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New citizens, vibrant celebrations to highlight International Fair

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's International Fair will bring entertainment, fashion and food from around the globe to the College on Tuesday, April 7, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. inside the Connector Building at the South Omaha Campus, 27th and Q streets. The event is free and open to the public and will feature global displays, community organizations and a naturalization ceremony.

The annual event is aimed toward giving attendees of all ages the opportunity to learn about different cultures from around the world. The day begins at 10 a.m. with the USCIS Naturalization Ceremony in the Industrial Training Center, Room 120. Musicians, dancers and performers will take center stage in the Connector Building Commons throughout the day, blending cultures and various backgrounds.

"The fair attracts large audiences because it offers a welcoming family-friendly environment as well as many educational opportunities that showcase diversity from across the globe," said Barbara Vélazquez, coordinator for international and intercultural education.

Featured performers include the African Culture Connection, Izcalli Danza Azteca, Joe "The Trick Star" Odhiambo and the Craoi Na Tire Irish Dancers.

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The International Fair is presented with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest

postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.