



International Heritage Festival

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Travel the world with the Free Ultimate Stay-cation *Andanza flamenco dancers featured*

Families can enjoy free international fun at the ultimate stay-cation at "A Celebration of Cultures" presented by the International Heritage Festival. The Oct. 4 event takes place at the Gallo Center for the Arts from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and a fabulous Americana Opening begins promptly at 11 a.m., featuring a parade of flags, the National Anthem performed by Joe Rykert and a special appearance by YES! Company.

Appearing for the first time at this event is Andanza Spanish Arts, a professional music and dance company that will introduce the audience to Flamenco. Also scheduled to perform are Mexican folkloric dancers, Irish bagpipers, the Filipino American Association, the Welsh Cantorion, Mar Alto Portuguese Folkloric Dancers, Chinese dancers and the Village Dancers of Modesto. Performances will be ongoing in the Rogers Theater. Tickets are not required, but seating is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Featured outside the arts center will be international food booths, cultural displays and children's activities. Cultural representatives will host display tables, with 25 countries represented through displays and performances. The Stanislaus County Office of Education will present children's activities, including passport making and hat decorating. Inside the center the Modesto Youth Symphony Orchestra will delight the kids with their "instrument petting zoo."

The event is presented by the International Festival Committee whose volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring a cultural event to the community this year. Making the event possible are sponsors such as E. & J. Gallo Winery, the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, U.S. Bank, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Chris Ricci Presents and Brad Hawn, Coca Cola, KRVR The River, The Modesto Bee, Dianne Gagos, Covanta, Stanislaus County Library, Aquas Premium Water, Mocse Credit Union, and Modesto Irrigation District. For details visit www.internationalfestivalmodesto.org or call (209) 521-3852. For information about other international performances, visit www.galloarts.org.

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