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Free family fun at annual International Heritage Festival *Imaginary trip set for Oct. 6, special guest is “Betsy Ross”*

(Modesto, CA) – Children and families are invited to take a trip around the world at the 27th annual International Heritage Festival on Oct. 6 at Modesto Junior College (MJC) East Campus on College Ave. in Modesto. The fun starts at 11 a.m. with an opening ceremony which includes a colorful parade of flags with participants in beautiful international dress. Plus, “Betsy Ross” will make a special appearance.

Children and families will travel the world through music and dance with free performances throughout the day. Scheduled are performances from the Philippines, India, China, Mexico, Portugal as well as Scandinavian and Middle Eastern countries. New this year is a Polynesian performance.

For foodies there are international dishes from France and Puerto Rico. Plus, there’s linguica and kettle corn.

The Kids World craft area features a variety of make-and-take crafts and the popular passport color books for kids to collect stickers and stamps from the heritage displays which represent various countries. The Great Valley Museum will also be on hand. Children can also visit with the Modesto Nuts mascots and learn about instruments with the Modesto Symphony’s Instrument Petting Zoo.

The 27th International Heritage Festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The free event showcases the kaleidoscope of international heritages from the local area and celebrates a shared American heritage.

The all-volunteer, non-profit International Festival Committee organizes the event. The event is made possible through generous sponsorships from E&J Gallo Winery Gallo Family Charitable Giving Fund, MID, Mocse, Anthem Blue Cross/Care More, KRVR and KVIN radio stations, Dianne Gagos, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Visit Modesto, Downtown Improvement District, Bertolotti Disposal, and the participation of local businesses, organizations and volunteers. For more information, visit InternationalFestivalModesto.org or call [\(209\) 521-3852](tel:(209)521-3852).