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Superior Court of New Jersey Monmouth Vicinage Celebrates Art and Cultures of the World

The Alborada Spanish Dance Theater will be one of several world-class performances during the Monmouth Vicinage International Celebration. The event, named "A Celebration of World Cultures: Bringing Together the Courts and the Community," will be held on Friday, Oct. 25 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Assignment Judge Lawrence M. Lawson and Trial Court Administrator Andrew M. Graubard will speak at the event.

In addition to 16 cultural performances, the event will feature exhibits of artwork and artifacts and a sampling of foods representing diverse cultures from around the world.

Highlights of the celebration include performances by the Pipes and Drums of the Atlantic Watch and a Chinese lion dance by the Monmouth Chinese School. Student performances include the Manala-Pans Steel Drum Band and members of the Howell High School Pulse International Club. Judiciary staff members also will perform songs and dances representative of their cultural backgrounds.

Original works by the Cuban-born artist Sylvia Castellanos will be on display, along with works by artist from Chile, Egypt, El Salvado, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Korea, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Spain and the United States.

Judge Honora O'Brien Kilgallen, chair of the Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns said, "The vicinage is truly fortunate to have so many talented performers and artists join our celebration and showcase world cultures through their artistry."

Judge Thomas F. Scully, chair of the EEO/AA Committee said, "The cultural performances and exhibits will be spectacular and have been organized so that they can be enjoyed by judges, staff and the public. We appreciate that these community members will be joining us to promote awareness of world cultures."

The event is sponsored by the Monmouth Vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns and was made possible by the volunteer efforts of the performers, artists, employees, the Monmouth Bar Association and the Probation Association of New Jersey. The program is free and open to the public.