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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, Sept. 28 from noon to 9 pm.

Cultura, an annual, day-long event of music, art and food, will take place at the Howell Opera House, featuring sounds and movement from around the world, unique and culturally symbolic art, and food trucks serving cuisine from international regions.

The Livingston Diversity Council and the Livingston Arts Council will host this second annual celebration. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join the festivities. Admission is FREE!

Two stages will feature performance artists, visual art will be displayed on the walls of the Opera House, and tantalizing culinary delights will be served by food truck vendors.

“All aspects of the event will help attendees learn a little more about different cultures through dance, music, art and food,” says Nicole Matthews-Creech, executive director of the Livingston Diversity Council. “Cultura is an ideal opportunity to open your minds and hearts to a greater understanding and deeper sense of global community – all on our streets in downtown Howell.”

Here is the day’s schedule

Outdoor Stage

12:45 pm: Flint Scottish Pipeband & Dancers (Scottish Traditional)

2:15 pm: Laurie Jarski, The Blues Aside Project (Folk/Classical)

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- 3:30 pm: Leo Bautista (Indie Pop/Soul)
- 4:30 pm: Spinnovation Detroit (Circus Variety)
- 5:30 pm: Grace Theisen (Folk/Americana)
- 6:30 pm: Spinnovation Detroit (Circus Variety)
- 8:10 pm: The Island Guys (Caribbean/Reggae)

Indoor Stage

- Noon: Agaw Dilim (Piano & Persian Santoor)
- 1:45 pm: Karma Bellydance (Egyptian Dance)
- 3 pm: Isabella Mansfield & Friends (Poetry Reading)
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- 5 pm: Neelam's Bollywood Dance Academy (Indian Dance)
- 6 pm: Dabke Dance Demonstration (Arabic Dance)
- 7 pm: Fantasia Ballet Folklorico (Mexican Dance)
- 7:40 pm: Tek-Mazter (Live DJ)

Visual artists displaying a diverse array of work include:

- Cheyenne Bolin
- Alex Choly
- Troy Clark
- Julie Griess
- Sarah Grusin
- Armayne Lyons
- Jane Ryan
- Carolyn Salvatore
- Leann Underhill
- Work Skills, Artisan Corner

All artists will have items to purchase at Cultura.

Food trucks

- Shaka Café
- Reggae Foodie – Jamaican
- Slappin Meats BBQ
- Tantay Peruvian cuisine

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Cultura also features a **mocktail tasting from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**, on the second floor of the Opera House. Learn how to make (and taste) three adult mocktails, the latest nonalcoholic trend. Each mocktail is served with tasty food pairings. Cost is \$35 a person with proceeds going toward Cultura. Only 30 tickets will be sold for this special event. To purchase yours, visit culturacelebration.com.

Cultura is a day to Immerse yourself in the vibrant fusion of visual art, poetry, music, dance and authentic culinary cuisine!

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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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