

a celebration of cultural diversity



KENT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

15th Annual

"Learn from Each Other"

**Saturday,  
June 3, 2023**

  
**THE PLATFORM**  
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## ARENA STAGE PROGRAM INSIDE



Time	Genre/Performers	Guest MC
10:00	Welcome Message & National Anthem	Bill Boyce, President of Kent City Council
10:05	WA Khmu Youth	Bill Boyce, President of Kent City Council
10:15	Xihua Chinese Volk Dance	Bill Boyce, President of Kent City Council
10:35	Pacific Ballroom Dancers	Bill Boyce, President of Kent City Council
11:00	Kinnaly Lao Traditional Music & Dance	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Outreach
11:20	Siam Smile Thai Classical and Folk Dance	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Outreach
11:30	Lak Daruwo	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Outreach
11:50	Raqs el Sehr Shamal	Kendra Smith, Toastmasters District 2 Speech Champion
12:05	Rowan Fae Irish Dancers	Kendra Smith, Toastmasters District 2 Speech Champion
12:30	Grupo Folklorico Citlali	Uriel Varela, Mayor's Office Race & Equity Manager
1:10	Shiva Rythms of India	Uriel Varela, Mayor's Office Race & Equity Manager
1:25	Integrity Arts featuring Kendra Smith	Wade Barringer, Associate Superintendent at Kent School Dis-
1:40	Dekoboko Taiko	Wade Barringer, Associate Superintendent at Kent School Dis-
2:00	Ranjeet Gatka Akhara	Toni Troutner, Kent City Council
2:20	Folklore Mexicano Tonatzin	Toni Troutner, Kent City Council
2:50	Balefire Irish Dancers	Brenda Fincher, Kent City Council
3:00	International Karaoke Federation	Garvaundo Hamilton, Executive Director for the Karaoke Cup
4:00	Latinx Club from Kent-Meridian High School	Nancy Skipton, KIF Executive Director
4:20	WA IU-MIEN Dancers	Nancy Skipton, KIF Executive Director
4:45	Closing Remarks	Nancy Skipton, KIF Executive Director

## FEATURED ACTIVITIES

**Art Exhibition on the Arena**  
**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

the exhibition along with other art activities at the Greater Kent Historical Society and the King County Library booths which are also in the arena.

The Kent Community Foundation, working with Kent School District art students and their teachers, have an art exhibition. These represent elementary, middle and high school students from one of the most diverse areas in the country. They will have an interactive art activity at the

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# PLAZA STAGE PROGRAM OUTSIDE



Time	Genre/Performers	Guest MC
10:30	Welcome Message	Shefali Rally, Miss India Kent Washington
	Land Acknowledgement	Eileen Lamphere, Greater Kent Historical Society
10:35	Blue Heron canoe	Shefali Rally, Miss India Kent Washington
10:55	Wa Khmu Youth	Shefali Rally, Miss India Kent Washington
11:00	Land Acknowledgement	Eileen Lamphere, Greater Kent Historical Society
11:10	Pacific Ballroom Dancers	Shefali Rally, Miss India Kent Washington
11:30	Jeff Evans the Magician	Brenda Fincher, Kent City Council
11:40	Grupo Folklorico Citlali	Brenda Fincher, Kent City Council
12:00	Siam Smile Thai Classical and Folk Dance	Eva Englehard, Highline College International Student
12:10	Kinnaly Lao Traditional Music & Dance	Eva Englehard, Highline College International Student
12:30	Raqs el Sehr Shamal	Students from Communities of Rooted Brilliance
1:00	Rowan Fae Irish Dancers (with audience participation)	Students from Communities of Rooted Brilliance
1:45	Samoan Christian Church of Kent	Students from Communities of Rooted Brilliance
2:10	Shiva Rythms of India	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Outreach
2:30	Booker T. Group	Tye Whitfield, CEO Kingdom Outreach
3	Folklore Mexicano Tonatzin	Zandria Michaud, Kent City Council
3:30	Balefire Irish Dancers	Zandria Michaud, Kent City Council
3:45	WA IU-MIEN Dancers	Brenda Fincher, Kent City Council
4:15	3You7 Studio	Dave Skipton, KIF Executive Board President
4:30	Kent Elementary Stomp Team	Dave Skipton, KIF Executive Board President
4:45	Announcements and Wrap Up	Dave Skipton, KIF Executive Board President

## Plaza booths

Outside on the plaza we have a large variety of booths for you to visit. Some offer services to the Kent Community. Others are selling cultural items

from around the world. Many of our sponsors have booths too. Take a stroll on the plaza and visit these booths.

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# FOOD TRUCKS



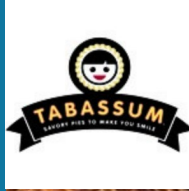
Venezuelan



Thai



USA



Central Asia



Mexican



Around/World



Asian



Dessert Table



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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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## 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 2023 Kent International Festival is supported, in part, by awards, grants and contributions from the:

- City of Kent Community Arts Support Program
- Kent Lodging Tax Grant
- 4Culture
- Arts WA and the Washington State Arts Commission
- Astral Apartments
- Driftwood Apartments
- The Platform Apartments
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- Sound Transit
- Harborstone Credit Union
- Chiro One Wellness Centers
- African American Leadership Forum
- Molina Healthcare of WA
- Cruise Planners
- King County Metro Transit
- Sound Credit Union
- Kent Community Foundation
- Pacific Medical Centers
- Kent YMCA

### Key Supporting Businesses & Individuals

- Kent Mayor Dana Ralph
- Kent City Council
- accesso ShoWare Center
- Kent International Festival Executive Board and Planning Committee
- Simply Celebrations & Events
- Shine Event Design
- Chamonix Agnes Photography
- Successful Business Dynamics
- Shannon and Associates
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### Volunteer Organizations

- Holy Spirit Catholic Church
- In Tech Consulting
- John Volken Academy
- Highline College
- SoCoCulture
- Volunteer Match
- And many individuals.

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## FESTIVAL MAP



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| 15 Foundation For a Drug Free World  | 29 TVG-Medulla LLC/Chiro One Wellness                       | 43 Children's Home Society of Washington             |
| 16 Kent Police Dept  | 30 Kent YMCA  | 44 Communities of Rooted Brilliance                  |
| 17 Puget Sound Fire  | 31 Volunteer Ministers                                      | 45 King County Dept. of Adult and Juvenile Detention |
| 18 Indian American Community Services  | 32 Kulphi LLC, (Dessert Booth)                              | 46 Kent Youth and Family Services                    |
| 19 City of Kent Economic Development   | 33 Resendiz Herrera Sales                                   | 47 Childrens Therapy Center                          |
| 20 King County Metro Transit   | 34 King County Elections                                    | 48 Smith Brothers Farms                              |
| 21 Molina Healthcare   | 35 Kingdom Gathering Outreach - Free State Lifeline Tablets | 49 Community Network Council                         |
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| 23 Astral Apartments, Driftwood Apartments, Platform Apartments, Signature Pointe Apartment Homes, Vibe Apartments | 37 College for Kids Intercultural Learning Center           | 51 Grupo Asesor Latino                               |
| 24 Harborstone Credit Union  | 38 The Seattle Times  | 52 Love That Art                                     |
| 25 Cruise Planners   | 39 John Volken Academy                                      | 53 Lena's Odds and Ends                              |
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| 28 Pacific Medical Centers   | 42 Vine Maple Place   |  |

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# 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:**

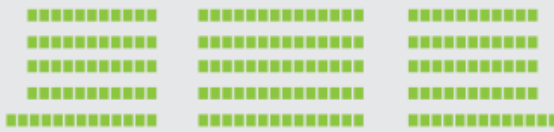
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## ARENA STAGE

### Seating



### Tables

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14 LIBRARY

11 KENT MUSEUM

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.

## PASSPORT

## CULTURAL BOOTHS

- 1 Snohomish - Blue Heron Canoe
- 2 Iraq - Iraqi Community Center of Washington
- 3 Africa - Mother Africa
- 4 Papua - Highline College International Student Program
- 5 Japan, China and Norway - Kent Sister Cities Association
- 6 Switzerland - Enzian Swiss Ladies Choir
- 7 Columbia - Euphoric Realm
- 8 Mexico - Bakescapade
- 9 Latin America - Drink The Dirt Coffee
- 10 Latin America - World Spice
- 11 USA - Greater Kent Historical Society (In Arena)
- 12 Punjab/Sikh - Khalsa Gurmat Center
- 13 Mexico - Seattle Multimedia