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24th ANNUAL CULTURAL CROSSROADS **A Celebration of our Community's Cultural Riches**

The Ethnic Heritage Council and Crossroads Bellevue produce the Twenty-fourth Annual Cultural Crossroads Festival, November 7-9, at Crossroads Bellevue, located at NE 8th at 156th Ave. NE, in Bellevue. The festival features 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 7: 5pm – 9pm
Saturday, November 8: 10am – 9pm
Sunday, November 9: 11am – 6pm

The multi-cultural celebration will feature a world of entertainment – more than thirty cultural & ethnic music and dance performances. Performances include: **Peter Ali** - Native American Flute & Stories, **Bulgarian Voices of Seattle Women's Choir**; **Datina** – Folk Dances & Songs of Romania; **Enzian Schuhplattler** - German Bavarian Schuhplattler & Folkdances; **Indonesian Cultural Association** – Traditional Dances of Indonesian Provinces; **Juliana & PAVA** - Ancient Russian Folk Songs; **Kabuki Academy** – Japanese Dance & Shamisen Music; **Quichua Mashis** - Music of the Andes; **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**. Saturday, 5-6:30, join us for **Family Friendly Cultural Crossroads** where everyone can learn International dance, followed by a musical journey through Croatia and the Balkans with a performance by **Bonaca**.

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 (Sat. & Sun. 12-4pm), 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 dolls in ethnic dress from around the world!

Cultural Crossroads is produced by the *Ethnic Heritage Council & Crossroads Bellevue*. Sponsors include *Crossroads Bellevue, Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services Cultural Diversity Program, 4Culture* and *91.3 KBCS*. 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

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<http://www.pbase.com/jal/culturalcrossroads2013>

Performance Schedule - Schedule subject to change

Friday, November 7:

Market Music Stage:

- 5:00-6:00** SeineCitySextet – *Dance Music of Paris from the 1940's & 50's*
6:30-9:00 The Rouge & Noir Tango Orchestra – *With Tango Lesson by Patty Leverett*
6:30-7:30 & 8:00-9:00 Rouge & Noir; 7:30-8:00 Tango Lesson

Saturday, November 8:

Market Music Stage:

- 11:00-11:45** Quichua Mashis – *Music of the Andes*
12:00-12:30 Karavans Dance Troupe – *Folk and Tribal Dances from Mid-East, North Africa & Persia*
12:45-1:15 Peter Ali – *Native American Flute & Stories*
1:30-2:15 Dave and the Dalmatians – *A capella Songs from the Croatia, Italy & Beyond*
2:30-3:30 La Mezzanotte Trio – *European Favorites with Operatic Complement*
3:45-4:45 Bulgarian Voices of Seattle Women's Choir – *Traditional Folk Songs from Bulgaria*
5:00-6:30 Family Friendly Cultural Crossroads –
5-5:45 *International Dance for Kids with Sidney Deering*
5:45-6:30 *Sounds of Brazil for Kids with Eduardo Mendonça*
7:00-9:00 Bonaca – *Music of Croatia and Beyond the Borders*

Dance Stage:

- 11:00-11:45** Nrityangan Kathak Studio – *Indian Classical, Semi-Classical and Creative Dance*
12:00-12:30 Halau Hōkunani – *Music & Hula from the Islands of Hawaii*
12:45-1:05 Asia Pacific Language School – *Children Perform Songs of China & Japan*
1:15-1:45 Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios – *Demonstration of Martial Arts through Uniqueness & Grace*
1:45-2:45 **Stage Break**
2:45-3:30 Urvasi Dance Ensemble – *Classical Odissi Dance from Orissa India*
3:45-4:30 Enzian Schuhplattler – *German Bavarian Schuhplattler & Folkdances*
4:45-5:30 Datina – *Folk Dances & Songs of Romania*
5:45-6:15 Indonesian Cultural Association – *Traditional Dances of Indonesian Provinces*

Sunday, November 9:

Market Music Stage:

- 11:00-11:45** Leela Kathak– *North Indian Kathak Dance*
12:00-12:45 Quichua Mashis – *Music of the Andes*
1:00-1:45 Ocheami – *Music, Dance & Stories from Ghana West Africa*
2:00-2:45 Folk Voice Band– *International Folk Songs & Dance Music*
3:00-3:45 New Age Flamenco – *World Music Reflecting Latin, Mediterranean, European, Jazz & Gypsy Roots*
4:00-4:45 Juliana & PAVA – *Ancient Russian Folk Songs*
5:00-6:00 Zaphara’s Middle Eastern Dancers – *Egyptian Cabaret Bellydance*

Dance Stage:

- 12:00-12:45** Melody Dance Group – *Traditional, Ethnic, Folk & Modern Chinese Dance*
1:00-1:45 Kabuki Academy – *Japanese Dance & Shamisen Music*
2:00-2:45 Comerford School of Irish Dance – *Traditional Irish Step Dance*
2:45-3:45 Stage Break
3:45-4:15 Jacqueline’s Dances of Spain & Special Guests – *Traditional Flamenco Dance of Southern Spain*
4:30-5:00 Shahrazad Dance Ensemble of Seattle – *Folkloric Dances of Egypt, Lebanon & North Africa*
5:15-6:00 Kisbetyárok Hungarian Family Dancers – *Hungarian Village Dances for All Ages*

Booth number:

- 1) Ethnic Heritage Council;
- 2) Russian Unique Imports;
- 3) Sisters of the Marian Mission;
- 4) Tibet Shop;
- 5) Ade Africana;
- 6) 4 You Jewelry Designs;
- 7) Treasures of Peru;
- 8) Ann Made Jewelry;
- 9) Arab Center of Washington;
- 10) Palestinian Heritage Group;
- 11) Layas Pottery LLC;
- 12) Indian Arts;
- 13) Apple Cox Art & Design;
- 14) Lea Leather;
- 15) Asia Pacific Language School;
- 16) Nativa;
- 17) Creative Aarts;
- 18) Sahaja Meditation;
- 19) Tibetan Handicraft Emporium;
- 20) Quichua Mashis;
- 21) Perlita’s Mexican Art;
- 22) Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios;
- 23) Bombay Trends