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22nd ANNUAL CULTURAL CROSSROADS **A Celebration of our Community's Cultural Riches**

The Ethnic Heritage Council and Crossroads Bellevue will produce the **Twenty-second Annual Cultural Crossroads Festival, November 2-4**, at Crossroads Bellevue, located at NE 8th at 156th Ave. NE in Bellevue. The festival will feature some of the area's best ethnic entertainment on two stages, an international bazaar, and exhibits. The event has been the single most popular event in the Crossroads annual calendar of events.

Crossroads Bellevue: 15600 NE 8th, Bellevue, WA 98008; www.crossroadsbellevue.com

Admission is free. Festival hours:

Friday, November 2: 5pm – 10pm

Saturday, November 3: 10am – 10pm

Sunday, November 4: 11am – 6pm

The multi-cultural celebration will feature a world of entertainment – over thirty cultural & ethnic music and dance performances. Performances include: **Bulgarian Voices of Seattle Women's Choir**, **Comerford School of Irish Dance**, Traditional Irish Step Dancing; **Enzian Schuhplattler**, German Bavarian Schuhplattler & Folkdances; **Haan Dei I Jin (Take My Hand)**, Dances of the Tlingit People (Native Alaskans); **Juliana & PAVA**, Ancient Russian Folk Songs; **Melody Dance Group**, Traditional, Ethnic, Folk & Modern Chinese Dance; **Quichua Mashis**, Music of the Andes; **Radost Folk Ensemble**, Dances & Songs of the Balkans; **Urvasi Dance Company**, Odissi Classical Dance and more! Friday night event favorite **Rouge & Noir Tango Orchestra** will bring out the Tango in everyone along with a free tango dance lesson by *Patty Leverett* and Saturday evening **Los de Rio**, will take us on a musical Journey through Spain, Mexico & Latin America.

Visit the Cultural Crossroads Marketplace where over twenty booths representing Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and North America, feature imported and hand-crafted gifts from around the world. Perfect for early Holiday shopping!

The weekend event will feature more exciting activities for children this year, including an international and interactive **LEGO®** display - a showcase with models representing many cultures and nationalities all made of **LEGO®**, provided by Dan Parker, **LEGO®** Certified Professional Artist, and "Folk Art For Kids" a coloring activity for children! And for the kid in all of us, "Dolls of the World", a display of over 130 dolls in ethnic dress from around the world!

Cultural Crossroads is produced by the *Ethnic Heritage Council*. Sponsors include **Crossroads Bellevue**, **The BOEING Company**, **4Culture**, **PEMCO Insurance** and **City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services Cultural Diversity Program**. The event is supported by *Seattle Foundation*. Since the EHC's inception in 1980, the Council has worked to promote inter-ethnic communication and cultural preservation in the Northwest. EHC continues to produce international festivals, a public July 4th Naturalization Ceremony; publishes a monthly Newsletter and Calendar of Northwest Ethnic and Cultural Events, and provides a referral service to schools, government agencies and private citizens. Publications and information about the Council will be available throughout the weekend. Crossroads Bellevue: 15600 NE 8th, Bellevue, WA 98008; www.crossroadsbellevue.com Visit: www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org Photos by **Jal Schrof**, available: www.pbase.com/jal/culturalcrossroads2011

Performance Schedule - Schedule subject to change

Friday, November 2:

Market Music Stage:

- 5:00-5:45 Quichua Mashis – *Music of the Andes*
6:00-6:30 Russian Folk Dance Group “Alenushka”
7:00-9:30 The Rouge & Noir Tango Orchestra – *With FREE Tango Lesson by Patty Leverett*

Saturday, November 3:

Market Music Stage:

- 11:00-11:45 Quichua Mashis – *Music of the Andes*
12:00-12:45 Sangeet Moksha – *Indian Classical Songs & Ragas*
1:00-1:45 Folkvoice Band – *Songs from Western to Eastern Europe*
2:00-2:45 Bulgarian Voices of Seattle Women’s Choir – *Traditional songs from Bulgaria*
3:00-3:45 Urvasi Dance Ensemble – *Classical Odissi Dance from Orissa India*
4:30-4:50 Asia Pacific Language School – *Children Perform Songs of China & Japan*
5:15-6:15 Juliana & PAVA – *Ancient Russian Folk Songs*
7:00-9:30 Los de Rio – *Musical Journey through Spain, Mexico & Latin America*

Dance Stage:

- 11:00-11:30 Yang Chengfu Tai Chi Chuan Center – *Performance of Traditional Yang Family Tai Chi Chuan*
11:45-12:30 Zaphara’s Middle Eastern Dancers – *Egyptian Cabaret Bellydance*
12:45-1:30 Kabuki Academy – *Japanese Dance & Shamisen Music*
1:45-2:30 Karavans Dance Troupe – *Folk and Tribal Dances from North Africa, Mid-East & Iran*
2:30-3:15 Stage Break
3:15-4:00 Anadolu Turkish Folk Dance Group - *Turkish and Turkic Folk Dances*
4:15-5:00 Enzian Schuhplattler – *German Bavarian Schuhplattler & Folkdances*
5:15-6:00 Russian Folk Dance Group “Ivan-da-Marya” - *Russian Folk Dance*
6:15-7:00 Nrityangan Kathak Studio – *Indian Classical, Semi-Classical and Creative Dance*

Sunday, November 4:

Market Music Stage:

- 11:00-11:45 Leela Kathak – *North Indian Classical Kathak Dance*
12:00-12:45 Dave and the Dalmatians – *Songs from the Croatian Coast & Beyond*
1:00-1:45 Dr. Maggie Bennett, Folklorist – *“Lore, Legends, and Lyrics of the Irish”*
2:00-3:00 La Mezzanotte Musicians – *Italian & European Favorites with Operatic Complement*
3:15-4:00 Haan Dei I Jin (Take my Hand) – *Traditional Alaskan Tlingit Singing, Dancing & Drumming*
4:15-5:30 Quichua Mashis – *Music of the Andes*

Dance Stage:

- 11:00-11:45 Shahrazad Dance Ensemble of Seattle – *Folkloric Dances of Egypt, Lebanon & North Africa*
12:00-12:45 Halau Hōkunani – *Music & Hula from the Islands of Hawaii*
1:00-1:45 Chao Praya Ensemble – *Traditional Classical Music & Dance of Thailand*
1:45-2:30 Stage Break
2:30-3:15 Melody Dance Group – *Traditional, Ethnic, Folk & Modern Chinese Dance*
3:30-4:15 Radost Folk Ensemble – *Dances & Songs of the Balkans*
4:15-5:00 Comerford School of Irish Dance – *Traditional Irish Step Dancing*
5:15-6:00 Kisbetyárok Hungarian Family Dancers – *Hungarian Village Dances for All Ages*

Booths, alpha order:

4 You Jewelry Designs; Ade Africana; All Natural Soap & Candles LLC; Ann Made Jewelry; Asia Pacific Language School; Bombay Trends; Chinese Cultural Association; Creative Aarts; Creature Comforts; **Ethnic Heritage Council**; Indian Arts; Lhasa Shop; NW Heritage Resources; Palestinian Heritage Group; Quichua Mashis; Russian School of Mathematics; Russian Unique Imports; Sahaja Meditation; Sisters of the Marian Mission; Tibetan Handicraft Emporium; Treasures of Peru; United States Citizenship & Immigration Services; Yao & Feng Company