



*Saturday,  
July 16, 2016  
3 - 9 p.m. in Nicollet Commons Park*

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## **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF BURNSVILLE SET FOR SATURDAY, JULY 16**

*Celebrate Culture with Music, Art, Food and More*

Celebrate all corners of the world at the International Festival of Burnsville. This FREE event is set for Saturday, July 16 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Nicollet Commons Park and the Ames Center. The festival will showcase a variety of entertainment, food and festivities.

Festival-goers can join in family activities such as face painting, henna tattoos, balloon twister, Japanese origami, hair braiding and more. They will also be able to visit cultural exhibits sharing ethnic facts and traditions – and see the “Tracks in the Snow: The Minnesota Muslim Experience Since 1880” display in the Ames Center. A free artist’s reception for this gallery is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The Festival will feature performances by:

- Parade of Flags and U.S. National Anthem
- Black Market Brass (Afrobeat)
- Rince Nua Irish Dance (Irish)
- Voice of Culture Drum and Dance (West African)
- Hmong Cultural Center Qeej (Hmong)
- Bollywood Dance Scene (Indian)
- Batucada do Norte (Brazilian)
- Mu Daiko (Japanese)
- Alma Andina (South American)
- Socaholix (Caribbean)
- Roving Artist – Upstanding Stilts

The International Festival committee will also be selling raffle tickets the day of, and leading up to the festival. All proceeds go to help support this year’s festival. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway, or during the festival.

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If the weather looks bad, all events will be held indoors at the Ames Center. Nicollet Commons Park is located at 12600 Nicollet Ave., south of Highway 13. Free parking is available in the Ames Center parking ramp and the Heart of the City Park and Ride ramp located off of 126th Street.

The International Festival would also like to thank the following Platinum and Platinum Plus sponsors for making this event possible:

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- Minnesota Regional Arts Council
- City of Burnsville

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*For more details on the International Festival of Burnsville visit [www.intlfestburnsville.org](http://www.intlfestburnsville.org).*

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