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## Come One, Come All..

Marlinda Iyer  
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Discover One Small World at The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus International Festival. Travel around the world without leaving Central Ohio. Join us at Vets Memorial, November 4<sup>th</sup> (6-10pm), 5<sup>th</sup> (10am – 10pm) and 6<sup>th</sup> (11am-6pm) when over 150 exhibitors will represent our heritage of over 80



countries in our community. Enjoy 3 days of authentic international cuisine, unique crafts, health fair, global activities, and continuous entertainment. Immerse your senses in the sights, sounds, aroma and dazzling colors at the festival – a perfect weekend getaway! Begin with the Friday Celebrity Variety Show (Nov. 4: 6-10pm), a kick-off event for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration. Proceeds from the Celebrity Variety Show will go towards the American Red Cross Disaster Relief fund.

Your passport will take you to a global marketplace, a shoppers' paradise that includes arts, crafts and authentic delectable cuisine from around the world. It will also take you to a world of continues entertainment on two main and other informal venues, folk dance lessons, roving mime and other performers, the Parade of Nations, Global Children and Families' activities and even a Health Fair that offers free Health Screenings, preventive health maintenance information, fitness routines and allows you to dancercize to international music! Network with other educational & service organizations and businesses among the 200 booths -- combining business and pleasure!

For half a century, the Columbus International Festival has been a window to the world, a link to our ethnic roots as a nation of immigrants and a model for cross-cultural cooperation. It provides opportunities for the younger generation and families to learn about their heritage, an understanding of the mosaic of cultures that make up Central Ohio and the world outside our communities thus giving the much needed global perspective for our Ohio citizens. This serves to promote cross-cultural understanding, multi-ethnic cooperation, global awareness and peace!

Celebrate 50 years of cultural diversity, multiethnic understanding and cooperation, international education and health information, networking with service organizations and businesses, continuous entertainment, delectable international cuisine, children and family global activities, the shopper's paradise in a global marketplace, the Parade of Nations and many other fun activities. Start another 50 years of fond festival memories as you and your family and friends travel around the world without leaving Central Ohio by attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus International Festival!