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HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR *INTERNATIONAL* CHEF STAGE TO FEATURE YOUNG COOKS

MILWAUKEE, WI – Traditional ethnic recipes will be showcased on the Callen Chef’s Stage at the 74th annual Holiday Folk Fair *International* at the State Fair Park Exposition Center, West Allis, Wis., Fri., Nov. 17 – Sun., Nov. 19, 2017.

On Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, three demonstrations each day will be done by youth involved with the American Culinary Federation Chefs of Milwaukee, Inc. A member of the ACF Milwaukee chapter will assist each youth participant

The demonstration schedule is as follows:

Fri., Nov. 17

5:30 p.m. Erin Fischer (Peace Corps)
7 p.m. Trueman McGee, Funky Fresh Spring Rolls

Sat., Nov. 18

11 a.m. Daniel Brown, age 10
12 p.m. Ramiyah Words, age 11
2 p.m. Gianna Riggs, age 11
4 p.m. Joe Whitmore, Welsh
6 p.m. Lisa DeSanctis, Italian

Sun., Nov. 19

11 a.m. Alexis Patterson, age 15
12 p.m. LaTrelle Jackson, age 12
1 p.m. LaRelle Jackson, age 10
2 p.m. Jean Pavlovic, Serbian
3 p.m. Samantha Oliver and Giorgi Chikvaidze (Peace Corps)

A program of the International Institute of Wisconsin, Holiday Folk Fair *International* celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin. This year’s theme, “Celebrate the Culture of Welcome,” will allow Fair-goers the opportunity to learn the traditions and symbolism of cultures as it relates to welcoming individuals and how it is incorporated into music, food, dance, arts, and crafts.

Special attractions in 2017 include invited international performers and artisans, including those from the Bahamas and Indonesia; the “Images of Liberty” the “Capture the Spirit of Ramadan,” and the Thaddeus Kościuszko photographic exhibits; the Artisan Corner sponsored by Debra Stefl, featuring guest artists from Alaska and Uzbekistan; the Dirty Kettle Native American interactive display; the Kohl’s Color Wheels display; the Wisconsin Woodturners; a bonsai exhibit; and the annual Naturalization Ceremony on Fri., Nov. 17, at 2:30 p.m.

The three-day event features the All Nations Theater sponsored by Fields Auto Group, with traditional music and dance; the World Café offering traditional dishes; the International Stage where young people perform their ethnic dances; the Tanzhauz (Music Pavilion) presented by Leaf Filter, where attendees dance and sing along with a variety of musical styling’s; the Coffee House where patrons enjoy a beverage and baked goods while listening to talented musicians; Heritage Lane sponsored by Weather Tight, with unique traditions and customs through interactive exhibits; and the International Bazaar sponsored by Bath Fitter, where cultural artifacts create a unique shopping experience.

Hours on Fri., Nov. 17 are 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.; 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 18; and 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 19.

Advance tickets will be sold for \$10 each, with family four-packs for \$36, and available for purchase on-line at www.folkfair.org. Admission at the gate will be \$12 for adults; \$8 for children ages 6 to 12; children under the age of five will be admitted at no charge. Those 62 and over will be admitted for \$10, and all military personnel with a military ID card will be admitted free.

For more information on the 2017 Holiday Folk Fair *International*, visit www.folkfair.org or call the International Institute of Wisconsin at 414-225-6225.

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