

# *41st Annual RI Heritage Day Festival*

*"Travel the World in a Day"*



Saturday, September 21, 2019

12 pm - 5 pm

Pawtucket Armory Arts Center  
Pawtucket RI

*Free Admission*



RI Historical Preservation  
& Heritage Commission

**Schedule is subject to change**

- 11:45 AM Parade Begins - Scout Troop 55
- 12:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance: Master of Ceremonies - Kobi Dennis  
National Anthem: Mistress of Ceremonies - Angela Sharkey
- Opening Remarks -RIHPHC J. Paul Loether, Exec. Director
- Tribute to Mercedes Monteiro - presented by  
Jeffrey Emidy, RIHPHC Deputy Director
- 12:20 PM Jung-Hee Oh accompanied by Seoyon Kim (Korea)
- 12:30 PM Phoenix Performing Arts (China)
- 12:48 PM Quisqueya in Action (Dominican)
- 1:00 PM Scandinavian's Women Chorus of RI (Sweden)
- 1:18 PM PADAM Kuchipudi Dance (India)
- 1:36 PM Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana (Bolivia)
- 1:49 PM Falun Dafa
- 2:03 PM Multicultural Fashion Show produced by Shea High School
- 2:20 PM Adowa (Ghana)
- 2:38 PM Laotian Dancers (Laos)
- 2:50 PM Arte Latino of New England (Puerto Rico)
- 3:08 PM Beledi Dance Company (Middle East)
- 3:25 PM Dance BFF (India)
- 3:43 PM Napua O' Polynesia
- 4:00 PM Damhsa Irish Dance Studio (Ireland)
- 4:18 PM Elliniki Yperiphania "Greek Pride" of Rhode Island Dancers
- 4:35 PM School of Traditional Dance (Colombia)
- 4:50 PM Closing Ceremony featuring:  
DAEBAK Brown's KPOP Dance Group

***RI 41st Annual Heritage Day Festival is dedicated  
in memory of Mercedes Monteiro***



Mercedes began work at the RIHPHC as a Heritage Aide in 1999. During her 19 years with the Commission she organized nearly half of the 40 Heritage Day Festivals hosted by our office, drawing together Rhode Island's diverse cultures in this joyous yearly celebration. A strong advocate for heritage programs, she was respected and beloved by the groups with which she worked and her fellow staff at the Commission. It is with sincere thanks for her work and friendship that we dedicate today's celebration to Mercedes Monteiro.

***Mistress & Master of Ceremonies***

**Angela Sharkey** - A volunteer of the RI Heritage Day Festival for the past several years. Ms. Sharkey is a certified Korean interpreter and real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in East Greenwich. She began teaching the traditional folk dance of Korea in New Jersey in 1982 and established the Hibiscus Cultural Group to extend Korean Folk Dance Heritage to Korean Associations, community events and interest forums. Ms. Sharkey teaches Korean music, dance, and instruments.

**Kobi Dennis** - A lifelong Community Activist, founder of Project: Night Vision, RI Midnight Basketball, Turn-up RI Youth Conference, Cultural Festival RI and current Director of the Princes 2 King Youth Mentoring program in Providence. A proud father of 3 and committed family man, Kobi has personally mentored thousands of youth from Providence RI, to Dayton, OH. Kobi has received over 30 Community service awards for his passion and commitment to the betterment of all people. Kobi has lived up to his given title and statewide nickname as the "Community Guy".

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Jung-Hee Oh accompanied by Seoyon Kim**

Jung-Hee Oh is a Korean traditional music artist of Gayageum-Byeongchang and Pansori. She is recognized under the Korean Government's Ministry Of Culture as a "holder" (yi-su-ja) of Intangible Cultural Property No. 23: Gayageum-Sanjo and Gayageum-Byeongchang (solo zither performance with song), having studied with Sooksun An, a living national treasure of Pansori and Gayageum.

**Seoyon Kim** attends Wheeler School and is a member of Oh Jung-Hee Gayageum-Byeongchang Group. In 2018, she received the Gold Medal K-12 Category for The Asian Traditional Performing Arts Competition. She has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. (the Annual Korean Culture Show 2018) and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, MA (the Lunar New Year Show in 2019).

### **Phoenix Performing Arts**

They have a broad spectrum of Chinese classic and modern dancing styles including, but not limited to Classical dance, Minority dance (Tibetan dance, Mongolian dance, Dai dance, Miao dance, and Yi dance, etc.), Folk dance (Fan dance, Handkerchief dance, Ribbon dance, and Umbrella dance, etc.), and Chinese traditional musical instruments. Mei Wu [www.phoenixperformingarts.org/](http://www.phoenixperformingarts.org/)

### **Quisqueya in Action Folklore Group**

Will be performing a merengue and bachata mix. Promoting our traditional Dominican music and dance. Marilyn Cepeda

### **Scandinavian Women's Chorus Of RI**

They were formed mainly to perpetuate Swedish culture, language and music. They are always looking for members to fill their ranks. For more information on memberships, scholarships and concerts, please call their President, Astrid Drew at (401) 943-0547 or E-Mail [astrid.s.drew@gmail.com](mailto:astrid.s.drew@gmail.com)

### **PADAM Kuchipudi Dance**

Prafulla Velury is an accomplished Kuchipudi dancer, choreographer and a trained Carnatic classical singer she started training in Kuchipudi dance from Guru Late Sri Yeleswarapu Suryaprakash Sarma and later from Guru "Nataraja Hamsa" Sri D V Satyakumar, a disciple of Guru Late Sri Vempati Chinna Satyam. Prafulla Velury

### **Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana**

Bolivian folk dance group founded in 1992. Primarily based out of RI with members coming from CT & MA as well. Tania Arriaran

### **Multicultural Fashion Show Produced by Shea High School**

#### ***Producers: Phyllis McHale and William Lopera***

Thanks to the following models for taking the time to represent these countries: Cape Verde – Synai Lyles, Colombian - Evelyn Perez, Dominican Republic – Ashley Cruz, Hawaii – Brianna Andrade, India – Aline Silva, Liberia – Ashley Vazquez, Laos - Cassie Vongsoumhou, Laos - Olivia Vongsoumhou, Mali – Danisia Anusiem, Mexico - Cecilia DaCosta Mexico - Aryanah Johnson, Polynesia – Djovana Dorosario, Polynesia – Yasmine Santos, Samoa – Sarah Mateo, Syria – Jasmine Alqassar, Tahiti – Jamiah Gamboa, and Venezuela - Genesis Rodriguez.

### **Adowa Ghana**

"Adowa" is a popular dance that is widespread among the Akan and is performed during funerals and public social events. An Adowa ensemble is comprised of a lead singer, a choir and percussion instruments.

### **Laotian Traditional Dance**

The Laotian Community Center of RI will present a rich and colorful performance that tells stories of their culture. The Laotian Dance Troupe of Rhode Island presents a rich and colorful performance . [www.rilaocenter.org](http://www.rilaocenter.org)

### **Arte Latino of New England**

Arte Latino of New England (ALNE) is a bilingual performing arts organization dedicated to promoting and fostering artist expression. Maritza Martell & Itza Serrano (Mother/Daughter) will be performing. Maritza will deliver a poem of famous Puerto Rican poet Julia de Burgos while Itza will dance traditional Bomba y Plena to the sounds of the music & poem. They will both be dressed in traditional clothing. [Maritza Martell & Saúl Ramos](#).

### **Beledi Dance Company**

The Beledi Dance Company performs a colorful and exciting belly dance show suitable for all ages. Comprised of professional and pre-professional experienced dancers under the artistic direction of Kanina, the company provides an expert array of group and solo, modern and folkloric dances. The dance company uses traditional Middle Eastern music from Turkey, Armenia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia and props such as swords, veils, fan veils, finger cymbals, canes, tambourines, Isis wings and candelabras. [Nancy Hawksley  
www.kaninadance.com](http://www.kaninadance.com)

### **Dance BFF**

Dance BFF, is founded to promote Bollywood and other Indian dance forms as well as create awareness about Indian dance art and culture in the community of Rhode Island and beyond. At BFF, you will find Bollywood and other Indian dances, including folk beats of Bhangra, Lavani, Garba, Bihu as well as contemporary or ballet to Tagore's Rabindra sangeet. [www.danceBFF.com](http://www.danceBFF.com)

### **Napua O' Polynesia**

Na Pua O Polynesia, will take our festival's audience to the Polynesian Islands of: Hawaii, Tahiti, The Marquesas and the Philippines in song and dance. Their dances tell of the history of these islands, it's people and the love of their culture. They use authentic costumes, implements, gourds, drums, and the ukulele to assist in their performances. Please visit this website for more information about this dance group. [www.tropicalisland-dancers.com](http://www.tropicalisland-dancers.com)

### **Damhsa Irish Dance Studio**

The Damhsa Irish Dance Studio was founded in the fall of 2004 by Colleen Kenyon and Gráinne Conley. Named after the Irish word for dance, Damhsa was founded with the mission of giving children the opportunity to express their interest in Irish Dancing as well as helping them become more knowledgeable about Irish culture and tradition. [www.damhsa-irish-dance-studio.business.site/](http://www.damhsa-irish-dance-studio.business.site/)

### **Elliniki Yperiphania, "Greek Pride" of Rhode Island**

has been performing traditional and modern Greek dances from various regions of Greece since 1989. Based out of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, the troupe performs at fairs and festivals throughout SE New England. Contact us at [info@greekprideri.com](mailto:info@greekprideri.com) or visit us at [www.greekprideri.com](http://www.greekprideri.com)

### **Latin American Dancers**

We want to celebrate the diversity of our cultures through our great Latin rhythms. So be prepared to dance to the rhythm.

**DAEBAK - Brown K-Pop Dance Association** is a dance group at Brown University that covers K-pop choreography. DAEBAK welcomes beginners with no or minimal dance experience and holds workshops that are open to all Brown/RISD students. They perform at various cultural and arts events and venues over the school year.

## **Heritage/Cultural Groups**

### **Arte Latino of New England (ALNE)**

ALNE is a bilingual performing arts organization dedicated to promoting and fostering artist expression. We promote culture, diversity, and individual growth to allow every artist to view and present their art to every welcoming community. We believe that every artist is a promise for greatness, co-founded by Maritza Martell & Saúl Ramos.

### **Cape Verdean Museum**

The Cape Verdean Museum Exhibit is the only museum solely dedicated to celebrating the history and culture of Cape Verde and Cape Verdean Americans. Our goal is to preserve and to celebrate. We are here for the community today and for future generations. Families, school groups and scholars have found us a one-of-a-kind resource for the special history of Cape Verdeans. To learn more please visit: <https://www.capeverdeanmuseum.org/>

### **Phoenix Performing Arts**

Phoenix Performing Arts located in Hartford, Ct, is a vibrant and dynamic dancing troupe which is committed to deliver a premier quality of dancing and music to serve our communities. We present Chinese traditional musical instruments and Martial Arts as well. Their eventful history is literally hard to be summarized within a few lines by their decade's performances in North America. [www.phoenixperformingarts.org/](http://www.phoenixperformingarts.org/)

### **Colombia in RI**

Colombia in Rhode Island is a group dedicated to performing a variety of traditional and modern choreography of the folklore of Colombia. The group's young adult members combine grace, history and tradition in their performances, therefore representing the African, Indigenous and European elements of the Colombian culture. Maria Cecilia Cano

### **Day of Portugal**

We will be displaying traditional Portuguese art and costumes. The musical selections playing at our tables will center around FADO, a part of Portuguese cultural identity recently recognized to UNESCO's list of the World's Intangible Cultural Heritage. MJ Martins [www.ridayofportugal.org](http://www.ridayofportugal.org)

### **Falun Dafa**

Falun Dafa (also called Falun Gong) is an advanced practice of Buddha school self-cultivation, founded by Mr. Li Hongzhi, the practice's master. It is a discipline in which "assimilation to the highest qualities of the universe—Zhen, Shan, Ren (Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance) is the foundation of practice. [Yolanda Smith](#)

### **India Subcommittee/India Museum & Heritage Society**

India Museum & Heritage Society was established in March of 1999. The IMHS actively promotes and offers Indian Heritage and Culture through music, dance and artistic programs. India is a secular country and all of the festivals are celebrated together by most of the Indians. [Debbie & Nitin Trivedi](#)

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### **Korean American Association of Rhode Island**

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### **Laotian Community Center**

The Laotian Community Center of RI is a nonprofit organization that encourages community development by engaging individuals, groups and families through arts, culture and education. They are committed to the cultural preservation of Lao art, culture and traditions and sharing them with the public. Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy [www.rilaocenter.org](http://www.rilaocenter.org)

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The purpose of the LCARI is to provide charitable, educational, immigration and social services to the Liberian community in Rhode Island, provide liaison to public and private institutions relevant to its mission and institute programs and services to assist the development of our mother country Liberia. (401) 780-6718

### **Tomaquag Museum**

Tomaquag Museum is an Indigenous Cultural Education destination, striving to broaden people's perspectives about Indigenous Cultures. Please visit [www.tomaquagmuseum.org/](http://www.tomaquagmuseum.org/) to learn about the many programs they offer.

### **Venezuela In RI**

The goal is to keep their language, music and customs alive through exhibitions, food, dance and lectures. The purpose is to teach other cultures our traditions and customs and to keep the love of our traditions alive for new generations. Varsobia Gallego

### **RISCA**

The RI State Council on the Arts (RISCA) is charged by the state legislature to stimulate public interest and participation in the arts and to serve as the liaison to the state arts community. [www.risca.online/](http://www.risca.online/)

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- Row 2: Cape Verde, Argentina, Colombia
- Row 3: Laos, Bolivia, Haiti
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- Row 5: Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Peru
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