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**Food, Fun and Folklore Planned for Annual Northbrook Celebration of Cultures on May 6**

*Community Event at North Suburban YMCA Showcases International Diversity*

**Northbrook, IL** – The Northbrook Community Relations Commission will present its third annual Celebration of Cultures on Sunday, May 6 at the North Suburban YMCA. This exciting festival offers entertainment, food, and displays representing the diverse cultural heritage of local residents. The celebration runs from noon to 4:00 pm at the Y, located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook.

This year's celebration includes new groups and vendors to engage participants of all ages. Sports enthusiasts will have the chance to learn about the internationally-beloved game of cricket with a demonstration game by the Greater Chicago Cricket Association at 1:00pm. At 2:00pm, the [Chicago Folklore Ensemble](#) will perform their original show "Follow the Butterfly," featuring music and stories from Amazonia, Appalachia, India, Nigeria, and Thailand. A special Korean cultural station with children's activities and book fair will open at noon in the YMCA's ABC room and feature a Korean story time at 12:30 p.m.

Throughout the afternoon, food trucks 5411 and Bombay Wraps will be selling Argentinian empanadas and Indian wrap sandwiches. Beginning at 1:00, booths representing Mexican, Indian, Persian, Russian, Venezuelan and other heritage groups will share free samples of traditional snacks and sweets. Artifacts, art, and conversation will engage visitors with new cultures.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with the Northbrook Community Relations Commission in presenting this year's Celebration of Cultures," notes Howard Schultz, President/CEO of the NSYMCA. "Over the last ten years we have worked together on many meaningful events, including the Taste of Asia festivals and Black History Month forums. We are proud to provide a home for the community to learn, experience, and appreciate the strength of our diversity."

The Celebration of Cultures is open to the public and free of charge. For updates of planned performances and activities, visit [Northbrook.il.us/772/Celebration-of-Cultures](http://Northbrook.il.us/772/Celebration-of-Cultures).



Photo Caption: This year's Northbrook Celebration of Cultures features a family-friendly performance by the Chicago Folklore Ensemble.

**About the [North Suburban YMCA](#)**

Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018/19, the North Suburban YMCA provides individuals in Northbrook and 15 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help them become healthier, more connected, and confident, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. The NSYMCA focuses on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility and is a charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at [NSYMCA.org](http://NSYMCA.org).