

*40th Annual  
RI Heritage Day  
Festival*

*“Travel the World in a Day”*

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Rain Date: Sunday September 10, 2017

Noon to 5:30

State House Lawn  
Providence, RI

*Free Admission*



Schedule is subject to change

- 11:45 AM Parade Begins -
- 12:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem -
- Welcome RIHPHC Jeff Emidy Acting Executive Director  
Mistress of Ceremonies – Ms. Angela Sharkey  
Master of Ceremonies — Mr. Kobi Dennis
- 12:30 PM Eastern Medicine Singers (Native American)
- 12:45 PM Phoenix Performing Arts (China)
- 1:00 PM Scandinavian's Women Chorus of RI (Sweden)
- 1:15 PM Laotian Dancers (Laos)
- 1:30 PM Dance BFF (India)
- 1:45 PM Latin American Dancers (Venezuela)
- 2:00 PM Ballet Folkloric Guadalupano (Mexico)
- 2:15 PM Arte Latino of New England (Puerto Rico)
- 2:30 PM Falun Dafa
- 2:45 PM Korean Folk Dance
- 2:55 PM Puerto Rican Dancers
- 3:00 PM Beledi Dance Company (Middle East)
- 3:15 PM Damhsa Irish Dance Studio (Ireland)
- 3:30 PM Napua O' Poynesia
- 3:45 PM Grupo Arcoiris of RI (Dominican Republic)
- 4:00 PM Adowa (Ghana)
- 4:15 PM Eek a Mike Drumming
- 4:30 PM Quisqueya in Action ( Dominican Republic)
- 4:45 PM Prafulla Academy of Dance (India)
- 5:00 PM Runa (Native American)
- 5:15 PM Dance Jam

### **Master & Mistress of Ceremonies**

**Ms. Angela Sharkey** - A volunteer of the Heritage Day festival for the past several years. Ms. Sharkey is a certified Korean interpreter and real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in East Greenwich. She began teaching the traditional folk dance of Korea in New Jersey in 1982 and established the Hibiscus Cultural Group to extend Korean Folk Dance Heritage to Korean Associations, community events and interest forums. Ms. Sharkey teaches Korean music, dance and instruments.

**Mr. Kobi Dennis** - Community Activist and founder of Project: Night Vision. The Purpose and Vision for this innovative program involves care and services for the cities at-risk teen population. provides a comprehensive curriculum combined with athletics, team building, education, mentorship and community service for youth ages 12 yrs. - 18 yrs. This program provides a safe, organized, environment for the undeserved, "our teens". [www.Projectnightvision.org](http://www.Projectnightvision.org) Also co-founder of Unified Solutions, network of grass roots organizations out to make RI a better place for adults and kids  
<https://www.facebook.com/UnifiedSolutions.US/>

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Eastern Medicine Singers**

An Algonquin Drum Group from Providence RI. The Eastern Medicine Singers are dedicated to keeping the eastern woodlands American Indian culture alive. The drum is made up of RI, NY, NJ & Southeastern Massachusetts Tribes. We are proud to sing and drum in the language of Massachusetts & Wampanoag dialect. We thank elder speakers of the language both past and present for there help. We strive to be a traditional all inclusive drum and sing for our eastern people .

#### **Phoenix Performing Arts**

They have broad spectrum of Chinese classic and modern dancing styles including, but not limited to Classical dance, Minority dance (Tibetan dance, Mongolian dance, Dai dance, Miao dance, and Yi dance, etc.) , Folk dance (Fan dance, Handkerchief dance, Ribbon dance, and Umbrella dance, etc.) , and Chinese traditional musical instruments.

#### **Scandinavian Women's Chorus Of RI**

They were formed mainly to perpetuate Swedish culture, language and music. We are always looking for members to fill our ranks. Come and join us. For more information on memberships, scholarships and concerts, please call our President, Astrid Drew at (401) 943-0547 or E-Mail [astrid.s.drew@gmail.com](mailto:astrid.s.drew@gmail.com)

**Laotian Traditional Dance**

The *Laotian Community Center of RI* will present a rich and colorful performance that tells stories of their culture. The Laotian Dance Troupe of Rhode Island presents a rich and colorful performance .

**Dance BFF**

Dance BFF, is founded to promote Bollywood and other Indian dance forms as well as create awareness about Indian dance art and culture in the community of Rhode Island and beyond. At BFF, you will find Bollywood and other Indian dances, including folk beats of Bhangra, Lavani, Garba, Bihu as well as contemporary or ballet to Tagore's Rabindra sangeet. While providing joy to the dancer, these dances, ranging from high energy, peppy beats to slow, soothing rhythms, also provide a good workout for the whole body, mind and soul!

**Latin American Dancers**

We want to celebrate the diversity of our cultures through their great Latin rhythms. So be prepared to dance to the rhythm.

**Balet Folkloric Guadalupano**

**Arte Latino of New England**

**Falun Dafu**

Demonstrate the 5 Falun Dafa exercises on stage. The exercises are comprised of 4 standing exercises and 1 sitting meditation. Peaceful music will play in the background and one member of our group will describe each exercise for the audience, so that they can develop and understanding of our practice movements.

**Korean Folk Dance**

**Puerto Rican Dancers**

**Beledi Dance Company**

The Beledi Dance Company performs a colorful and exciting belly dance show suitable for all ages. Comprised of professional and pre-professional experienced dancers under the artistic direction of Kanina, the company provides an expert array of group and solo, modern and folkloric dances. The dance company uses traditional Middle Eastern music from Turkey, Armenia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia and props such as swords, veils, fan veils, finger cymbals, canes, tambourines, Isis wings and candelabras.

**Damhsa Irish Dance Studio**

Dancers from the Damhsa Irish Dance Studio in Warwick will be performing a variety of traditional and modern choreography in both hard shoes and ghillies, or soft shoes. Combining grace and strength, Irish dancing is a product of a combination of cultures brought to Ireland through migration and invasions. Today, Irish Dance continues to be an art form enjoyed by a wide variety of participants and audiences.

**Napua O' Polynesia**

**Group Arcoiris of RI**

**Adowa**

**Eek a mike drumming**

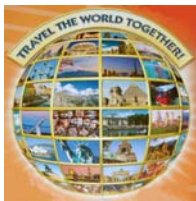
**Quisqueya in Action Folklore Group**

Will be performing a merengue and bachata mix. Promoting our traditional Dominican music and dance

**India Dance - Kuchipudi (South Indian Classical Dance)**

**Runa**

**Dance Jam**



## **Heritage/Cultural Groups**

### **Argentina**

The *Argentina Association* goal is to keep their language, music and customs alive through exhibitions, food, dance and lectures. The purpose is to teach other cultures their traditions and customs and to keep the love of their traditions alive for the new generations.

Analia Alcolea

### **Bolivia**

Throughout the East and The Valley Plains full of tropical forests which offer a wonderful climate with a richness in agriculture, rice, sugar, soy-beans and others. Joyful music as its people and a wonderful Carnival! Tarijeños vineyards and lovely people offer us the best wines in the world! Sucre the Bolivia Capital, offer an incredible story filled with unforgettable anecdotes and wealth: The White City as it is known. Bolivia a different country, charming, friendly, full of culture, a paradise on Earth

### **Phoenix Performing Arts (China)**

Phoenix Performing Arts located in Hartford, Ct, is a vibrant and dynamic dancing troupe which is committed to deliver a premier quality of dancing and music to serve our communities. We present Chinese traditional musical instruments and Martial Arts as well. Their eventful history is literally hard to be summarized within a few lines by their decade's performances in North America.

Joe Kwok

### **Colombia in RI**

Colombia in Rhode Island is a group dedicated to performing a variety of traditional and modern choreography of the folklore of Colombia. The group's young adult members combine grace, history and tradition in their performances, therefore representing the African, Indigenous and European elements of the Colombian culture.

Maria Cecilia Cano

### **Dominican Republic**

Quisqueya In Action (501-c3 ) who's mission is to educate our youth and the community in general the importance of preserving our language, art and culture of the Dominican Republic and providing educational programs to our youth in education, civic participation and empowering our community. We also organize one of the largest festivals in the city, The Dominican Festival of RI/ Parade, since 1987

Marilyn Cepeda Sanchez

**Falun Dafa**

Falun Dafa (also called Falun Gong) is an advanced practice of Buddha school self-cultivation, founded by Mr. Li Hongzhi, the practice's master. It is a discipline in which "assimilation to the highest qualities of the universe—Zhen, Shan, Ren (Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance) is the foundation of practice. Yolanda Smith

**Haiti Subcommittee**

I'm *Nixon Leger*, Artist (Painting and T-Shirt design). I'm a Haitian Artist, who has been practicing Art for more than 10 years. I have been representing my community in several events like: Festivals, Art-exhibits, Concerts and Different Fundraising Activities. I can be reached at: bananoverte@gmail.com and cell: 401-654 8601 Nixon Leger

**India Subcommittee/India Museum & Heritage Society**

*India Museum & Heritage Society* was established in March of 1999. The IMHS actively promotes and offers Indian Heritage and Culture through music, dance and artistic programs. India is a secular country and all of the festivals are celebrated together by most of the Indians.

Debbie & Nitin Trivedi

**Irish/Damhsa Irish Dance Foundation**

The *Damhsa Irish Dance Studio* was founded in the fall of 2004 by Colleen Kenyon and Gráinne Conley. Named after the Irish word for dance, Damhsa was founded with the mission of giving children the opportunity to express their interest in Irish Dancing as well as helping them become more knowledgeable about Irish culture and tradition. Damhsa is pronounced Dow-sa. Located at 400 Warwick Ave, Warwick- classes for ages 3 and up. Marianne Beirne

**Korean Cultural Group**

Mission Statement: Support Korean-American community through education, fellowship and maintaining Korean heritage for second and third generations. Angela Sharkey

**Laotian Community Center**

The *Laotian Community Center of RI* is a nonprofit organization that encourages community development by engaging individuals, groups and families through arts, culture and education. They are committed to the cultural preservation of Lao art, culture and traditions and sharing them with the public. Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy

**Arte Latino of New England (ALNE) - Puerto Rico**

ALNE is a bilingual performing arts organization dedicated to promoting and fostering artist expression. We promote culture, diversity, and individual growth to allow every artist to view and present their art to every welcoming community. We believe that every artist is promise for greatness, co-founded by Maritza Martell & Saúl Ramos.

**Day of Portugal**

We will also be displaying traditional Portuguese art and costumes. The musical selections playing in our tent will center around FADO, a part of Portuguese cultural identity recently recognized to UNESCO's list of the World's Intangible Cultural Heritage. MJ Martins

**RI Swedish Heritage Association**

(RISHA) is an educational, non-profit organization, which promotes Swedish culture in Rhode Island and Southeastern New England by sharing our culture and traditions. [www.riswedishheritage.org](http://www.riswedishheritage.org) Merlene Mayette

**Venezuela In RI**

The goal is to keep their language, music and customs alive through exhibitions, food, dance and lectures. The purpose is to teach other cultures our traditions and customs and to keep the love of our traditions alive for new generations. Varsobia Gallego

**RISCA**

*RI State Council on the Arts (RISCA)* is charged by the state legislature to stimulate public interest and participation in the arts and to serve as the liaison to the state arts community. As set forth in the General Laws of Rhode Island, it is the responsibility of the Arts Council to: 1. Stimulate the growth of the state's arts and the public's participation in them 2. Survey and assess the needs of the arts state-wide, and to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly 3. Provide educational opportunities in the arts 4. Actively support and encourage the expansion of the state's cultural resources 5. Promote and protect freedom of artistic expression

**Peace Flag Project**

The Peace Flag Project, a pro-peace organization that helps everyone to be a peacemaker. Einstein wrote "Imagination is a preview of life's coming attractions." What we can imagine, we can create. Our work is focused on imagining peace, understanding peace, creating peace and being peace. [thepeaceflagproject.org](http://thepeaceflagproject.org) Ginny Fox

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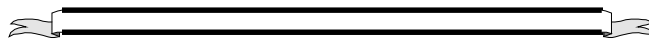
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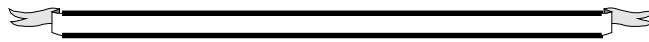
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**RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission**

*The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is the state office that identifies and protects historic buildings, districts, and archaeological sites, and carries out programs to document, support, and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Rhode Island's people. Working with over thirty ethnic heritage subcommittees, RIHPHC Heritage Programs strive to preserve the traditions of each ethnic group, foster pride in ethnic heritage, and promote a sense of brotherhood and understanding among our citizens. The Annual Heritage Day Festival has been a signature event for the past 40 years. [www.preservation.ri.gov/heritage](http://www.preservation.ri.gov/heritage)*

*Thank you to the following :*

**Food Booths**

Cabral's Catering & Café  
Maharaja Indian Cuisine  
Puerto Rican Cultural Festival  
Rorro's Catering  
Sun and Moon

**Informational**

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI  
RI Women's Cancer Screening program  
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Youth Action Council of RI Community & Justice  
Neighborhood Health Plan of RI

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