MANKATO AREA
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2015

KALEIDOSCOPE OF CULTURES

FLAG PARADE
ENTERTAINMENT
CULTURAL BAZAAR
INTERNATIONAL FOODS
CHILDREN’S/TEENS’ WORLD
SILENT AUCTION AND MORE!

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
CENTENNIAL STUDENT UNION

WWW.MANKATOINTLFESTIVAL.COM
11:00 A.M.  SMUDGING CEREMONY  
(Hearth Lounge, Lower Level)  
American Indian Blessing (Dave Bravehart)  
Smudging is a ritual way to cleanse a space of negative energies.

11:15 A.M.  DIGNITARY WELCOME  
(Hearth Lounge, Lower Level)  
Tom Gjersvig, Director of International Student and Scholar Services  
Opening remarks  
   Eric Anderson, Mayor of Mankato  
   Dr. Stephen Stoynoff, Interim Dean of International Affairs  
   David Cowen, International Festival Grand Marshal

11:30 A.M.  ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS  
(see stage schedules)

FLAG PARADE  
A flag parade will take place throughout the CSU. The flags will be located along the steps and in Jazzman’s lounge after the parade.

SILENT AUCTION BEGINS  
(Heritage Room, Main Level)  
Proceeds fund future International Festivals. Come bid on items from around the world.

CHILDREN AND TEENS’ WORLD CULTURAL BAZAAR  
(CSU Ballroom, Upper Level)  
Gain hands-on learning about other cultures

3:00 P.M.  SILENT AUCTION ENDS  
(Heritage Room, Main Level)  
Awarded items may be picked up at the door

4:00 P.M.  INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ENDS  
Please complete an exit survey as you leave. Your feedback is very important to us. We want to improve for 2016!

SPECIAL DIGNITARIES:  
   Eric Anderson, Mayor of Mankato  
   Stephen Stoynoff, Interim Dean of International Affairs  
   David Cowen, International Festival Grand Marshal

This year the Festival committee has selected Dave Cowan as our Dr. Kuhn H Lee International Festival Grand Marshals. He has shown his support of international students in very tangible ways during his tenure here as Facilities Services Director by employing and mentoring countless international students, as well as supporting the International Center in its programming efforts.

In recognition of his effort and dedication, Mr. Cowan received the prestigious Global Citizen Award in 2013 in recognition for his leadership in making the campus transportation system responsive to the needs of international students, including arranging for shuttle service when regular bus service is not available, facilitating access to campus during the International Festival, and providing international students employment and leadership opportunities.
Silent Auction proceeds help fund future International Festivals. Stop in to the Heritage Room to view and bid on donated items.

Such items may be:

ETHNIC CLOTHING
HOUSEHOLD DECORATIONS
POTTERY
CARDS
JEWELRY

Our items come from locations throughout the world including:

INDIA
JAPAN
KOREA
CHINA
KENYA
GERMANY
11:30–1:45 P.M. Lado Jobava (Georgia) and Diana Korban (Russia)
1:45–4 P.M. Charles Thiemele (Ivory Coast) and Tahir Farooqi (Pakistan)

11:35 A.M. BATO BATO! (30 minutes)
Marimba ensemble of 30+ high school students from Breck School in Minneapolis.

12:15 P.M. DOLLY AND SHEKAR BARUAH (15 minutes)
Student siblings performing Indian & Western fusion music (vocals, piano, guitar, drum).

12:35 P.M. BATO BATO! (30 minutes)

1:20 P.M. NESTCOM GIRLS (15 minutes)
Student group dancing to a medley of songs from Nepal.

1:45 P.M. GREG HERRIGES/NEW WHIRLED BAND TRIO (30 minutes)
Eclectic mix of original and traditional “whirled music” with Asian and other international influence.

2:25 P.M. ST. PAUL CZECH AND SLOVAK DANCERS (30 minutes)
Ethnic dance group promoting the Czech, Moravian, and Slovak heritage and culture.

3:00 P.M. KALPULLI KETZAL COATLICUE (30 minutes)
A Kalpulli (learning community) of Indigenous people highlighting traditional Aztec dance.

3:35 P.M. BRAZUCAS (5 minutes)
Student group performing various popular dances from Brazil.

3:45 P.M. SQUAD 237 (5 minutes)
Student group performing popular African dances.
11:35 A.M.  SOMALI STUDENT ASSOCIATION  (7 minutes)
Somali students perform traditional tribal dances.

11:50 A.M.  NEPALI DANCE  (5 minutes)
Student group performing folk and modern Nepalese dance featuring the theme of “love”.

12:00 P.M.  ARABIA GAME SHOW TRIVIA  (30 minutes)
Learn more about different cultures through trivia in a fun game show environment.

12:30 P.M.  CHICANO LATIN STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND LATINO STUDENT WELLNESS PROGRAM  (5 minutes)
Student group performing the African-Peruvian dance known as Festejo.

12:35 P.M.  STORY TELLING: ARABIC FOLK TALE  (10 minutes)
Participate in acting out a traditional cultural story.

12:45 P.M.  MAVLANKANS OF MSU SRILANKAN DANCE  (5 minutes)
Student group performing traditional Sri Lankan dances.

12:55 P.M.  TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION  (10 minutes)
Martial arts demonstration from Lee’s Champion TaeKwonDo Academy.

1:05 P.M.  STORY TELLING: AFRICAN FOLK TALE  (10 minutes)
Participate in acting out a traditional cultural story.

1:20 P.M.  BANGLADESHI GIRLS GROUP DANCE  (5 minutes)
Student group performing traditional Bangladeshi dances.

1:30 P.M.  NEW ULM CONCORD SINGERS  (30 minutes)
German language male chorus performing festive German music.

2:10 P.M.  KALPULLI KETZAL COATLICUE  (30 minutes)
A Kalpulli (learning community) of Indigenous people highlighting traditional Aztec dance.

2:50 P.M.  NEW ULM CONCORD SINGERS  (30 minutes)

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EMCEES:
11:30–12:55 P.M.  Akmal Abdulmuminov (Tajikistan)
12:55–2:10 P.M.  Prottoy (Bangladesh)
2:10–4:00 P.M.  Romaric Dasse (Ivory Coast)
11:35 A.M.  BANGLADESHI SONGS (15 minutes)
Student group performing traditional songs.

11:55 A.M.  ALI OKU (5 minutes)
Student performing spoken word from Africa.

12:05 P.M.  MAVLANKANS OF MSU (6 minutes)
Student group performing traditional Sri Lankan music.

12:15 P.M.  NESTCOM BAND (15 minutes)
Student group performing traditional songs from Nepal.

12:35 P.M.  MAUREEN BILHA (5 minutes)
Student from Africa performing solo song.

12:45 P.M.  BANGLADESHI GIRLS DUET (6 minutes)
Student group performing traditional Bangladeshi dances.

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1:55 P.M.  BANGLADESHI SONGS (15 minutes)

2:15 P.M.  MAGIC SHOW (15 minutes)
Student magician performing street magic.

2:35 P.M.  BANGLADESHI GIRLS DUET (6 minutes)

2:45 P.M.  ALI OKU (5 minutes)

2:50 P.M.  BANGLADESHI SONGS (15 minutes)

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CSU UPPER LEVEL
Join us in the North Ballroom for Children and Teens’ World.
We have fun activities for children to learn more about the world around them.

MAKE PARACORD BRACELETS:
Parachute cord is a soft, lightweight nylon rope originally used for parachuting. The cord is quick drying as well as rot and mildew resistant. Use colorful cord to make a bracelet all your own.

MAKE A PAPER SCANDINAVIAN SCONE:
Make a scone to fill with candy using creatively connected slips of paper.

DECORATE AND COLOR PICTURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

JOIN US IN OUR BEAN BAG CHAIRS FOR TRADITIONAL STORIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

DECORATE A POT AND PLANT A SPRING FLOWER.

LEARN THE ART OF FOLDING PAPER:
Join us for some colorful origami projects.
**Main Level**

**Asian Pacific Student Organization**
Pork Dumplings

**Bangladesh Student Organization**
Beef Biriyan, Chicken Drumstick, Mango Lassi, Special Salad

**French Club**
Authentic French crêpes with choice of toppings

**Grand Bassam**
Tchep (Ivory Coast Fried Rice) with Chicken

**Hmong Student Association**
Meatball on a Stick, Cabbage Roll, Hmong Color Drink

Jazzman's Café
Assorted Roasted Coffee, Baked Goods

**Korean Student Association**
Rice, Bulgogi, Kimchi

**Latino Students Wellness Programs**
Deep Fried Tacos with Variety of Toppings

**Lower Level**

**Japanese Intercultural Association**
Teriyaki Chicken, Miso Soup, Dorayaki (Japanese Pancake)

**NESTCOM (Nepalese Student Community)**
Momo

**Vietnamese American Student Association (VASA)**
Steamed buns, dumplings, ice tea

**Upper Level**

Filfillah Restaurant
Beef/Lamb Gyro, Greek Salad, Baklava, Vimto

**Hmong Men**
Egg Rolls and Spring Rolls

**Jazzman’s Café**
Assorted Roasted Coffee, Baked Goods

**Korean Student Association**
Rice, Bulgogi, Kimchi

**Latino Students Wellness Programs**
Deep Fried Tacos with Variety of Toppings

**Somali Student Association**
Sambusa, Shushumow (cookies), Shaax (Somali tea)

**Student Organizations**
Please support the organizations starred with **. These organizations are international students and entities directly representing the international community at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Proceeds go toward activities involved with sharing their culture.

Learn some of the many stories of our one world by enjoying diverse performances, sampling food from around the world, participating in activities, meeting international student ambassadors in the food areas, and explore the International Bazaar in the CSU ballroom. Support future festivals by browsing and buying at the Silent Auction in the Heritage Room on the Main Level.
We feature many countries throughout our bazaar on all three levels of the CSU. Please visit our vendors to learn more about their part of the world.

**LOWER LEVEL**

**BANGLADESH STUDENT ORGANIZATION**: Intro to Bangladeshi culture highlighting dress and music.
**JAPANESE INTERCULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**MAIN LEVEL**

**FRENCH CLUB**
**GRAND BASSAM**
**HMONG STUDENT ASSOCIATION**
**KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**: Showcasing items, dress and culture of South Korea.
**LATINO STUDENTS WELLNESS PROGRAMS**
**NESTCOM (NEPALESE STUDENT COMMUNITY)**: Will highlight Nepalese culture and clothing.

**UPPER LEVEL**

**SOMALI STUDENT ASSOCIATION**: Showcasing the Somali culture, among the most represented in Minnesota and the Mankato campus.
**SAUDI CLUB**: Will include traditional dress, calligraphy and henna showcasing Saudi Arabian culture.
**MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**: Learn more about the religion of Islam as we answer any questions you may have.
**TUNISIA STUDENT GROUP**: Displaying the culture of Tunisia as well as the national dress.
**INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**: Will highlight Bollywood and music showcasing the Indian culture.
**BRAZIL STUDENT ORGANIZATION**: Brazilian students will represent items, dress and cultures from the different states of Brazil.
**PAKISTAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**: Will provide henna tattoos as well as a display of ethnic items and clothing.
**CRICKET CLUB**: Demonstrate the basic rules & fundamentals of Cricket, along with brief overviews of countries that enjoy the sport as a favorite past time.
**OROMIA STUDENT UNION**: Aims to create transitional culture for students belonging to Oromo culture.
**CHINESE INSTITUTE**: Showcasing Chinese culture, both in native context and especially in context of the Chinese American diaspora.
**BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**: See the vibrant history of Blue Earth County through dresses and costumes of different eras.
**STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**: Educating guests, native and international students regarding study abroad opportunities at Minnesota State, Mankato.
**IREX PAKISTAN**: IREX is a student sponsorship program/organization. Q&A w/ informative presentations and interactions.
**MEMORIAL LIBRARY**: Learn about the multiple resources available at our campus library.
**YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING**: Global non-profit that emphasizes multicultural immersion as well as exchange programs between teachers & trainers.
**FRIENDSHIP FAMILY PROGRAM**: Showcase the interaction between international students and the Mankato community.
**SWETALINA DAS**: We offer Himalayan Tapestry from India and Savanna Creations from Tanzania, East Africa.
**MINNESOTA SNOFLAKE**: An innovative take on winter/all season decorations, offer sun catchers, in various patterns, colors and textures.
**TAEKWONDO**: Learn about Korean martial art, culture and tradition.
**MANKATO DIVERSITY COUNCIL**: Presentation/information about Diversity Council.
**TWIN VALLEY COUNCIL**: Information/presentation about Boy Scout/ Venture crew cultures.
**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**: Stop by to learn about opportunities with the College of Business.
**SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA**: Will inform about scholarship opportunities through this org. We aim to make postsecondary education available to everyone.
**LAWRENCE TING**: Oriental items, clothing, accessories and culture on display and sale representing several prominent Asian cultures.
**JOSIES PIECES**: Handmade accessories, clothing and miscellaneous items from Kenya.
**MANKATO AREA FAIR TRADE TOWN INITIATIVE**: Promoting fair trade goods and supporting the development of communities through fair trade.
**COTE D'IVOIRE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**: Learn more about the vibrant culture of Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).
**FASHION ACCESSORIES**: Selling headscarves and fashion accessories.
MSU INTERNATIONAL POPULATION STATISTICS*
Total Population: 1071
Graduate Students: 250
Undergraduate: 661
Non-Degree (Exchange, Sponsored, IELI): 160
Total Number of Countries Represented: 93
International-related Registered Student Organizations: 16

Approximately 29,000 volunteer hours are generated by international students annually as part of the Cultural Contribution Scholarship.
The Kearney International Center hosts 5 International Culture Nights per school term.
Check our web site for 2015-2016 events.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS
Be sure to meet our Student Ambassadors! They are out and about at the festival wearing shirts that say, "Hello, I am from...". These students are far away from home and welcome the opportunity to teach you about their country. Introduce yourself and prepare to learn about our amazing world.

FLAG PARADE
The flag parade will be organized in alphabetical order by country name. Volunteers carrying country flags might not be directly affiliated with that country. The flags represent the countries of the students on the Minnesota State University, Mankato campus. The United States flag and then the American Indian Eagle Staff are in front as per US flag protocol. Dignitaries and African Drummers will lead the procession.

ROTC COLOR GUARD
The MSU ROTC Color Guard is presenting the United States flag today.

*Numbers based on currently enrolled students as of Fall 2014

***As you leave, please complete a survey about your experience at the 2015 Mankato Area International Festival. Your opinions and thoughts are important to us. The survey is voluntary, responses remain anonymous, and should take only five minutes. Thank you for observing Minnesota State University, Mankato's non-smoking policy.
SPECIAL THANKS!

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The International Festival is a public event and many enjoy taking photos of the traditional clothing and decorations. If you do not wish to have your photo taken, please inform the photographer. Photos of children must have parental consent and all photos may be used for 2016 publicity.

“**This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.”

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) is a group of dedicated individuals committed to supporting, nurturing and expanding the arts; knowing that the arts improve the quality of life in our region. Our purpose is to provide promotion, technical and developmental assistance and grants to non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools and individual artists.
We expect an even bigger and more vibrant 2016 Mankato Area International Festival.

Please help keep the festival fabulous and free by bidding on our Silent Auction items.