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**Join the Cultura Celebration of music, art and food**

(HOWELL, MI) Celebrate culture from around the world in downtown Howell Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 11 pm!

Cultura, a day-long event at the Howell Opera House, will feature sounds and movement from around the world, unique and culturally symbolic art, and food trucks serving made-from-scratch cuisine from international regions.

The Livingston Diversity Council and the Livingston Arts Council will host this inaugural event of music, dancing, art, poetry and food. Everyone, of all ages, is welcome to join the celebration of cultures from around the world. Admission is FREE!

More than 25 musicians, singers, dancers and poets will perform on one of the two stages at the Howell Opera House beginning at 12:30 pm. In addition, several visual artists will display their work. Food trucks serving a wide array of cuisine are Tamale Rose (authentic Mexican), Reggae Foodie (authentic Jamaican), Simply Spanish (tapas, paella and other specialties from Spain) and Comfort Cruzine (Mediterranean comfort food).

**Here is the full day’s schedule of events for the entire family:**

**Outdoor stage by the Howell Opera House**

1 pm: Motor City Street Dance Academy (hip hop, breakdance)

2 pm: James Taylor Jr (pop, rock)

3 pm: Mariachi Cristal (Mexican folk music)

4 pm: Xiao Dong Wei (Erhu-Chinese two-string violin)

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5 pm: Jon Hayes (pop, soul)

6:10 pm: Pia The Band (Indie, alternative)

7:20 pm: Lipstick Jodi (pop, alternative)

8:30 pm: Mikeyy Austin (hip hop)

9:40 pm: Last Gasp Collective (hip hop, soul, jazz)

**Indoor stage inside Howell Opera House**

12:30 pm: Kate DeGood School of Dance (Highland dance)

1:30 pm: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan (Polynesian, Hawaiian dance)

2:30 pm: Isabella Mansfield & Friends (poetry reading)

3:30 pm: Michigan Kiryu Daiko (Japanese Taiko drumming)

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5:30 pm: Samuel Nalangira (Ugandan multi-instrumentalist)

6:30 pm: Neelam’s Bollywood Dance Studio (Bollywood, Indian)

7:20 pm: Zackery Chapman (live art demonstration

8:20 pm: Bichini Bia Dance Theatre Company (African drumming)

9 pm: DJ Fudgie (Live DJ)

**Artists displaying a diverse array of work include:**

* Work Skills, Artisan’s Corner
* Zackery Chapman
* Troy Clark
* Julie Griess
* Cleverson Eleuterio
* Sarah Guzman
* All artists will have items for purchase.

Immerse yourself in a day filled with vibrant fusion of culture through visual art, poetry, music, dance and authentic culinary cuisine!

Admission is free to see all of these artists perform.

Tickets are on sale now for special presentations and a liquor tasting event. Visit [https://culturacelebration.com](https://culturacelebration.com/) for details.

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Here is a list of organizations sponsoring Cultura:

* Presenting sponsor: Bank of Ann Arbor
* Platinum sponsor: Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation
* Gold sponsor: Cleary University
* Silver sponsors: Chem Trend, Tanger Outlets, Kellogg Family Foundation, The Attards
* Bronze sponsors: Comcast, Determined Marketing, Jonna’s Market, Jordan Genso with RE/MAX Platinum, Lake Trust Credit Union, Servpro of Brighton/Howell

**ABOUT LIVINGSTON DIVERSITY COUNCIL**

The Livingston Diversity Council is a grassroots nonprofit organization established in 1987 and consisting of Livingston County business people, private citizens, educators, government officials and clergy who embrace and advocate for the virtues of diversity and inclusion. The mission of the organization is to be a change agent for diversity, equity, inclusion and access that collaborates, educates and empowers to build a thriving community. For more information about the Livingston Diversity Council, visit livingstondiversity.org.

**ABOUT LIVINGSTON ARTS COUNCIL**

Established in 2000, the Livingston Arts Council exists to engage, educate and entertain individuals of all ages through arts and cultural activities in the community and by utilizing and renovating the Howell Opera House for creative expression and social interaction. For more information about the Livingston Arts Council, visit howelloperahouse.com.

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