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20th ANNUAL CULTURAL CROSSROADS **A Celebration of our Community's Cultural Riches**

The Ethnic Heritage Council and Crossroads Shopping Center will present the **Twentieth Annual Cultural Crossroads Festival, November 5-7**, at Crossroads Bellevue, located at NE 8th at 156th Ave. NE in Bellevue. The festival will feature some of the area's best ethnic entertainment on two stages, an international bazaar, and exhibits. **Admission is free.** Festival hours:

Friday, November 5: 5pm – 10pm
Saturday, November 6: 10am – 10pm
Sunday, November 7: 11am – 6pm

The multi-cultural celebration will feature a world of entertainment – thirty-five cultural & ethnic music and dance performances. Performances include: **Bokréta Hungarian Dance Ensemble; Enzian Schuhplattler**, Dances of German Bavaria; **Los de Rio**, Musical Journey through Spain, Mexico & Latin America; **Ocheami**, Traditional Ghanaian Dance & Music; **Juliana & PAVA**, Ancient Russian Folk Songs, and a performance of Odissi Classical Dance by **Urvashi Dance Company**. Event favorite **Rouge & Noir Tango Orchestra** will bring out the Tango in everyone along with a tango dance lesson by **Patty Leverett** and **Bonaca** will perform traditional music of Croatia and Italy.

The event is **FREE** and has been the single most popular event in the Crossroads annual calendar of events. Over twenty booths representing Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and North America, feature imported and hand-crafted gifts from around the world. Perfect for early Holiday shopping!

The weekend event will feature more exciting activities for children this year, including an international and interactive **LEGO®** display - a showcase with models representing many cultures and nationalities all made of **LEGO®**, provided by Dan Parker, **LEGO®** Certified Professional Artist, and "Folk Art For Kids" a coloring activity for children!

Cultural Crossroads is produced by the *Ethnic Heritage Council*. Sponsors include **Crossroads Bellevue, The Boeing Company Charitable Trust** and **City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services Cultural Diversity Program**. The event is supported by *4Culture, Seattle Foundation* and *KBCS 91.3fm*. Since the EHC's inception in 1980, the Council has worked to promote inter-ethnic communication and cultural preservation in the Northwest. EHC continues to produce international festivals, a public July 4th Naturalization Ceremony; publishes a monthly Newsletter and Calendar of Northwest Ethnic and Cultural Events, and provides a referral service to schools, government agencies and private citizens. Publications and information about the Council will be available throughout the weekend.

Crossroads Bellevue: 15600 NE 8th, Bellevue, WA 98008; www.crossroadsbellevue.com
Visit: www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org Schedule to be posted September 2010.
Photos available: www.pbase.com/jal/culturalcrossroads2009 Photos by Jal Schrof