

*39th Annual RI
Heritage Day Festival*

“Travel the World in a Day”

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Rain Date: Sunday September 11, 2016

Noon to 5:00

Roger Williams National Memorial
282 North Main St.
Providence, RI

Free Admission



Schedule is subject to change

- 11:45 AM Parade Begins -
- 12:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance,
National Anthem - Natalie Jane Turner
- 12:10 PM Roger Williams Park Ranger
Ranger John McNiff
- 12:15 PM Welcome – RIHPHC

Mistress of Ceremonies – Ms. Angela Sharkey
Master of Ceremonies — Mr. Kobi Dennis
- 12:20 PM Tone Smooth
- 12:30 PM Scandinavian's Women Chorus of RI (Sweden)
- 12:45 PM Colombia Dancers (Colombia)
- 1:00 PM Laotian Dancers (Laos)
- 1:15 PM Lex Gomes
- 1:30 PM Dance BFF (India)
- 1:45 PM Grupo Arcoiris of RI (Dominican Republic)
- 2:00 PM Falun Dafa
- 2:15 PM Arte Latino of New England (Puerto Rico)
- 2:30 PM Damhsa Irish Dance Studio (Ireland)
- 2:45 PM Phoenix Performing Arts (China)
- 3:00 PM Catherine LiVolsi (Germany)
- 3:15 PM Merengue Dance Group (Dominican Republic)
- 3:30 PM Beledi Dance Company (Middle East)
- 4:00 PM Hansori (Korea)
- 4:20 PM Latin American Dancers (Venezuela)
- 4:40 PM Prafulla Academy of Dance (India)

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 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

Tone Smooth

Works with Brother2Brother, a local cover band in RI. He has worked with them for 5 years

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

Colombia in Rhode Island

CIRI has represented Colombia at the Rhode Island Heritage Festival since 2009 and in more recent years, at cultural festivals, libraries and community events in the State of Rhode Island.

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 that focuses on the Kinnaly, one of the loveliest mythological beings that dwell in the Himmapan Forest. The Kinnaly, also known as "Daughters of the Sky God", often escape their father's lestial playground, descending to Earth to enjoy simple pleasures, such as bathing in the river. "Kinnaly", the song of the same name, depicts this particular bathing scene before the runaways fly back to the heavens.

Lex Gomes

Is a Cape Verdean rapper and singer from Providence, RI. humbled from their early beginnings and dedicated to the drive to become a stand out sound in the music industry. An Urban sound like no other, combining a blend of hip hop, RnB & Soulful music or as we like to call it "Good Vibes".

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!

Grupo Arcoiris of Rhode Island Dance Academy

The organization was created 15 years ago to help youth and children's to express themselves thru art/dancing. We work to preserve our Dominican folklore and roots. The after school programs we offer are International Folk Dances, Modeling, Craft, Etiquette and Protocol, Singing and much more. Today you going to enjoy a little taste of our Dominican Folk Dance with include, Merengue, Perico Ripiao, Palos and Mangulina. Feel free to contact us if you need more information about our After School Programs or want to joined us you can find us on Facebook as: GRUPO ARCOIRIS OF RHODE ISLAND Also send us a email: arcoirisvinette@gmail.com or call: (401) 359-6339

Falun Dafa

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.

Arte Latino of New England (ALNE)

ALNE will be presenting the poem "Rio Grande de Loiza" of Puertorican poet Julia de Burgos. Maritza Martell will embody the essence of Julia de Burgos and give once again voice to this illustrious poet and will be accompanied by Orlando Hernandez on the drums & by Itza Serrano who will perform the typical Puertorican dance of Bomba, to the beat of the drums & the poem.

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.

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.

Catherine LiVolsi

She has been studying the violin for fifteen years. For the past ten years she has freelanced for weddings, plays, and special events. Currently she studies with Peter Zazofsky of the Muir String Quartet. She will be playing German music on the violin.

Quisqueya in Action Folklore Group

Will be performing with 15 girls/ and 3 Diablos Cojuelos (3 Guys costume) a merengue and bachata mix. Promoting our traditional Dominican music and dance

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.

Onnuri (Korea)

Onnuri from URI is a traditional Korean percussion group. Onnuri is dedicated to performing and preserving traditional Korean music and dance. - Jung-Hee Oh is a Korean traditional music artist of "Gayageum Byeong-chang" and "pansori." She is recognized under the Korean Government'S Ministry Of Culture as a "holder" (yisuja) of Intangible Cultural Property No. 23: Gayageum sanjo - Gayageum Byeongchang (solo zither performance-zither with song), having studied with An, Suksun, Living National Treasure of pansori and gayageum. Ms. She is currently a music director and teaching artist at The New York Korean Performing Arts Center based in Manhattan, NYC and teaches in Greater New England area. For musical venues, she runs and manages 'Oh Junghee Harmony,' a gayageum group with Grace Park .

Latin American Dancers

We will be dancing a "Potpourri of Ritmos Latinos" CUMBIA, MAMBO, SALSA, JOROPO VENEZOLANO. We want to celebrate the diversity of our cultures through their great Latin rhythms. So be prepared to dance to the rhythm.

India Dance - Padam

Ganesha Vandana: Pooja Thyvalappil, Sanjana Maddipudi, Riya Sen, Trisha Manda, Trisha Raj, Meera Mennillo, Ishita Rai, Laasya Tatarvarthy, Neha Chanda, Jayalakshami Gottlieb, Priya Gottlieb, Mounica Guttalapalli. Lambadi (Folk dance) : Pooja Thyvalappil, Sanjana Maddipudi, Riya Sen, Trisha Manda, Trisha Raj, Meera Mennillo, Ishita Rai, Laasya Tatarvarthy, Neha Chanda, Jayalakshami Gottlieb, Priya Gottlieb, Mounica Guttalapalli, Aunnesha Bhowmick, Sravya Lingam, Rasya Bollu, Veda Pilli and Mayukha Ganta.

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

Phoenix Performing Arts

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

Asociacion Ecuatoriana De RI

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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

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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

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



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 39 years.
www.preservation.ri.gov/heritage

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
Ginny Fox

National Park Service

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Roger Williams

Roger Williams National Memorial commemorates the life of the founder of Rhode Island and a champion of the ideal of religious freedom. Williams, banished from Massachusetts for his beliefs, founded Providence in 1636. This colony served as a refuge where all could come to worship as their conscience dictated without interference from the state.

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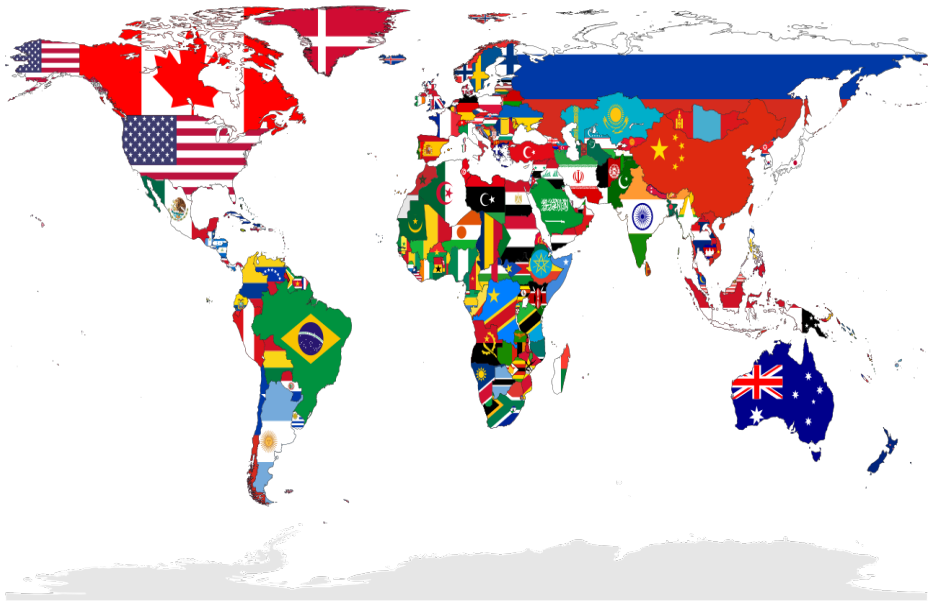
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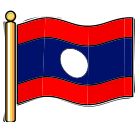


































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