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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF BURNSVILLE SET FOR SATURDAY, JULY 12

Celebrate Culture with Music, Art, Food and More

Celebrate all corners of the world at the International Festival of Burnsville. This FREE event is set for Saturday, July 12 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Nicollet Commons Park and the Ames Center. The festival will showcase a variety of entertainment, food and festivities.

Festival-goers can join in family activities such as face painting, balloon art, henna tattoos and cultural art projects; visit cultural exhibits sharing ethnic facts and traditions; and take time to see the "Bringing Heritage Home" display in the Ames Center. There will also be a "Meet and Greet" with festival artists from 4 to 5 p.m. in the gallery.

The Festival will feature performances by:

- Jeffrey Jay and the Stakes (Folksy Americana Blues)
- Sisters of the Sahara Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble (Egypt)
- Alpensterne – German
- Tiymba African Drum and Dance Co. (African Drum and Dance)
- Los Alegres Bailadores (Mexican Folk Dance)
- Ha Family Lion Troupe (Chinese)
- Native Pride Dancers (Native American)
- Kalogerson Greek Band and St. Mary's Hellenic Dancers (Greek Band and Dancers)
- Roving Artists – Up Standing Stilts
- Malamanya- This grand finale act will include Salsa Lessons!

The International Festival committee will also be selling raffle tickets the day of, and leading up to the festival. The Grand Prize award is a round trip airline ticket, with ten other fabulous prizes also being awarded. All proceeds go to help support this year's festival. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway, or during the festival.

If the weather looks bad, all events will be held indoors at the Ames Center.

Platinum Event sponsors include: Comcast, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, Frontier Communications, Burnsville Lions Club, Dodge of Burnsville and the City of Burnsville

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This festival is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Minnesota Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Nicollet Commons Park is located at 12600 Nicollet Avenue, south of Highway. 13. Free parking is available in the Ames Center parking ramp and the Heart of the City Park and Ride ramp located off of 126th Street.

For more details on the International Festival of Burnsville visit www.intfestburnsville.org.

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