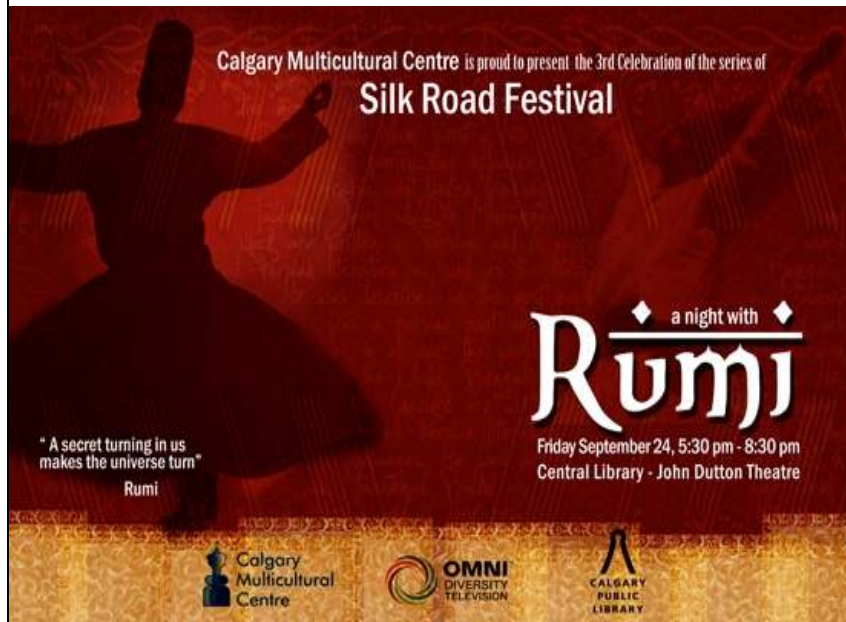


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Silk Road Festival- Tapestry of Poems Celebrating Rumi's Poetry – September 24



Even though Calgary is far away from the ancient Silk Road, yet, there is a thread of connection through all the immigrants who have journeyed from Lebanon, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, China to make Calgary their new home. They share their spices, art and culture adding a unique flavour to the Canadian multicultural tapestry. The third night of our Silk Road Festival is dedicated to Rumi- the master of poetic rhythms, a luminous star for Persian and Arabic worlds. Rumi is becoming popular to the West illuminating the hearts and minds for many generations during past seven centuries.

Please join us to share, learn and celebrate the poetic heritage of Silk Road in Calgary.

CMC Language Classes

Spanish and English – Fall Session Begins – Oct. 4 – Dec. 16

Spanish Beginners - Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
Spanish Intermediate – Thurs. 5:30-6:30 pm
English Conversation – Wed. 3:00 - 4:00 pm

All the tutors are native speakers, and they also educate the students about the cultures of the countries where these languages are spoken. The classes are held on week-day evenings at the CMC office, and small class sizes ensure a good learning environment.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 30 at 403.237.5850 or cmc@calgarymulti.com

Workshops and Programs

Columbia Learning Society – Free Workshops

Pronunciation & Accent Reduction Part 1- Sep.11, Part 2- Sept.18, Part 3 - Sept. 25, Part 4 – Oct. 2, Part 4 – Oct. 28

Location: 802 Manning Road NE, Building 803, Lab. 316

Contact: 403-235-9323 or register online at cls.columbia.ab.ca

Nurture Yourself Seminars

Keeping the Balance- Seminar for Men – Sept.11

Honouring You! – A Self Esteem Seminar for 65+

Location: Calgary Family Services, 322, 1000 8th Ave SW

Contact: 403-537-3381 or lauriee@calgaryfamily.org

Making Changes Employment and Life Skills Program – Sept. 13

This pre-employment program helps immigrant women gain confidence and plan for their future in Canada. We meet every Monday for six weeks to discuss employment goals and skills, communication skills, job search, Canadian business culture. This program is free and has free childcare.

Contact: Elaine Lupul at employmentlifefskills@makingchangesassociation.ca or call 403-262-5776

Mastering Aboriginal Inclusion – Free Workshop – Sept. 15, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Racism-Free Workplace Strategy invites you to this workshop offered by the Aboriginal Human Resource Council. Some of the topics to be covered include: business case for inclusion, tools for recruiting, retaining and advancing Aboriginal workers, a history of Aboriginal culture, cross-cultural issues, identifying urban/rural talent and providing strategies for successfully recruit, retain and advance Aboriginal employees.

Location: Ramada Hotel in Downtown Calgary

Contact: 403-292-5215, Mira Kormann, myra.kormann@labour-travail.gc.ca

Options: Young Adults Looking to Learn – Sept. 20

This is a free part-time course for adults ages 18-29 who have left high school and want to return to learning. Learn how to plan a career, register for classes, apply for funding, do research, improve your study skills, and find support for learning.

Mondays, Sept. 20- Dec. 6 or Saturdays, Oct. 16 – Nov. 13

Location: Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail, SE

Contact: Sheila McMurtry at 403-260-2623 or sheila.mcmurtry@calgarypubliclibrary.com

BUILT Network – Customer Service Representative Program – Sept. 27

If you are looking for employment but feel you do not have the skills employers are looking for, join our 8-week Tuition-Free Certificate Program. Get the skills employers are looking for: Customer service, Time Management, Effective Communication, resume Writing, Internet and MS Office 2007, Professional Development. The program is on-going, starting every two months.

Contact: 403-266-6066

Volunteer Cultural Interpreters and Translators Needed

Immigrant Services Calgary is looking for volunteers to fill the positions of 'Cultural Interpreter' and 'Cultural Translator'. These volunteers will assist newcomers to Canada with their transition to a new life by either providing assistance with the verbal exchange of words from one language to another or by translating important written legal documents. Volunteers must be fluent in English and at least one other language and must be culturally sensitive. Some daytime availability is required for the position of Cultural Interpreter and Cultural Translators must have intermediate level computer skills.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at 403-538-8355.

Arabic, French and Spanish at MRU - September

Join Mount Royal University this fall for non-credit language courses.

- **French** for beginners in the afternoons
- **Spanish**- advanced creative writing course called "Mi vida en espanol" and Spanish for travellers.

Contact: Leigh-Ann Duke at 403-440-5102 or visit the Continuing Education Calendar on the website, www.mtroyal.ca

The New Family Place – September Calendar

Mother Goose – Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00

Triple P One-on-One Consultation – Wednesdays

English for Kids – Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 pm, Connaught School

Collective Kitchen and fathering Initiative – Fridays, 1:00-4:00 pm

Contact: www.ccis-calgary.ab.ca or 403-266-6686

Location: 1410-1 Str. SW

Cultural Peer Mentorship Program – Oct.1

Ghost River Rediscovery Society invites youth between the ages of 15 to 18 to apply for a one-of-a-kind Cultural Peer-Mentorship program! The program will bring together inspiring youth that want to build self-confidence, to share and develop new skills, mentor youth to become the next generation of leaders, and learn about their culture, so they can become strong leaders in their community.

Contact: (403) 270-9351, contact@ghostriverrediscovery.com, www.ghostriverrediscovery.com

Conferences

Changing the Course of Autism Conference – Oct. 1-2

Autism Calgary and Autism Canada present Changing the Course of Autism featuring a wide array of recognized presenters from across Canada and abroad. Topics include clinical and basic science, education therapies, advocating for your child with autism and much more. Whether you are a parent, educator, medical professional, researcher or individual dedicated to improving the life of individuals with autism, you will not want to miss this event. Visit www.autismcalgary.com for more information and registration.

Gender, Culture and Religion: Tackling some difficult questions – Oct. 1-2

The Marsha Hanen Symposium on Ethical Leadership and Gender Equality
Hosted by the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership.

The symposium will explore gender equality issues presented by Canada's cultural and religious diversity.
REGISTRATION: <https://secure.lexi.net/chumir/symposium2010.php> \$90 or \$45 for Students/Low-income. Includes: Friday dinner and dessert reception; Saturday lunch and wine and cheese reception.

Creating Bridges: Multiculturalism and Diversity – Oct. 13-15

The Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia (MANS) is pleased to invite delegates to attend its fall 2010 conference: "***Creating Bridges: Multiculturalism and Diversity in the 21st Century / Créer des ponts: les cultures multiples et la diversité au 21^e siècle***" will be taking place at the Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The conference addresses the themes of multiculturalism and diversity within a range of communities and against the backdrop of the 21st century. How can we create the bridges that close the distance between us? What tools do we need, and how can we ensure that our journey is a safe one? Conference sessions include Multi-Faiths, Youth, Business, Health, Immigration and Community. For information and registration, log on to <http://www.mans.ns.ca/conference>.

Festivals and Celebrations

Fuse Fest – Sept. 4, 1:00-6:00 pm

Come down to Millennium Park to experience Calgary's Premiere Young Culture festival. Register for the skate and break competitions is between 1-2 pm.

Contact: www.cakearts.ca or 403-990-5436

International Literacy Day – Sept. 8

The Calgary Action for learning and Literacy invites you to celebrate International learning Day by promoting literacy and presenting learner's stories about their life and learning experience.

Contact: Audrey Gardner, 403-410-1502

Corn Fest – Sept. 10, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Learn about Latin-American culture and enjoy variety of food, dance and music. The space is limited to 150 people, so please call to register: Sabita- 403-290-5754, Sherrisa - 403-290-5755, Carolyn - 403-290-5756, Maria Carmen - 403-452-7269. Your food contribution for 5 people must be corn based.

Location: 808-5th Street SE, Murdok Manor

40 Anniversary of International Taoist Tai Chi Society – Sept. 11

The Calgary Branch of the International Taoist Tai Society is celebrating its annual awareness day as well as the 40th anniversary of the International Taoist Tai Chi Society. The public is invited to attend and bring food donations for Food Bank. The goal is to collect 400lbs of food. In return you'll get a free noodle lunch and Tai Chi lessons. There will be demonstrations of the 108-move set of the Taoist Tai Chi internal art of health as well as other sets. There will also be special activities for children.

Location: Taoist Tai Chi Centre. 2310 - 24 Street SW (map is attached)

Contact: Patti Trautman or Deb Campbell at 403-240-4566

The Beijing Opera Festival – Sept. 12-14

The festival will feature a novel collaboration between the Beijing Opera and a western symphony orchestra - a unique pairing of Eastern and Western culture. A workshop will be held on September 12th where performers from the world-renowned Beijing Opera troupe will demonstrate facial painting, acrobatic fighting, posturing and singing. If you know a youth aged 15-24 who is interested in attending the workshop for free, contact Jason Luan at jluan@calgary.ca.

Location: Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Haultain and First Street Festival- Sept. 12

One of the last free street festivals of the summer, and a great way to finish off the season. Local Artisans – Interactive Bicycle Park - Fashion shows - Yoga in the Park- Drumming circle – Ultimate Frisbee – Live Music – Celebrating community, sustainability and the urban experience.

Location: along vibrant First Street SW (between 12 and 15 Avenues) and in Haultain Park

Contact: www.victoriapark.org

iVIVA Mexico!- Sept. 17, 8 pm

Celebrating 200 Years of Mexican Independence

Location: Epcor Centre's Jack Singer Concert Hall

Sudanese Youth Talent Show - Sept. 18, 2:00 – 7:30 pm

Talent showcase, traditional and modern dance, live music and art, cultural exhibits, resource fair, delicious food and more. Free admission and fun for the whole family.

Location: Forest Lawn High School, 1304- 44 St. SE

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