

CELEBRATING
25
YEARS

M Reston ULTiCuLTuRaL Festival

Discover the World in Reston!

Saturday • September 19, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates the richness of global communities, creating an authentic space where traditions are honored, heritage is lived and stories are shared. Together, we honor the cultural mosaic that makes Reston unique.



On August 25, 2026, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented Reston Community Center with a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Reston Multicultural Festival and its role in bringing Reston's founding principles of diversity, inclusion and community engagement to life through arts and culture.

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. For over 45 years, RCC has been enriching lives and building community.

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.

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.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE TRADITIONAL ARTS AND THE NEA HERITAGE FELLOWS

The National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the presentation and documentation of folk and traditional arts in the United States. The NCTA continually strives to expand awareness and appreciation of the richness of America's multicultural, living heritage through exciting, thoughtfully curated live programs that create dynamic cultural encounters between artists and the public. Since 1983, the NCTA has organized the celebration of the National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowships. The Fellowships, awarded annually, are the highest honor in folk and traditional arts. The program recognizes recipients' artistic excellence, lifetime achievement, and contributions to our nation's traditional arts heritage. Reston Community Center is honored to partner with the NCTA and to host Fellows year after year.

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.

OPENING CEREMONY

Reston Town Center • Pavilion Stage • 11:00 a.m.

Presentation of the Colors

South Lakes High School JROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner

South Lakes High School Chorus

WELCOME

William G. Bouie

Chair, Reston Community Center Board of Governors

HONORED GUESTS

Robert Goudie

Executive Director, Reston Town Center Association

Bryan Hill

County Executive, Fairfax County

Melanie Meren

Hunter Mill District Representative, Fairfax County School Board

Walter Alcorn

Hunter Mill District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Karen Keys-Gamarra

Delegate, Virginia House of Delegates

Jennifer Boysko

Senator, Virginia State Senate

CLOSING

Beverly A. Cosham

"God Bless America"

William G. Bouie

Chair, Reston Community Center Board of Governors

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

	PAVILION STAGE	PARK STAGE
11:00 a.m.	Festival Opening Ceremony 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
12:00 p.m.	Spring Blossom Performing Arts Group Chinese Music & Dance 12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	The New York Korean Performing Arts Center Traditional Korean Music & Dance 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	"Music from the Crooked Road" Elsa Howell, Gina Dilg and Eddie Bond & The New Ballard Branch Bogtrotters 1:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Nomad Dancers Dances of Central Asia & the Middle East 1:05 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.
2:00 p.m.		KanKouran Dance Company Traditional West African Dance 1:55 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	CULTURE featuring KENYATTA HILL Reggae 2:50 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	RAYMI "The Haunting Sound of the Andes" 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	La Unica Irish Latin Rock Band 4:05 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	The N2N Band R&B, Soul & Motown 4:05 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
5:00 p.m.		
6:00 p.m.	Billy McComiskey & Friends 5:20 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Changing Phaces Band Go-go Band 5:20 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

	CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS	MARKET STREET STROLL	
11:00 a.m.			11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.	Virginia Qipao Association Chinese Traditional Dance & Fashion Show 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lion Dancers 12:00 p.m. at the Fountain	12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	A Talk With Patrick Olwell & Gerry Milnes 12:40 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Wushu Academy 12:45 p.m. at Explorer St.	1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.		Lion Dancers 1:35 p.m. at Explorer St.	2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	Shreekala Performing Arts Bharatanatyam Classical Indian Dance 1:55 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Abadā-Capoeira DC 2:25 p.m. at the Fountain	3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	Bach To Rock – ImagiNation Children's Band 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Foley Academy of Irish Dance 3:35 p.m. at the Fountain	4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	Malikat Al Dabke Dabke Dance 4:10 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	Taratibu Youth Association 4:50 p.m. at Explorer St.	5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	Tom Teasley Drumming Through Culture and Time 5:10 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.	Learn more about Market Street Stroll artists, civic organizations, family activities and food vendors on pages 8 – 11.	6:00 p.m.

Thanks for attending. We look forward to seeing you next year!



FESTIVAL MAP



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



Market Street Stroll

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

Craft Vendors

Adorned by Siriboa

Ghanaian Waist Beads & Bracelets

Alyssa Bazaar

Handmade Ceramic & Olive Wood Kitchenware
From Tunisia

Angel Mila LLC

Handmade Artisan Textiles & Unique Handmade Jewelry

Arjaza

Handmade Jewelry & Decor Inspired by Kurdish Roots

Arts of Asia

Jewelry, Textiles & Indigo From Thailand, India
& Myanmar

BG Resin Art Gallery

Home Decor, Jewelry & Trinkets From India

BOZ LLC NILE KNIFE

Handmade Turkish Yatagan Knives

BrendaMade

Natural Skincare, Interactive Blending Counter
& Workshops

Colorful Crafter

3D & Crocheted Animals, Quilts & Blankets

Craft Indulgence

Handcrafted Clothing Made by Indian Artisans

CryoCline

Artisan Freeze-Dried Candy & Small Batch Confections

Dastkaari

Crafts Hand-painted With Indo-Pakistani Motifs &
Mughal-inspired Designs

DK's Crafts, LLC

Handmade Turkish Rugs, Kilims, Crocheted
& Knitted Clothing

Glam? Yes, I am

Egyptian-inspired Jewelry, Accessories, Handmade &
Hand-painted Decor

Kairumi Crafts & Cryptoboxcomics

Handmade Bolivian Aguayo Accessories & Live
Korean-style Drawings

Kayvee International Inc

Indian Ladies Dresses, Tunics & Embroidered Shawls

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Craft Vendors

Kiddo Seats

Animal-themed Wooden Stools

La Americana

Central American Art, Sports Uniforms & Shirts

Make New Friends

Multicultural Children's Books

Marmara Trading

Syrian & Turkish Clothing, Jewelry, Scarves & Silver

Milena Guro Designs

Handcrafted Silver Jewelry That Reflects Andean
Heritage & Sustainable Craftsmanship

Patricia de los Rios

Fine Crafts, Clothing & Accessories Handmade
in Peru & Around the Globe

Prax & Dai Men Design Collab Studios

Artisanal Handicrafts Made With Authentic
Gemstones & Seashells From the Philippines

Smyrna Crafts

Handmade Turkish Textiles & Evil Eye Home Decor

Souq Al Bahrat

Middle Eastern Spices & Herbs

Ukraine Aid

Ukrainian Crafts, Jewelry & Souvenirs

Viet American

Vietnamese Nón Lá Souvenirs

Walking Paws Boutique

Dog Accessories With South American Textiles

Wanaan, LLC

Handcrafted Accessories, Decor & Jewelry
Celebrating Colombian Traditions

Xolo Books

Latina-owned Pop-up Bookstore Dedicated to
Diversity in Literature

Yalda LLC

Handwoven Rugs, Traditional Stoves & Clothing
Using Traditional Techniques From Afghanistan

ZeenVeils

Fancy Scarves & Hijabs

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Civic Organizations

AARP VA

Community Resources

Abadã-Capoeira DC

Pop-up Samba, Jongo
& Music Lessons

American Chinese School Herndon Campus

Calligraphy, Paper Cutting &
Fan Painting

Bach to Rock Herndon

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Baha'i Community of Reston

Children's Activities &
Community Storyboard

Brahma Kumaris Meditation Museum – Virginia

Meditative Listening Experience

ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia

Travel Training

Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services

Trivia

Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

Hands-on Activities & Resources

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association

Children's Activity

Fairfax County NAACP

Voter Registration

Fairfax County, Department of Public Safety Communications (9-1-1)

Trivia

Fairfax County Police Department – Reston District Station

Public Safety

Friends of Reston

Community Event Resources

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital

Friendship Bracelet Station

Hope Chinese School

Calligraphy

Infinite Legacy

Community Resources

Inspires Foundation

Story Mandala Project

Jow Ga Shaolin Institute

Kung Fu, Tai Chi & Lion Dance
Demonstrations

Make Us Visible Virginia

Community Resources

Northern Virginia Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Community Map, Trivia

Office of Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn

Community Map

Public Art Reston

Community Art Activity

Reston Association

Color Your Own Bags

Reston Community Center

Bubbles, Henna, Crafts, Face Painting

Reston Community Orchestra

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Reston-Dulles Section, NCNW, Inc.

Children's Activity

Reston Regional Library

Crafts

Shelter House

Children's Activity

Scouting America Troop 1313

Voter Information Booth

Vecinos Unidos (Neighbors United)

Community Storyboard

WhyIslam

Henna

YMCA Fairfax County Reston

Wellness Station

Market Street Stroll

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Family Activities • Cultural Demonstrations and Conversations

Thank you to the following restaurants for participating
at the 25th Reston Multicultural Festival

Fogo de Chão

Brazilian Churrasco Grilling Tradition

Makers Union

Free Samples
Reston's Local Spot

Masti Indian Restaurant and Bar

Comfort Indian Dining

MidnightTreats – Reston

Handcrafted, Plant-based Cookies

True Food Kitchen

Free Refresher & Food Samples
Celebrating Whole, Real Ingredients

Yunnan By Potomac Noodle House

Celebrating the Flavors of Southwest China

Additional Dining Options at Reston Town Center

&pizza

bartaco

Barcelona Wine Bar

Ben & Jerry's

Chipotle Mexican Grill

Corsica Wine Bar

Clarity

Crafthouse

Heirloom

Ice Cream Jubilee

Jackson's Mighty Fine Food & Lucky Lounge

JINYA Ramen Bar

Kusshi Sushi

Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls

Morton's The Steakhouse

North Italia

Open Road Distilling Co.

Paris Baguette

PassionFish Reston

Pisco y Nazca

Pitango Gelato

Playa Bowls

PokeHub

Potbelly's Sandwich Shop

Ruth's Chris

Seven

Shake Shack

Sixty Vines

Starbucks Coffee

sweetgreen

Syn Rooftop Lounge & Bar

Taste of Istanbul

Tatte Bakery & Cafe

Ted's Bulletin

The Capital Burger

Toastique

Uncle Julio's Rio Grande Cafe

FESTIVAL HEADLINERS



THE NEW YORK KOREAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The New York Korean Performing Arts Center (NYKPAC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, cultivating and sharing traditional Korean culture in North America. The group consists of professional performers in Korean traditional music and dance from the Korean American community in the New York area, committed to promoting intercultural understanding and appreciation of Korea's artistic heritage and history. Founded in 1986 by Sue Yeon Park, NYKPAC has played a key role in fostering pride in Korean culture among second-generation Korean Americans and Korean adoptees, while also promoting intercultural dialogue with the broader American society.



"MUSIC FROM THE CROOKED ROAD"

The Crooked Road, southwest Virginia's "heritage music trail," is one of the most musical places on earth. Created in 2004, it encompasses places, venues and historic sites that tell the living story of Virginia's rich musical heritage. The "Music from the Crooked Road" festival set celebrates the vibrant, living musical culture kept in Appalachian communities found along Highway 58 as it winds for over 300 miles across southwestern Virginia.

"Music from the Crooked Road" features three of today's outstanding artists from the area:

- **Elsa Howell**, unaccompanied Appalachian ballad singer
- **Gina Dilg and the Mustard Cutters**, a dynamic trio of great pickers, harmony singers and high-energy flatfoot dancing
- **Eddie Bond & the New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters**, one of the region's most accomplished old-time dance bands. Eddie Bond is recipient of a 2018 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship, the nation's highest honor for folk and traditional artists.



These artists link the past, present and future of deeply rooted American traditions. They represent the thousands of area musicians, singers and dancers who love their homegrown music and make it every day in family kitchens, workshops, jam sessions, community dances and musical gatherings of every conceivable variety.

A TALK WITH PATRICK OLWELL & GERRY MILNES



Through years of research, experimentation with flute design and exacting craftsmanship, National Heritage Fellow **Patrick Olwell** has made his name synonymous with top-quality wooden flutes, prized by leading players in Irish traditional music.

By measuring hundreds of 19th-century simple-system flutes and refining the bore, embouchure and tone holes, he developed designs that play more easily and are more responsive and in tune than many surviving 19th-century instruments. Since 1975, his attention to detail, love of music and distinctive aesthetic have made Olwell flutes a favorite of musicians worldwide.



BILLY MCCOMISKEY & FRIENDS

Billy McComiskey, a Brooklyn native, plays in what he loosely describes as the East Galway style of Irish accordion music and is a protégé of the late Seán McGlynn of Tynagh, Co. Galway, still performing on McGlynn's rare 1940s Paolo Soprani box. In the 1970s he helped establish the Irish music scene in Washington, D.C., later putting Irish traditional music on the map in Maryland. He holds four All-Ireland titles and won the 1986 Button Accordion championship and received the 2016 NEA National Heritage Fellowship.



Gerry Milnes, recipient of the 2026 NEA Bess Lomax Hawes National Heritage Fellowship, is an acclaimed folklorist, traditional musician, filmmaker, author and cultural advocate whose five decades of work have been crucial in documenting and preserving Appalachian folk traditions. A master of fiddle, banjo and guitar, he has produced over 25 recordings, 15 films and five books, earning the Vandalia Award, West Virginia Filmmaker of the Year and an honorary doctorate from Davis & Elkins College.



CULTURE FEATURING KENYATTA HILL

For over four decades, Culture has been one of roots reggae's most enduring voices. Formed in 1976 by Joseph Hill, the group blended deep Rastafarian messages, militant rhythms and uplifting harmonies on classic albums like "Two Sevens Clash." After Hill's passing in 2006, his son Kenya Hill stepped up. What began as a tribute evolved into a powerful continuation. With his powerful vocals and the veteran band, Culture featuring **Kenyatta Hill** tours worldwide, keeping the fire of roots reggae burning brightly on the world stage. With Kenya Hill at the helm, the message remains clear: "Reggae lives. Culture lives on."

Discover how culture comes to life through art.

Visit the "Art Mirrors Culture" Exhibit.

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

Jo Ann Rose Gallery
Now – October 5

3D Gallery
Now – November 13

"How does art mirror culture in your work?"

At the heart of this exhibit is a simple yet powerful question. Whether drawing from specific traditions or blending multiple influences, each piece reflects the stories, values and experiences that shape the artist's world. The exhibit offers viewers a chance to see culture made visible on canvas, in clay and beyond.



EMMA LIU

"This painting depicts a moment at the dinner table where plates of delicious, traditional food bring about feelings of love and joy."



LINDA GROTCKE

"Growing up, I often visited my grandfather's farm in Iowa. It was all miles and miles of crops, cattle and farmland."



NANCY DRAY

"The public art of Reston creates shared spaces where each individual can experience them uniquely. The Sun Boat invited the boy, who brought to the space his specimens and the landscape of his imagination."



DALE MCGRATH

"A typical New England windowsill in late summer or fall."

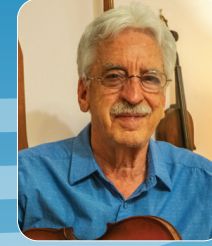
Celebrate the 2026 National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellows!



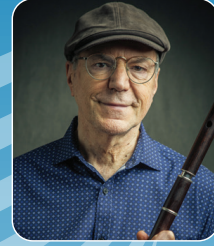
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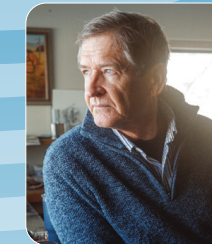
Patrick O'well



**Victor G. Pichardo
& Juan Dies**



Frank Rabon



Cary Schwarz



**Lloyd Harold
Kumulā'au Sing, Jr.
& May Haunani
Balino-Sing**

This September in Washington, DC, free events celebrate the 2026 recipients of our nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts.

Film Screening & Conversation

September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Arena Stage at the
Mead Center for American Theater

Awards Ceremony & Showcase

September 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Library of Congress

**For more information and to reserve free tickets,
visit arts.gov/Heritage.**



Special Thanks

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Virginia Folklife Program