

a celebration of cultural diversity



KENT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
18th Annual
 "Learn from Each Other"

**Saturday,
 May 30th, 2026**

Entertainment on Two Stages - 10 am - 5 pm
 Cultural, Crafts & Information Booths - 10 am - 5 pm
 International Taste of Kent Food Court - 11am - 4 pm



4CULTURE STAGE

Time	Performers	Guest Announcer
10:10	Welcome & National Anthem and performance by The Rainier Youth Choir	Mayor Dana Ralph
10:20	Xihua Chinese Volk Dance	Marquise Dixon, Exec. Director Kent Schools Foundation
10:30	Rowan Fae Irish Dance Company	Marquise Dixon, Exec. Director Kent Schools Foundation
10:55	Blue Angels Dance Group and Reach To Unite EDU International: Rolling the Beaded Curtain Dance	Alex Henning, Rotary Club of Kent
11:20	Pacific Ballroom	Alex Henning, Rotary Club of Kent
11:25	Siam Smile Thai Classical and Folk Dance	Neeraj Agnihotri, Meeker Middle School Science & Robotics Teacher
11:30	Xihua Chinese Volk Dance	Neeraj Agnihotri, Meeker Middle School Science & Robotics Teacher
11:40	Kent Meridian Vietnamese Student Association fan dance	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Gathering Outreach
11:50	Blue Angels Dance Group and Reach To Unite EDU International : Carrying the Dragon King Dance	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Gathering Outreach
Noon	JunHong's Lion Dance & Kung Fu Club	Dr. Marissa Winmill, Kent Meridian ELL Teacher
12:20	Baile Folklore Colibri	Dr. Marissa Winmill, Kent Meridian ELL Teacher
12:50	Lao Harmony	Suzette Cooke, Former Mayor of Kent
1:15	Dekoboko Taiko	Suzette Cooke, Former Mayor of Kent
1:45	Pranaah Dance Team	Suzette Cooke, Former Mayor of Kent
2:00	Grupo Folklorico Citlali	Satwinder Kaur, Kent City Council President
2:30	ADEFUA	Satwinder Kaur, Kent City Council President
3:00	Sunshine from Polynesia	Brumley Law Firm
3:30	Kent Elementary Stomp and Dance Team	Denisha Saucedo, Kent Educators of Color Network
3:45	Kent School District Black Lives Matter Student Poetry Submissions	Denisha Saucedo, Kent Educators of Color Network
3:55	Hua Yin Performing Arts Group	Dave Skipton, KIF Board President
4:15	Allegro Performing Arts Academy	Dave Skipton, KIF Board President
4:45	Balefire Irish Dancers	Dave Skipton, KIF Board President
5:00	Closing Remarks	Dave Skipton, KIF Board President

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PLAZA STAGE



11:00	Land Acknowledgement	Wade Barringer, Deputy Superintendent KSD
11:05	Blue Heron Canoe	Bill Boyce, Kent City Council Member
11:15	Koto Jazz	Zandria Michaud, Kent City Council Member
11:45	Siam Smile Thai Classical and Folk Dance	Zandria Michaud, Kent City Council Member
11:55	Reach to Unite cultural exchange and Education Foundation	Eva Engelhard, Highline College
12:10	Lak Daruwo, a Sri Lankan Dance Troupe	Eva Engelhard, Highline College
12:40	Kent Meridian Vietnamese Student Association Fan Dance	Tshishiku Henry, CEO of Wide World for Refugee
12:50	Federal Way Community Center Taichi Group	Tshishiku Henry, CEO of Wide World for Refugee
1:10	Little Multilingual/ Global Kidz Education	John Boyd, Kent City Council Member
1:20	Ponleu RakSmey, Khmer Artist	John Boyd, Kent City Council Member
1:40	Raqs el Sehr Shamal	Sharn Shoker, Kent City Council Member
2:10	Siam Smile Thai Classical and Folk Dance	Sharn Shoker, Kent City Council Member
2:15	Eclipse K-pop Dance Group	Matt Kurvink, Western States Carpenters Union
2:30	Hua Yin Performing Arts Group	Matt Kurvink, Western States Carpenters Union
3:00	Grupo Folklorico Citlali	Brenda Fincher, Pastoral Asst. Holy Spirit Parish
3:20	Into His Chambers Global Ministry	Brenda Fincher, Pastoral Asst. Holy Spirit Parish
3:45	Slavic Soul	Brenda Fincher, Pastoral Asst. Holy Spirit Parish
4:00	Indian Folk Dance from Punjab	Nancy Skipton, KIF Executive Director
4:15	School of Rock	Nancy Skipton, KIF Executive Director
5:00	Closing Remarks	Nancy Skipton, KIF Executive Director

Catalyst Presents
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Food Trucks



Pop-up Vendors

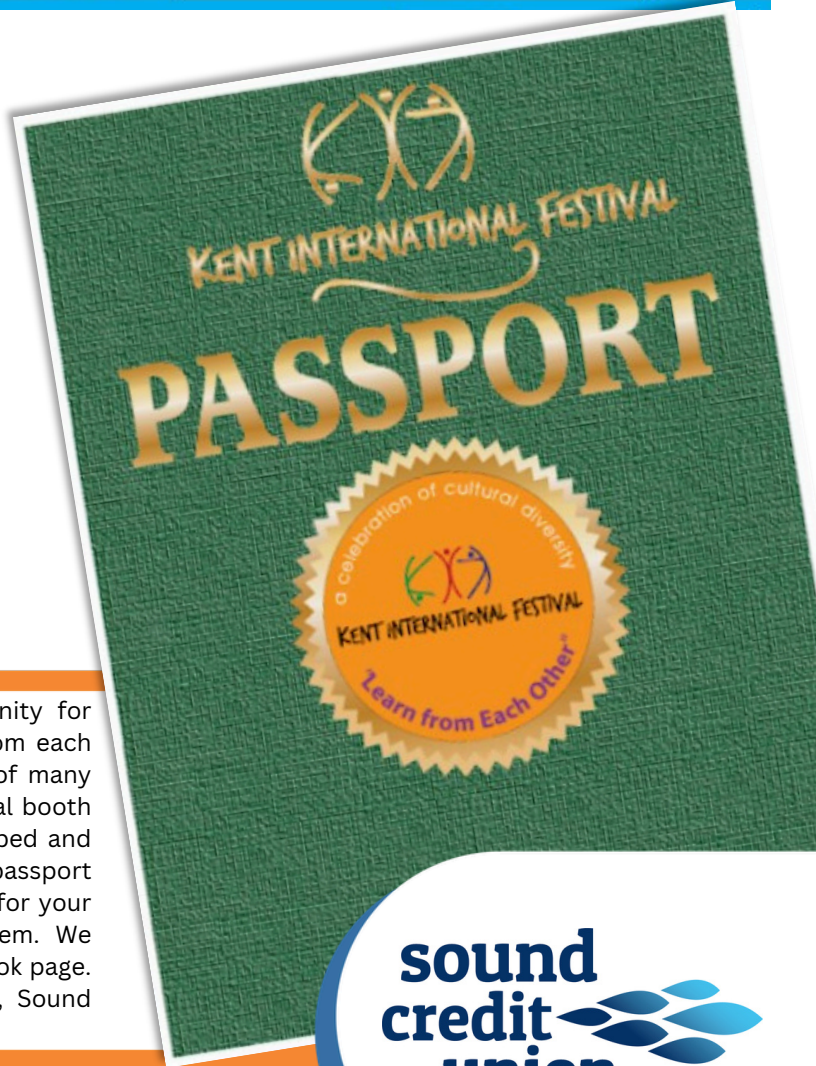


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Cultural Booth Passport Program

Attending the Kent International Festival is a great opportunity for everyone to share their heritage and culture while learning from each other. For the young we have a fun way to learn with a tour of many booths that are part of the "Passport" program. At each cultural booth there is an activity to try. Once done, have the Passport stamped and move on to the next Cultural Booth. When finished, bring your passport back to the KIF Passport Booth and ask for your ballot to vote for your favorite Passport Cultural booth and get a free surprise item. We announce the winners on the Kent International Festival Facebook page. We greatly appreciate our sponsor of the Passport program, Sound Credit Union.



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Early June 2027

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THANK YOU!

Kent International Festival Committee thanks our many sponsors, businesses, organizations and volunteer groups. Over 250 hours of volunteer time are required to staff the day of the Festival. These volunteers and those who helped financially have made it possible to host a free admission event. Please recognize those who support the Kent International Festival.

Festival Financial Sponsors

The 2026 Kent International Festival is supported in part by grants and contributions from:

City of Kent Community Arts Support Program
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Seattle Somali Cultural Events
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Kent YMCA
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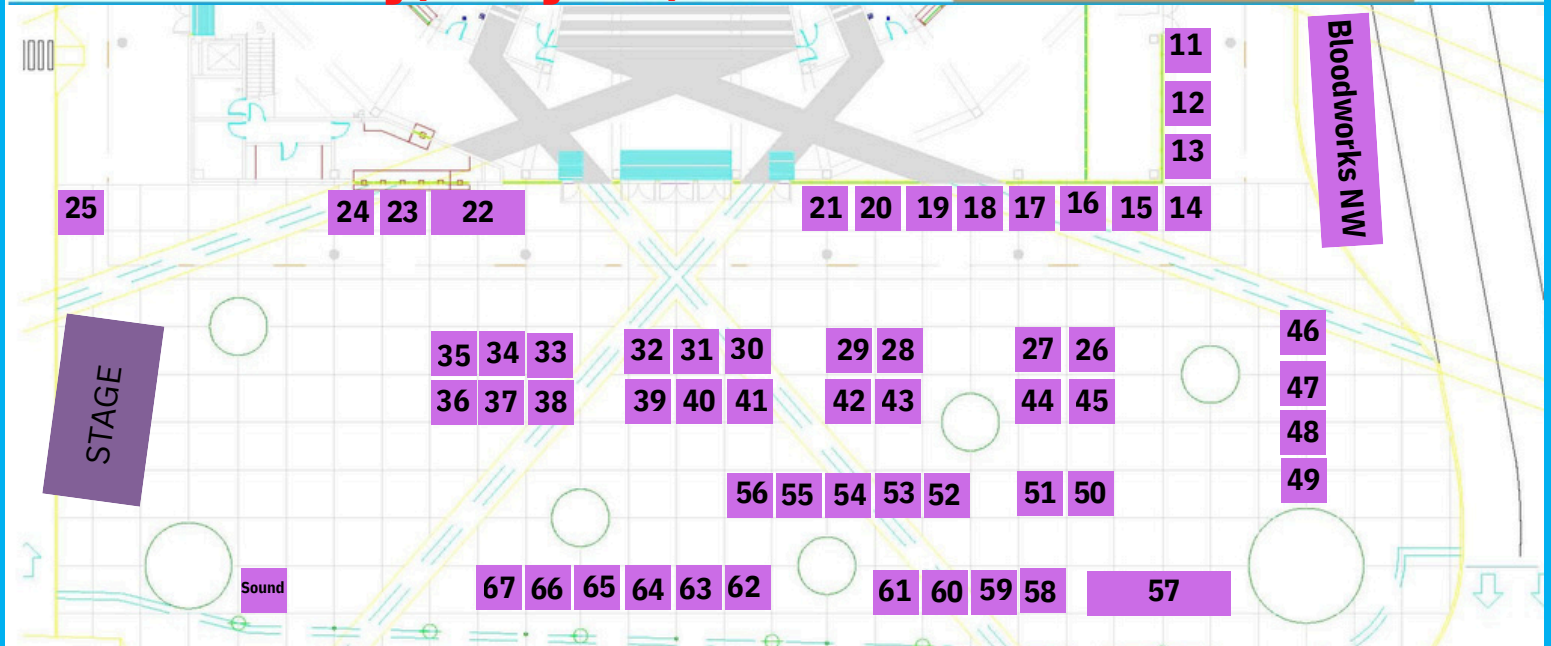
Key Supporting Businesses & Individuals

Kent Mayor Dana Ralph
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Simply Celebrations & Events
Shine Event Design
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Successful Business Dynamics Consulting
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Western States Carpenters
Kent School District
Bloodworks NW

Volunteer Organizations

Highline College
And many individuals.

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| 11. Kent International Mall | 29. Brumley Law | 48. King County Library System - Kent |
| 12. African Community Housing Development | 30. Sound Credit Union | 49. Foundation For a Drug-Free World |
| 13. Zar Collection | 31. Kent YMCA | 50. Youth For Human International |
| 14. Rumaan Style | 32. BECU | 51. The Way to Happiness Foundation |
| 15. Lana Moda | 33. Chiro One Wellness Center | 52. Authors of Impact and Legacy |
| 16. Layla Collection | 34. Seattle Somali Cultural Events | 53. AK Art & Calligraphy |
| 17. Shop With Almas | 35. City of Kent - Diversity Board | 54. King County District Court |
| 18. Laili Amber Perfume | 36. Communities of Rooted Brilliance | 55. Washington State Office of Equity |
| 19. Somali Bantu Rising | 37. Highline College | 56. WA Department of Labor (L&I) |
| 20. Hilaac Groceries | 38. Fun to Catch Toxic to Eat | 57. Churches of Scientology Disaster Resonse |
| 21. Pathways Learning Hub | 39. Rainier Honey Co. | 58. Love That Art |
| 22. Western States Carpenters | 40. Puddin 'N' Body Care, LLC | 59. Refugees Northwest Foster Care |
| 23. City of Kent - Environmental | 41. Afreesha | 60. Green River College |
| 24. City of Kent - Economic & Community Development | 42. Kent School District - Nutrition Services | 61. Kent Toast 'N Boast Toastmasters Club |
| 25. Kulphi | 43. Kent School District - Human Resources | 62. Essentials First |
| 26. Molina Healthcare | 44. International Foster Care | 63. Smith Brothers |
| 27. African American Leadership Forum | 45. Indivisible Covington & Indivisible Kent | 64. Ggjewlsblooms |
| 28. Pacific Medical Centers | 46. Puget Sound Fire Regional Authority | 65. Refugee Artisan Initiative |
| | 47. Kent Police Department | 66. Robaroo |
| | | 67. Two Maids Cleaning |

Become part of the festival

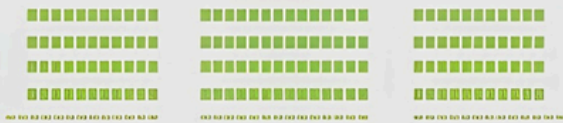
The Kent International Festival is always looking for volunteers and project coordinators. **Sign up at the KIF Information booth.**

We welcome community members, school groups and local businesses to be involved in our festival's ongoing success.

Visit our website to learn more:
www.kentinternationalfestival.com

ARENA STAGE

Seating



Tables

Tables



ART EXHIBITION

Kent Schools
Foundation

Kent
Educators of
Color

We are
America
Book Project

Kent Meridian Coding Club

Meeker Middle School
Robotics Stem Club

ART
ACTIVITIES

KIF PASSPORT
BOOTH

KIF INFO BOOTH

Enter

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PASSPORT

CULTURAL BOOTHS

1. Snohomish - Blue Heron Canoe
2. USA - Greater Kent Historical Society
3. Africa - Mother Africa
4. Iraq - Iraqi Community Center or Washington
5. Taiwan - South Puget Sound Chinese Language School
6. Ireland - Rowan Fae Irish Dance Company
7. Japan, China, Norway - Kent Sister Cities Association
8. China - Little Multilingual Education Group
9. Lu Mien - Thungc Enterprises LLC
10. Punjab - Sikh Khalsa Gurmat Center

Pick your
Passport
up at any
of the
above
booths



Turn in your passport at the KIF Passport Booth to vote for best passport cultural booth.