by Folk Voice Band. Call: 360-676-1577.

**Children's Festival of Friendship** - In honor of the April 23rd International Children's Day, the Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington (TACAWA) is organizing a children's festival featuring singing, dancing, and musical performances by children's groups representing countries from around the world. Kid-friendly refreshments will be provided. Doors Open at 12pm, program at 1pm, Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 Northeast 80th Street. Call: 253-223-1621, Jeanene

Mitchell, [jmm2170@gmail.com](mailto:jmm2170@gmail.com); [www.tacawa.org/content/childrens-festival-friendship](http://www.tacawa.org/content/childrens-festival-friendship)

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**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday Square Dance**—Featuring music by: The Tallboys. Tractor Tavern. Call: 206-789-3599; [www.thetallboys.com](http://www.thetallboys.com)

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thea Foss Saga**—This tale of a one-woman living history is performed by renowned storyteller Karen Hass. 7pm, Scandinavian Center. Call: 251-535-7322; [www.plu.edu/~scan.cntr](http://www.plu.edu/~scan.cntr).

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Please join reception co-chairs Mayor Mike McGinn, City Council President Richard Conlin, Icelandair Sales Executive Beth Ann Young and members of the Seattle City Council at the 14th 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 6-8 p.m., Bertha Landes Room at City Hall. Call: 206.285.4360, email: [mandiew@attglobal.net](mailto:mandiew@attglobal.net); or 206.684.8262, [tsering.yuthok@seattle.gov](mailto:tsering.yuthok@seattle.gov).

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Chinatown Discovery Tours**—Call 206-623-5124, ext. 133.

**Bavarian Zwiefacher Folkdance**. 8-10pm, (Free lesson, 7:30-8pm); Swedish Cultural Center. Email: [pat@folk dancing.com](mailto:pat@folk dancing.com)

**Deadwood Revival**. 7-9:30pm. Old-time string band meets acoustic Grateful Dead. Crossroads Public Market, Bellevue. FREE. Call: 425-644-1111; [deadwoodrevival.com](http://deadwoodrevival.com)

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**Multicultural Events at KCLS Programs for Children, Families and Adults**. Visit: [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org).

**Visit the NW Balkan calendar!** NW Folklife is over for another year. But have no fear! There are plenty of nice Balkan events coming up this month, from Bellingham to Burien, Eugene to Seattle. <http://groups.google.com/group/Northwest-Balkan-Events>



## EHC Newsletter Goes Electronic!

In the time of email, internet, and tighter budgets, EHC has decided to try something new!

We look to save a few dollars and time each month by **sending the monthly newsletter and calendar of ethnic events via email to our membership** while continuing to make it available in print on the EHC website.

For those of you who enjoy reading the newsletter along with your morning coffee or afternoon tea, we will continue to mail the newsletter to you the traditional way, via U.S. Postal Service.

We want to hear from you! Let us know what you think!

The giant task ahead is gathering email addresses! Send us yours!

So, if we don't hear from you, we will assume you prefer the U.S. Mail version.

Email EHC: [ehc@seattle.gov](mailto:ehc@seattle.gov); Call: 206-443-1410; Visit: [www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org](http://www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org)

Thank you to those who have already responded & we cherish your friendship and on-going support of EHC by your continued membership and attending our Ethnic Heritage Council events throughout the year.

- EHC staff (Alma & Maria)

*Festál 2010 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. 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 Wells Fargo, Verizon Wireless and KUOW 94.9 Public Radio. Additional support is provided by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, The Boeing Company, Seattle Center Fund and the City of Seattle.*

Visit: <http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/>

*EHC is proud of its association with Festál and supports the work of our many ethnic communities in the Puget Sound Area and across Washington State in the name of preserving cultures.*



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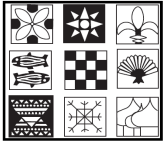
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*The Ethnic Heritage Council is dedicated to preserving the unique mix of cultural traditions that enrich our Northwest communities. Annually, the Council produces several ethnic festivals, and a public naturalization ceremony on July 4th. EHC publishes CONTACT: A Directory of Ethnic and Cultural Resources in Washington State, and operates a referral service for the community. The Newsletter is a publication of the Ethnic Heritage Council of the Pacific Northwest. Submission deadline for the May 2010 edition is April 20th. Please send submission materials, to the EHC office via mail, fax: 206-443-1408; or email text items as attached word document: [ehc@seattle.gov](mailto:ehc@seattle.gov). Contact EHC with any questions at: 206-443-1410. Visit our website at: [www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org](http://www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org).*



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**JOIN US!**

*Become a member of the Ethnic Heritage Council. Join us in our 30<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating community. Your annual membership helps support the events, programs and services of the Council. Any additional contribution you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EHC Members receive:** Subscription to EHC Newsletter; Advance notice of up-coming events; Event consultation. *Organizations may register two addresses.*

**Heritage Circle Members receive:** Same benefits as EHC Members. Plus: Free advertising - newsletter/website; Event/meeting location, as available at Seattle Center.

- \$35 Individual/Student
- \$55 Organization
- \$150 Patron
- \$500 Heritage Circle

- Payment Method:
- Check (payable to EHC)
  - Visa
  - Mastercard



- I wish to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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The Ethnic Heritage Council is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, registered in the state of Washington. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Your employer may offer a matching funds program to maximize your donation. Please check with your Human Resources Department. **Thank You**

Seattle Rainbow Bookfest - a celebration of authors of color

([www.rainbowbookfest.org](http://www.rainbowbookfest.org))

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# The Power of Your Story

New Voices, New Stories from our communities

The Seattle Rainbow Bookfest 2010 is presenting a monthly literary arts program featuring stories from our diverse population. This innovative event will provide opportunity for literary expression from a wide spectrum of writers and readers of the Northwest community, including residents of the Neighborhood House at High Point, a new "green" community building in West Seattle (6700 Sylvan Way Southwest).

Our opening presentation on February 13 featured Gene Tagaban, a Native-American storyteller/performer of Tglingit, Cherokee and Filipino ancestry. This seven month series will culminate in the Rainbow Bookfest on September 25, 2010.

The story-telling programs at Neighborhood House High Point will take place on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00-11:30 a.m., and everyone is invited to attend and participate in this free series (see below).

A hundred years ago Neighborhood House welcomed immigrant families with the mission "to help diverse communities attain their goals for self-sufficiency, health and community building." Today Neighborhood House at High Point serves one of the most diverse populations in Seattle with families from all over the world.

**If you have a story to tell** of your cultural heritage or how you or your ancestors came to this country, you may be asked to share it with us. You don't have to be a writer or scholar to tell a story. Just complete the following and email to: [belinda.chin@comcast.net](mailto:belinda.chin@comcast.net)

Choose dates of your availability - Saturday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

April 10    May 8                  June 12                  July 10                  August 14

Choose a theme for your story:

Animals/nature	Folk tales	Immigration
Belonging/peace	Food	Love stories
Courage	Freedom	Marriage
Crossing bridges	Giving back	Old Age
Crossroads	Healing	Traditions
Family	Hope	Youth

Brief description of your story:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if Youth/student: \_\_\_

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## ¡Viva México! A Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Meany Hall  
University of Washington  
4001 University Way NE  
Seattle, WA 98105

Saturday  
May 1, 2010  
7:30PM

Tickets: \$20  
Advance Ticket  
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# Balkan Live Music and Dance Party

Hosted by the Seattle Balkan Dancers & Radost Folk Ensemble

April 9, 2010

8:30-11:30 PM

Dance Performance By Radost

Singing Performance By Dunava

Music For Dancing Provided By Orkestar RTW



**This is a special fund raising event to benefit both the Radost Folk Ensemble and the May 7-8 weekend workshop and party with Iliana Bozhanova and Todor Yankov hosted by the Seattle Balkan Dancers.**

**Radost** means Joy in all the Slavic languages - and this ensemble is aptly named! The Radost Folk Ensemble brings color, energy and the precision of ethnic culture to the stage. Since 1976 the company has presented the music, song and dance of Eastern Europe, including Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary, with the splendor of authentic costumes, live music on traditional instruments, vitality and joy.

**Dunava** (Bulgarian for "the Danube") is a Seattle-based women's vocal ensemble specializing in the a cappella folk music of the Balkans. Founded in 2005, Dunava is made up of singers from diverse musical backgrounds who all share a passion for the rough and beautiful harmonies of Eastern Europe. Their repertoire includes songs from the cities and villages of Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Russia and Serbia.

**Orkestar RTW** has been performing for many years providing live music for Radost as well as at numerous venues in the Seattle area and elsewhere. They have been kind enough to support and play for the Seattle Balkan Dancers often.

**The Russian Center On Capitol Hill In Seattle  
704 19<sup>th</sup> Ave E. (Corner of 19<sup>th</sup> & Roy)**

\$10 for this fund raising evening of festivities. Beer and wine available for sale.

Please bring party foods to share with everyone  
There will be a silent auction-items for donation are welcome

For info call Steve Bard (425-883-0332) or e-mail him ([danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org](mailto:danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org))  
Updated info is also available on our website ([www.seattlebalkandancers.org](http://www.seattlebalkandancers.org))

Please join us every Friday night from 8:30-11:30 for Balkan dancing with teaching most nights at 7:30

Please join reception co-chairs

**Mayor Mike McGinn  
City Council President Richard Conlin  
Icelandair Sales Executive Beth Ann Young**

and members of the  
Seattle City Council  
at the 14th annual

**Seattle Sister Cities Reception**

honoring our 21 Sister City associations and the representatives of



**Chongqing  
China**

**Mazatlán  
Mexico**



**Mombasa  
Kenya**

**Pécs  
Hungary**



International entertainment and cuisine  
Raffle, silent auction and no-host bar

**Thursday, April 29, 2010  
6-8 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m)  
Bertha Landes Room at City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98124**

Tickets are \$20.00 for any Sister City member (available through each Sister City's ticket co-ordinator), \$25.00 for non-members (available at 206.nnn.nnnn). Reservations Required! Non-Member guests, please send checks by April 15, 2010 to:

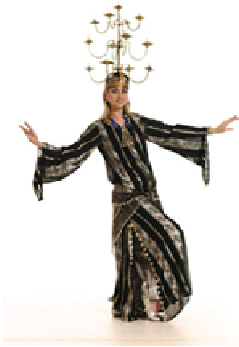
Seattle Sister Cities Association, attn: Office of Intergovernmental Relations  
600 4th Avenue, 5th Floor, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746  
Contact info: Ed Mandity, Reception Committee, 206.285.4360, email: mandiew@attglobal.net  
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I would like to make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons @\$25.00 each. Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I'm sorry to miss the event but wish to support our Sister Cities program with a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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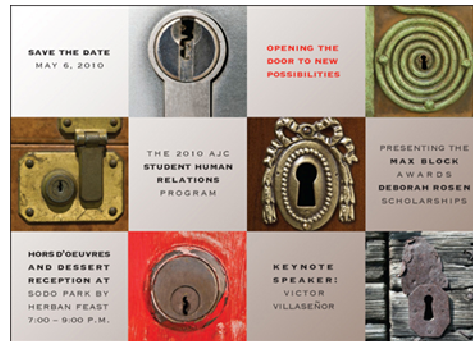
### **May 2: Layali Banat** (Arabic for Girls' Night)

An evening of hospitality, entertainment, and festivity reminiscent of a Middle Eastern woman's party. Women of all ages are asked to bring a snack to share, a beverage of their choice, and a pillow for sitting on the floor. The evening will start with a short performance featuring Zulaika and students followed by open dancing to CDs of popular Arabic tunes. Attendees will be treated a short lesson on women's Khaliji (Persian Gulf) dancing using the beautiful dancing dress *Thobe Nashal* and basic belly dance steps, then dance to the latest Arabic beats.

Come and experience the dance in the setting of its roots — women celebrating with each other! 6-8 PM (doors open at 5:45, show at 6:15); Dance Academy of Bellevue, 626 120th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Call: 425-649-2058; [zulaika@comcast.net](mailto:zulaika@comcast.net); [www.pcauch.com/](http://www.pcauch.com/)



## AJC Student Human Relations Program



### **May 6, 2010—7:00 PM** **Sodo Park by Herban Feast** **Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Reception**

The AJC Student Human Relations Program honors Seattle area high school juniors and seniors with the the Max Block Awards and the Deborah Rosen Scholarships. Block Award winners are individuals who, in their daily lives, demonstrate exemplary human relations conduct in their dealings with others without regard to race, creed or national origin. Three finalists are selected to receive Deborah Rosen Scholarships. The scholarships will further highlight student humanitarianism and the tremendous impact that education can have in shaping young lives.

**Victor Villaseñor**, our gifted and accomplished keynote speaker, brings a fresh perspective to a number of universal themes, including pride in heritage, the strength of family, world peace, the power of the written word, and dedication to education and personal achievement. Villaseñor's acclaimed written works, as well as his inspiring lectures, have earned him numerous awards and endorsements, including the Founding John Steinbeck Chair appointment.

His bestseller, *Rain of Gold*, now published in seven languages and used by thousands of teachers and school systems across the nation as required reading, tells the story of Victor's family's escape from the Mexican Revolution to the United States. *Rain of Gold* is being transformed into a screenplay for an HBO mini-series, scheduled to be aired in 2011.

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