

Reston

Multicultural

Festival

Saturday

September 21, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Discover the World in Reston!



The Reston Multicultural Festival is a celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston. This annual event brings together the people of Reston and the region to celebrate our rich medley of cultures. Family, friends, and neighbors are treated to music, entertainment, enlightenment, dress, and cultural treasures from all over the world. This signature Reston event honors the diversity that is one of our greatest assets. Everyone is encouraged to dress in attire from their own cultural roots and share the stories that we collect on the pathways of our lives.

Festival Welcome

11:00 a.m. • Pavilion Stage

Beverly Cosham

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The Honorable Karen Keys-Gamarra

Virginia House of Delegates

The Honorable Jennifer Boysko

Virginia State Senate

The Honorable Gerry Connolly

United States House of Representatives



Market Street Stroll

Craft Vendors • Civic Organizations • Family Activities
Cultural Demonstrations and Conversations

Global Market • 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Afrolrie Expression

Guyana and Carribean

Arts of Asia

Thailand

Bettina Brunner

United States: Global Themes of Change

BG Resin Art Gallery

India

Colorful Crafter

India

Edith Graciela Art

Latin America

KayVee International

India

Marmara Trading

Syria, Turkey, Lebanon

Meditation Museum

India

Milena Guro Designs

Peru

Negarín Art

Iran and Turkey

Osei Designs

Ghana

Potomac Designs Int'l

Africa and more

Saffron Treasures

Afghanistan

Treasures of the Queen

Bajan and Carribean

Tu Latinoamericana

El Salvador and Honduras

The E-Globe

Peru

Ukraine Aid

Ukraine

Wanaan LLC

Colombia

Washington Bazaar

United States

Xolo Books

Latina-Owned

*Please note: Cultural roots information is provided
by festival craft vendors.*

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Community Organizations • 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cornerstones

e3kids international

Fairfax Connector/Fairfax County Department of Transportation

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association

Fairfax County NAACP

Fairfax County Wastewater Management

Filipino American Cancer Care

Girls on the Run NOVA

Infinite Legacy

Japanese Culture Club

Meditation Museum

Northern Virginia Returned Peace Corps

Office of the Hunter Mill District Supervisor

Public Art Reston

Reston Association

Reston Community Center

Reston Community Orchestra

Reston for a Lifetime

Reston Lions Club

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	Pavilion Stage	Park Stage	Library Street Stage	Market Street Stroll
11:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony			
11:30 a.m.	Fundacion Socio Cultural Diablada Boliviana			Fundacion Socio Cultural Diablada Boliviana Bolivia
12:00 p.m.	Nomad Dancers Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan Dance	Rosie Flores and The Talismen Texan Country Rock	Zuni Olla Maidens Pueblo Zuni Native American Dance and Song	
12:30 p.m.			Nelly and Paloma Zapata Bolivian Story through Dance	
1:00 p.m.	Zuni Olla Maidens Pueblo Zuni Native American Dance and Song	Ehsas Band Fusion of English, Persian, Arabic & Spanish Music	Jim Lloyd Duo Appalachian Virginia Musician & Storyteller	
1:30 p.m.				
2:00 p.m.	Furia Flamenca Dance Company Spanish Dance	Jhanak Dance Academy Indian Dance		NoVa Wushu Academy Traditional Martial Arts
2:30 p.m.			Mlanjeni Nduma West African Storyteller	
3:00 p.m.	Mystic Warriors Instrumental Music of South America	Gin Dance Company Modern Dance Infused With Asian, Eastern & Western Influences		LOOK Cinema: Virginia Humanities and Folklife Program Film Screening starting at 3:00 p.m. (running time 65 minutes).
3:30 p.m.			Kalavaridhi Center for Performing Arts Indian dance	
4:00 p.m.	Foley Academy of Irish Dance Irish Dance	Phraseology Quartet Indian and Sufi Classical and Folk Music		K-Pop Line Dance
4:30 p.m.				Sochietah Ung Cambodian Mask Maker and Dancer
5:00 p.m.	Melos – Dr. Spyros Koliavasilis and Nicholas Mitrione Rebetiko - Known as the Greek Blues	Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University Traditional & Contemporary Gospel Music	Sa-Mul-No-Ri Traditional Korean Drums	Jump DC Superstars Traditional Double Dutch
5:30 p.m.				
6:00 p.m.			Ganna Natsag Mongolian Mask Making	

The Multicultural Festival performances will be presented on the Pavilion Stage, the Library Street Stage and the Reston Town Square Park Stage. For the first time, special programming will be provided within LOOK Cinemas. Please enjoy amazing talent on all the stages throughout the afternoon.

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2024 National Heritage Fellows



The Zuni Olla Maidens

The Zuni Olla Maidens, a revered all-female dance troupe from Zuni Pueblo in western New Mexico, are famous for their singing, drumming, and unique dance style where they balance pottery on their heads.

For over 70 years, the group has been made up of related women, creating a strong family tradition.

This connection provides the group with both resilience and longevity, as each member honors the legacy of past generations while preparing future ones.



Rosie Flores and The Talismen

San Antonio native Rosie Flores has won acclaim for her talent and leadership in the 'cowpunk' mix of punk and country, now known as the alt country movement. Rosie's Mexican heritage has informed her outstanding singing and songwriting excellence. She is joined by her band, The Talismen.

Photo Credit: Leslie Campbell



Sochietah Ung

Sochietah Ung is a multi-talented costume maker, dancer, teacher, choreographer, playwright, and producer with a passion for sharing his skills across and beyond Cambodian communities nationwide. He is particularly known for his costume and crown making.

Over the decades, Ung has imparted Cambodian dance and costume making to hundreds of students. In 2016, the Virginia Folklife Program recognized him as a master costume maker. This year he was named a 2024 National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Photo Credit: Pat Jarrett, Virginia Folklife Program

Virginia Folklife Program



Virginia Folklife Program

"In Good Keeping: the 2023-2024 Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program"

At 3:00 p.m. in LOOK Cinemas, enjoy a documentary film celebrating the artistic traditions holding firm places in Virginia heritage.

- **Gourd banjo building:** Dena Jennings (Nasons) and Samaria Marley (MD)
- **Piedmont blues:** Corey Harris (Charlottesville) and Lamont Jack Pearley (Bowling Green, KY)
- **Puerto Rican plena & requinto hand drumming:** Erick M. Vializ Montalvo (Mayagüez, PR) and Maurice "Tito" Sanabria (Richmond)
- **Bolivian dance:** Nelly Zapata and Paloma Zapata (Fairfax)
- **Old-time fiddle & improvisation:** Danny Knicely (Taylorstown) and Willie Marschner (Fairfax)
- **African American storytelling:** Fred Motley (Danville) and Karen Williamson (Caswell County, NC)



Nelly and Paloma Zapata

With their dance troupe Fundacion Socio Cultural Diablada Boliviana

The Diablada dance for which this group is named is centuries old, with elaborate and intricate costumes made by artisans in Bolivia.

Following their performance, learn more from Nelly and Paloma through a moderated conversation discussing the root and significance of Bolivian dance traditions.



Jim Lloyd

Appalachian Musician and Storyteller

Jim Lloyd is an Appalachian barber, musician, storyteller, presenter, music teacher, banjo historian, and radio host.

Lloyd's accomplishments encompass old-time bluegrass, story telling and communitybuilding. His storytelling, through words spoken and sung, honors Appalachian traditions.

Reston Town Center Festival Map

Scan the below QR code to access the festival map, or visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MCF for more information.



“Art Mirrors Culture” Exhibit

Reston Multicultural Festival Intergenerational Exhibit
RCC Lake Anne • 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston

Jo Ann Rose Gallery

September 3 – September 30

3D Gallery

September 3 – November 15

Visit the “Art Mirrors Culture” exhibit, where local artists will display artworks reflecting their cultural heritage. Alongside the pieces, visitors can read each artist’s reflections on the connection between art and culture as they answer the question, “How does your art mirror culture?”

Experience the intricate detail and emotive sensibility of the “Gaukhar Davis: Retrospective” exhibit. Gaukhar Ainashbekova-Davis, who specializes in oil and watercolor paintings, shares her artistic life in paintings reflecting extensive travels across the world over the past two decades.

ABOUT RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Reston Community Center provides a wide range of programs in aquatics, arts, enrichment and lifelong learning for all ages. RCC creates and sustains community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals enjoyed by all of Reston. In 2024, RCC celebrates 45 years of enriching lives and building community.

ABOUT RESTON TOWN CENTER ASSOCIATION

Reston Town Center Association (RTCA) is the mixed-use, governing association for the Reston Town Center, which is not only Reston’s downtown but a major employment and amenity center for the region. Core aspects of its mission include design review, support of transit-oriented development, and a strong commitment to the arts and community programming.

ABOUT THE NEA HERITAGE FELLOWS

The NEA National Heritage Fellowship is the nation’s highest honor in folk and traditional arts. Each year since 1982, the program recognizes recipients’ artistic excellence, lifetime achievement and contributions to our nation’s traditional arts heritage.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE TRADITIONAL ARTS

Founded in 1933, the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA) is the nation’s oldest folk arts organization. NCTA presents the nation’s finest traditional artists in festivals, national and international tours, concerts, radio and television programs, films, recordings, and other programs. On behalf of the NEA, the NCTA manages and coordinates the National Heritage Fellowships activities honoring the Fellowship recipients.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA FOLKLIFE PROGRAM OF VIRGINIA HUMANITIES

Virginia Folklife Program works to document, sustain, present, and support cultural traditions across the Commonwealth. Whether sung or told, hand-crafted or performed, Virginia’s Folklife refers to those “arts of everyday life” that reflect a sense of traditional knowledge and connection to community. Virginia’s folkways include creative expressions rooted in the Commonwealth for centuries, as well traditions brought here more recently.

ABOUT BXP/RESTON TOWN CENTER

Reston Town Center is an acclaimed urban development located in the heart of Northern Virginia. Owned and managed by BXP, Reston Town Center is home to more than 50 retailers, 30 restaurants, more than 2,000 residential homes and 4 million square feet of Class A office space. Since becoming one of the nation’s first developments of its kind in 1990, Reston Town Center offers residents and visitors an innovative and energizing experience with outdoor recreation spaces, dynamic seasonal traditions and events.

Special Thanks

RCC extends special thanks to Madeleine Remez of the National Council for the Traditional Arts. Thanks go as well to Katy Clune of the Virginia Folklife Program. As always, a very special thank you is extended to the entire RCC Team for supporting this beloved community event.

Masters of Ceremonies

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Paul Berry
Katy Clune
Kaitlyne Jones
Margaret Parker
Paul Thomas
Blaine Wade
Semret Worku

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Reston Community Center is proud to present the Reston Multicultural Festival in partnership with Reston Town Center Association. It is co-hosted at Reston Town Center by BXP.



Volunteer coordination is provided by Reston Association.

Artist and curatorial support is provided by the National Council of Traditional Arts and the Virginia Folklife Program.

