

# 44th Annual RI Heritage Festival

*Explore the world through art & music!*



Saturday, September 17, 2022  
12 pm - 5 pm  
WaterFire Arts Center, Providence

*Free Admission*



**RI Historical Preservation  
& Heritage Commission**



This festival is made possible in part by a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, through an appropriation by the Rhode Island General Assembly, and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. We would also like to thank our sponsors, United Way of RI, Neighborhood Health Plan RI, and Coastall Credit Union for their generous support.

## **Emcees**

**Angela Sharkey** - A volunteer of the RI 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.

**Kobi Dennis** - A lifelong Community Activist, founder of Project: Night Vision, RI Midnight Basketball, Turn-up RI Youth Conference, Cultural Festival RI, Director of the Princes 2 King Youth Mentoring program in Providence and current Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Greater Providence,. A proud father of 3 and committed family man, Kobi has personally mentored thousands of youth from Providence RI, to Dayton, OH. Kobi has received over 30 Community service awards for his passion and commitment to the betterment of all people. Kobi has lived up to his given title and statewide nickname as the "Community Guy".

### **Schedule is subject to change**

11:30AM Coyote Brass 88th Army Band

12:00 PM Flag Parade Begins with Coyote Brass Band

Opening Remarks - Interim Exec. Director Jeff Emidy

Welcome - Governor Dan McKee

Emcees: Angela Sharkey & Kobi Dennis

National Anthem - Bavarian Brothers

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**Performance Schedule is subject to change**

**12:00 Performance Block**

- ◆ Coyote Brass
- ◆ Bavarian Brothers
- ◆ Sidy Maiga
- ◆ Phoenix Performing Arts
- ◆ Rhode Island Black Storytellers

**1:00 Performance Block**

- ◆ Dance BFF
- ◆ Scandinavian Women's Chorus
- ◆ Nazeli Armenian Dance Group
- ◆ Seoyon Kim
- ◆ Azama Dance Company

**2:00 Performance Block**

- ◆ Lydia Pérez -Yoruba 2
- ◆ Cambodian Society of Rhode Island
- ◆ India Association of Rhode Island
- ◆ Aftab Dance Group
- ◆ Shea fashion Multicultural Fashion Show

**3:00 Performance Block**

- ◆ Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana
- ◆ Grupo Arcoiris Of RI Performing Arts Academy
- ◆ Elliniki Yperiphania Greek Pride RI
- ◆ Kelly School of Irish Dance
- ◆ PADAM

**4:00 Performance Block**

- ◆ Arte Latino of New England
- ◆ Na Pua O' Polynesia
- ◆ Taposh and Friends
- ◆ Venezuela in RI
- ◆ Falun Dafa



**Coyote Brass 88th Army Band**

Coyote Brass from the Rhode Island National Guard's 88th Army Band is a 7-member ensemble that features two paired horns (trumpet and saxophone) as well as trombone, sousaphone, and drums. This high energy, funk-inspired brass ensemble aims to provide entertainment to audiences through dance, groove, and auditory stimuli. [www.facebook.com/88thArmyBand](http://www.facebook.com/88thArmyBand)

**Bavarian Brothers**

They are a three piece Bavarian Band that exclusively preforms Bavarian Music along with alp horn playing, bell ringing, yodeling, and Octoberfest party music. [www.bavarianbrothers.net/](http://www.bavarianbrothers.net/)

**Sidy Maiga**

A native of Mali, West Africa, Sidy Maiga has been drumming since he was in his early teens. He learned to play in the traditional African way, by apprenticing with Master Drummers. Sidy loves to share his culture. Since 2009, he produces the annual West African Dance and Drum Festival: Afrika Nyaga which has been Sidy is the winner of multiple awards and fellowships. In January of 2011, Sidy recorded and released his first album Malidén. In 2014, he recorded and re-released his second album Africa United which includes musicians from across the world, including Grammy Award winner Oumou Sangaré. [sidy.maiga.com/](http://sidy.maiga.com/)

**Phoenix Performing Arts**

They have a 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. Mei Wu [www.phoenixperformingarts.org/](http://www.phoenixperformingarts.org/)

**Rhode Island Black Storytellers**

The Rhode Island Black Storytellers is a local nonprofit whose mission is to promote the awareness, appreciation and application of Black Storytelling through performances, workshops, cultural, historical and educational experiences for all people. RIBS defines Black Storytelling as the oral arts and traditions of African descended people worldwide. RIBS is excited to announce its 25th Annual FUN-DA FEST: A Celebration of Black Storytelling will take place in 2023! [ribsfest.org](http://ribsfest.org)



### **Dance BFF**

Dance BFF aspire to bring colorful and upbeat Indian dancing to the state of Rhode Island and southern New England. They strive to create cultural awareness and promotion of art. Their goal is to promote fitness and mental health in the community and among youth by sharing the joyful and celebratory nature of the dance style. [www.danceBFF.com](http://www.danceBFF.com)

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

They were formed mainly to perpetuate Swedish culture, language and music. They are always looking for members to fill their ranks. For more information on memberships, scholarships and concerts, please visit [www.scandinavianwomenschorus.com](http://www.scandinavianwomenschorus.com)

### **Nazeli Armenian Dance Group**

The Nazeli Armenian Dance Group was created in October 2000 under the auspices of the Cultural Committee's Arts Education Program of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church of Providence, RI. The goal of the group is to inspire young Armenians through the traditional music and dance, and to preserve and promote the Armenian heritage in Diaspora. Our dance instructors and choreographers, Lusine Corsini and Narine Lemme, share their enthusiasm and love for Armenian dance and culture with the Armenian youth of RI. [stsahmes.org](http://stsahmes.org)

### **Seoyon Kim**

Seoyon Kim attends Wheeler School and is a member of Oh Jung-Hee Gayageum- Beyonchang Group. She plays the gayageum, a traditional Korean zither.

### **Azama Dance Company**

The Azama Dance Company performs colorful, artistic belly dance, folkloric and cabaret dances that represent the many facets of Middle Eastern culture. This vibrant group of talented dancers performs dazzling solo and group numbers for appreciative audiences of all ages. [www.inarabellydance.com/azama](http://www.inarabellydance.com/azama)



**Lydia Perez and Yoruba 2**

Lydia is the founder and artistic director of the Puerto Rican Institute of Arts and Advocacy, Inc., (PRIAA), and founder of Yoruba 2, an award-winning and nationally recognized traditional music group from Puerto Rico. The group is known for playing genres of Puerto Rican folk music such as "bomba", and other Caribbean rhythms. [www.priaa-ri.org](http://www.priaa-ri.org)

**Cambodian Society of Rhode Island**

Students under the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island perform traditional Khmer-Ballet. A dance that meant a lot to the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia and would be the opening ceremony to various events. [cambodiansocietyofrhodeisland.org](http://cambodiansocietyofrhodeisland.org)

**The India Association of Rhode Island (IARI)**

The India Association of Rhode Island (IARI) will present several dance performance groups. [www.indiari.org](http://www.indiari.org)

**Aftab Dance Group**

A non-political resource group to celebrate Iranian culture, heritage and language while giving back to our beloved RI. [Aftab](http://Aftab)

**Multicultural Fashion Show Produced by Shea Fashion RI**

***Producers: Phyllis McHale and William Lopera***

Shea Fashion is an enrichment program committed to providing opportunities to youth interested in careers in the fashion industry or looking to boost confidence and enhance social skills in an inclusive setting. The program curates in-house events, provides opportunities to collaborate with professionals, and promotes creativity and self-expression through the vehicle of fashion and entertainment. [SheaFashion.com](http://SheaFashion.com)



**Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana of Rhode Island**

Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana of RI is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1992 at St. Patrick Church in Providence. It is committed to promote the traditional and the richness of Bolivian culture with dance and music. Their dancers are a mixture of all ages, races, and nationalities who have identified with the magic and beauty of this culture. [Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana](#)

**Grupo Arcoiris of RI Performing Arts Academy**

Iris Yinette Aguilar founded this group in 2000 to help the youth and children express themselves through Art. They have an after-school program for children from 3 years old to 16 years old. Their program offers Modeling, Singing, Culinary Arts, Painting, Dance, Zumba Kids, Theatre classes, and much more. They also provide choreography for sweet sixteens, weddings, and any special occasion for booking, please contact them by email at [arcoirisyinette@gmail.com](mailto:arcoirisyinette@gmail.com) or call /text (401)359-6339

**Elliniki Yperiphania, "Greek Pride" of Rhode Island**

They have been performing traditional and modern Greek dances from various regions of Greece since 1989. Based out of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, the troupe performs at fairs and festivals throughout SE New England. Email [info@greekprideri.com](mailto:info@greekprideri.com) or visit [www.greekprideri.com](http://www.greekprideri.com)

**Kelly School of Irish Dance**

The Kelly School of Irish Dance is home to some of Rhode Island's most fabulous dancers. We teach traditional and modern Irish Dances with a perfect blend of whimsy, culture, and fun. [thekellyschoolofirishdance.com](http://thekellyschoolofirishdance.com)

**Padam**

PADAM, short for Prafulla's Academy for Dance and Music, was started in 2000 by Mrs. Prafulla Velury. Here, she teaches Kuchipudi dance style, a type of Indian classical dance. [www.kuchipudiprafulla.com](http://www.kuchipudiprafulla.com)



**Arte Latino of New England**

Arte Latino of New England (ALNE) is a non-profit bilingual (Spanish/English) arts group dedicated to live performances. We promote Latinx Culture through theater, poetry, performances, & events. We also promote literacy, giving away hundreds of free books to our youth every year. [ALNE](#)

**Na Pua O' Polynesia**

This RI based dance troupe was founded in 1988 by artistic director Carolyn Castro. Performing at various events throughout the New England area, the dancers, drummers, & musicians bring you on a cultural tour of the Polynesian Islands of Hawaii and New Zealand, as well as Tahiti and the Philippines. Troupe members have competed three times at the Their performance will be using drums, ukulele, gourds, and more. [tropicalisland-dancers](#)

**Taposh and Friends**

Mohitosh Talukder Taposh presents his Bengali music group, originally from Bangladesh whcihc promotes thei rculture , dance, music, arts. [amrakojon@gmail.com](mailto:amrakojon@gmail.com)

**Venezuela in Rhode Island**

This Latin American dance group will present a moving and memorable performance. [varsacos@hotmail.com](mailto:varsacos@hotmail.com)

**Falun Dafa Association of New England**

This group will provide a demonstration of Falun Dafa exercises and medication. [Falun Dafa Association of New England](#)

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### Answers for Flags found on back page

Row 1: Greece, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Italy

Row 2: Armenia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cambodia

Row 3: Colombia, Ecuador, France, Germany

Row 4: Dominican Republic, Iran, Portugal, Turkey

Row 5: Ireland, South Korea, Venezuela, Sweden

Row 6: China, Jamaica, India, Mali

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## **RI Heritage Festival Cultural Groups & Table Displays**

### **Arte Latino of New England (ALNE)**

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. They believe that every artist is a promise for greatness, co-founded by [Maritza Martell & Saúl Ramos](#).

### **Attorney General's Office**

This office holds regular, weekly office hours at two additional Providence locations. Community members can walk in at any time during designated office hours and speak with someone from our office about an issue they might need help with. Spanish language services are available. If an individual's issue requires the services of another agency, our team sees to it that they are connected to a place that can help. [\(401\) 274-4400](tel:4012744400) [riag.ri.gov](http://riag.ri.gov)

### **Bangladesh**

To learn more about this newly formed Bangladesh group, please contact: Mohitosh Talukder [amrakojon@gmail.com](mailto:amrakojon@gmail.com)

### **Book Are Wings**

Books Are Wings seeks to provide every child with regular access to books. BAW works to engage students in their classrooms, at school functions, community events, and playgrounds. They believe that offering books to children in different environments instills a consistent message that reading is not just school work- it's a way of life! [booksarewings.org/](http://booksarewings.org/)

### **Center for South East Asians**

The mission of the Center for Southeast Asians (CSEA) is to promote the prosperity, heritage and leadership of Southeast Asians in Rhode Island. [cseari.org](http://cseari.org)

### **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](#)

### **Division of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (ODEO)**

The Division of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at the RI Department of Administration supports a diverse, inclusive culture that values and reflects the changing demographics of Rhode Island by advancing equitable opportunities for all who work for or do business with the state. [dedi.ri.gov](http://dedi.ri.gov)

### **Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island**

They strive to create a welcoming environment for all, working to empower the most vulnerable among us for the past 100 years. They meet our clients where they are by providing wraparound programs and services helping those seeking to overcome educational, cultural, economic, and language barriers. [www.diiiri.org/](http://www.diiiri.org/)

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### **Ecuador Cultural Alliance**

Ecuador Cultural Alliance, ECA was founded in 2019 and has raised funds to help the school Nazacota Puento in Ecuador, a rural K-12 school serving 200 students, with computers, projectors, printer/copier/scanner, and more. To learn more please visit: [ecuadorculturalalliance.org](http://ecuadorculturalalliance.org)

### **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](#)

### **Greater Providence YMCA**

The mission of the YMCA of Greater Providence is to build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all, through programs, services, and relationships that are based upon our core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. [ymcagreaterprovidence.org](http://ymcagreaterprovidence.org)

### **India Association of Rhode Island**

Their mission is to form a common bond among the people of Indian origin living in Rhode Island; to preserve, foster and honor the diverse social, cultural, and educational heritage of India in Rhode Island. [indiari.org](http://indiari.org)

### **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](#)

### **International House of RI**

International House of Rhode Island (IHRI) is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization, founded in 1963. IHRI's mission is to promote friendship, connection, learning and global understanding by bringing people together from around the world for cross-cultural exchange. [ihouserri.org](http://ihouserri.org)

### **Iranian American Cultural Society of Rhode Island.**

A non-political resource group for anyone interested in Persian culture, language, history, and arts. [Iranian American Cultural Society of Rhode Island](#)

### **Jamaica**

To learn more about this newly formed Jamaican group, please contact: Conroy of [JA Patty](#).

### **Korean American Association of Rhode Island**

Their Mission Statement is to support Korean-American community through education, fellowship and maintaining Korean heritage for second and third generations. [www.rikorean.org](http://www.rikorean.org) (401) 780-6718

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### **Lady Elfreda**

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### **National Park Service**

NPS cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. [nps.gov/state/ri/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/state/ri/index.htm)

### **Neighborhood Health Plan RI**

They serve one in five Rhode Islanders. Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is a not-for-profit 501c3 health maintenance organization (HMO) insurance company with a consistent record of earning accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). [nhpri.org](http://nhpri.org)

### **Peru**

Medalit Scott joins the RI Heritage Festival this year and looks forward to sharing her Peruvian culture. "These celebrations are important because they will continue reaffirming WHO we are, WHERE we come from, and WHAT we share, and Where we are going as a Latino community living and working in the United States of America". Heritage is to honor their respective Cultures and the histories behind them. Medalit does folklore dance performances and art painting. [Medalid09@gmail.com](mailto:Medalid09@gmail.com)

### **Providence Children's Museum**

The mission of Providence Children's Museum is to inspire lifelong learning for all through play, creativity, and exploration.

[providencechildrensmuseum.org](http://providencechildrensmuseum.org)

### **Providence Cultural Equity Initiative**

The **Providence Cultural Equity Initiative (PCEI)** promotes, cultivates and advocates for the Cultural Sector and Economy of Rhode Island.

The Mission of PCEI is "*to steward and ambassador Rhode Island's Cultural Sector & Economy.*" [Providence Cultural Equity Initiative](http://ProvidenceCulturalEquityInitiative)

### **RI Black Storytellers**

Learn more about their upcoming 25th Annual FUNDA FEST: A Celebration of Black Storytelling will take place in 2023! [ribsfest.org](http://ribsfest.org)

### **RI Day of Portugal**

The purpose of this organization is to celebrate the holiday, Día de Portugal, de Camões e das Comunidades Portuguesas in the State of Rhode Island; to preserve the traditions of the Portuguese culture for future generations; to promote the contribution of the Portuguese people, language and culture to the rich fabric of the State of Rhode Island. [ridayofportugal.org](http://ridayofportugal.org)

### **RI State Council on the Arts (RISCA)**

Through grantmaking, programming, convening, policy-building and education, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts ensures that arts and culture will play an ever more significant part in the well-being and experience of all Rhode Island residents. [risca.online](http://risca.online)

## **RI Heritage Festival Cultural Groups & Table Displays**

### **RI Swedish Heritage Association**

The Rhode Island Swedish Heritage Association (RISHA), is an educational, non-profit organization, promoting Swedish culture in Rhode Island and south-eastern New England by sharing our heritage and traditions, and preserving our history for future generations. [riswedishheritage.org](http://riswedishheritage.org)

### **Roger Williams Park Zoo**

In 1872, Roger Williams Park Zoo, the country's third oldest Zoo, opened its doors to the public with a collection of small animal exhibits throughout Providence's newly formed Roger Williams Park. Today, located amid 40 acres of beautiful woodlands, the Roger Williams Park Zoo provides visitors the opportunity to see animals from all over the globe – some species more than a million years old. [rwpzoo.org](http://rwpzoo.org)

### **Shea Fashion RI**

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### **St. Andrew's Society of RI**

The St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island's purpose is to provide educational opportunities for its membership and the general public to participate in programs designed to foster and develop a better understanding of the history, culture and traditions of Scotland. [sasri.org](http://sasri.org)

### **The Peace Flag Project**

The Peace Flag Project, a pro-peace 501(c)3, 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)

### **Turkish American Cultural Society of Rhode Island**

Their mission is to deal with the challenges of today requires problem-solvers who bring different perspectives and are willing to take risks. Turkish American Cultural Society of Rhode Island emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the community, and a desire for actions to speak louder than words. [tacsri.org](http://tacsri.org)

### **United Way RI**

Their mission is uniting our community and resources to build racial equity and opportunities for all Rhode Islanders. [unitedwayri.org](http://unitedwayri.org)

### **Venezuela in RI**

The goal of this group is to keep their language, music, and customs alive through exhibitions, food, dance, and lectures. [Varsobia Gallego](http://Varsobia Gallego)



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## Shouldn't *all* Rhode Islanders have access to the arts?

The arts are more than just an important part of our state's economy.

For young people, the arts are a path to success. The arts contribute to achievement in school, particularly among disadvantaged students. For cities and towns, the arts promote civic engagement and encourage neighborhood and downtown revitalization. They make our communities more liveable.

With all that's good about the arts, shouldn't *all* Rhode Islanders be able to enjoy and participate in what our state has to offer?

**That's where we come in.**

Rhode Island's investment in the arts is small (*just 7/100<sup>ths</sup> of 1% of our state's budget*). With that, we managed to reach over 1.2 million Rhode Islanders and visitors last year, including over 189,000 young people.

Let's ensure that *all* Rhode Islanders can benefit from the arts in the Ocean State.

**Support the Arts!**  
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Carolyn Castro of Napua O' Polynesia  
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Jim Kelleher of St. Andrew's Society of RI  
Kannyka Pouk of the Center for Southeast Asians  
Lady Elfreda H. Thorpe  
Mohitosh Talukder Taposh  
Nancy Hawksey of Azama Dance Company  
RI Day of Portugal

# Fashion Show Models

Belinda Benitez, Christian Siffat, Charline Reis,  
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Leslie Noboa, Daimie Desire, Jayrick Spencer,  
Lorena Silva, Viahnni Ray, Jaliee Cherry,  
lyces Cruz, and Sylvia Sanches.

\* Additional Shea Fashion RI models will be added as needed after printing this program. We will add a comprehensive model list to our website after the festival.



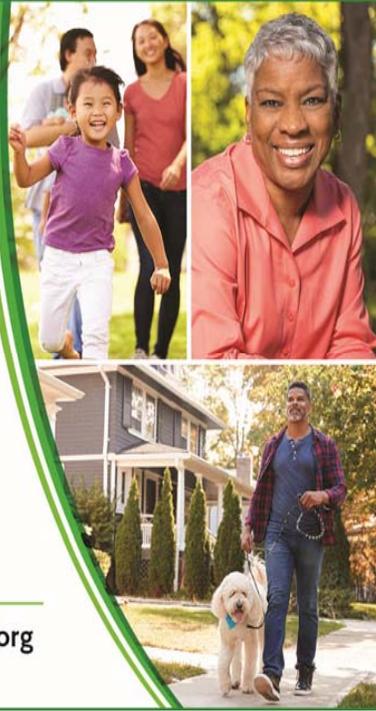
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## **RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission**

*The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (RIHPHC)* 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. Supporting and promoting heritage groups and subcommittees across the state of Rhode Island, the RIHPHC strives to preserve the traditions of each cultural 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 over four decades.

Rhode Island's 44th Heritage Festival was coordinated by Donna Alqassar, RI Heritage Program Coordinator, in conjunction with the support of Jeffrey Emidy, RIHPHC Interim Executive Director, High Output RI, Let's Party RI, and Luminous Creative Agency.

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## Name That Flag - How many do you know? Answers can be found in the middle of this program booklet.



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