

35TH ANNIVERSARY



35th Anniversary Indy International Festival
November 18 – 20, 2011
Indiana State Fairgrounds - West Pavilion

Event Features – What's New This Year!

Latin American Music & Dance:



Sancocho, (*san-KO-choh*) is a stew in Latin America that combines meats, vegetables and spices to create a unique taste. Using this metaphor, the ensemble focuses on music and dance traditions from the African diaspora that are Spanish-speaking and have strong African cultural retentions such as Rumba from Cuba and Bomba from Puerto Rico. The artistic director, Iris Rosa and music director lead a group of drummers and dancers to combine a delicious concoction that is sure to satisfy your musical appetite.

Are you ready for some FUTBOL?

Soccer is the world's game. With over 3.2 million youth players nationwide, America is proving that soccer has a home here, too. Today, most U.S. Major League Soccer teams are made up of incredible soccer players from all over the world. Of the 30 players on the LA Galaxy roster, 9 of them are from outside of the United States including Jamaica, Ireland, Brazil and New Zealand! To celebrate diversity in soccer, the 35th Anniversary Indy International Festival and Indiana Soccer are joining forces to teach Central Indiana about one of the most diverse sports on the planet, FUTBOL (SOCCER)!



Indiana Soccer will be on hand for kids to participate in and watch two types of contests, "Futsal" Tournament and "Soccer/Tennis" Competition. Indiana Soccer will host 3 on 3 pick-up games all weekend where kids can compete for prizes just for playing and can participate in an hourly raffle! Central Indiana kids can also come out to watch or participate in 3 on 3 "Soccer/Tennis" where teams of 3 will accumulate scores over a tennis net in a designated area.

Pavel Polanco-Safadit - Direct Contact Latin Jazz:



Direct Contact Latin Jazz it is known through the Midwest for its high-energy and challenging music, much in the vein of the modern pyrotechnicians of today's Latin jazz. Direct Contact is also known to be one of the most entertaining Latin Jazz trios in the Midwest. The combination of flavors Direct Contact provides will make your experience an unforgettable one.

Explore North & South America in a BIG way! :

The Nationalities Council of Indiana will partner with the Geography Educators' Network of Indiana to present the National Geographic Society's Giant Traveling Maps of North and South America. Measuring 26'x33' and weighing 102 lbs each, these giant maps of The Americas are the world's largest maps of the continents. Students across the country use these maps as a tool to explore the continents in a variety of unique ways! The giant maps are designed as a geo-game board to introduce students to the power of maps and the diverse geography the region.



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Returning Event Features

Continuous Music & Dance: As you enter the Festival, you are immediately entranced by the sounds of the world as performers in traditional dress present the music and dance of their native country. The International Festival Main Stage is bustling with colorful entertainers from open to close including performers from the Japanese Minyo Dancers, the Phillippino Barangay Club, Mexico's Ensamble Folklorico, and the folk dances of Western European dancers like the Irish dances of Celtic Motion.



Taste Your Way Around The World! Find ethnic dishes from Egypt, Greece, the Philippines, Mexico, China, Turkey, Sweden, Hungary, Africa and many more at the international Festival. For those patrons 21 & older, taste your way around the world as Kahn's Fine Wines pairs international beers and wines with the authentic cuisines from over 20 ethnic food vendors at the International Festival.



Passport Program: Explore your ethnic roots and interact with people from various cultures as part of the Festival's education outreach program. The Eli Lilly Foundation provides students with an International Festival Passport which attendees present at the Culture Booths throughout the day. By displaying knowledge of the country's currency, language, customs and traditions, attendees collect stamps in their Passports.



JJ Kent – Native American Flutist & Educator: JJ Kent is a beloved NAMMY Award-winning Native American recording artist and a gifted cultural speaker and educator in schools and at University campuses across America. JJ won "Flutist of the Year" at the 2009 NAMMY Awards in Niagara Falls, New York. He is presently in the running for a Grammy award.



Italian Street Painting: Using chalk as a medium, *madonnari* (street painters) will transform the concrete floors of the Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion into a color-splashed gallery for the International Festival's 20,000+ visitors. Festival-goers and students will have a chance to try their hand at this ancient art-form all days of the festival.



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