

International Heritage Festival

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International Heritage Festival presents "An Afternoon of International Music and Dance"

Families will again be able to travel around the world during "An Afternoon of International Music and Dance" taking place at the new Gallo Center for the Arts, on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 12 to 6 p.m. This free family event will focus on celebrating music and dance from around the world. Local cultural groups will perform throughout the day and children can enjoy a variety of cultural activities.

Scheduled to perform are the Greek Annunciation Folk Dancers, Mexican Folkloric Dancers Los Falcones from Fairview Elementary School, Village Scandinavian Dancers and Chinese dancers, to name a few. Kicking off the event and making a first-time Modesto appearance will be Nikolai Massenkoff and the Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival. Also debuting in Modesto is the Venezuelan Music Project. Finishing off the afternoon is the Festival favorite Otea Api Polynesian Revue. Performances will be ongoing in the Foster Family Theater. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

Creating the "world information area" will be cultural representatives hosting display tables. Outside the arts center, the Stanislaus County Office of Education will present several children's activities, including passport making, hat decorating, a continuously evolving newspaper sculpture and flag decorating.

The event is presented by the International Heritage Festival committee whose volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring a cultural event to the community this year. Making the event possible are sponsors such as the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, The Modesto Bee, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Mocse Credit Union, Stanislaus County Library, and KRVR The River.

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