



**WORLD FEST**  
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## **WATUSI, POLKA AND CHA CHA YOUR WAY AROUND THE WORLD AT THE 2009 WORLDFEST, OCTOBER 24 – 25 AT ADDISON CIRCLE PARK**

The Town of Addison and the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth have partnered to bring some of the most exciting and authentic international entertainment to North Texas with the 2009 WorldFest. With six stages and two-days full of back-to-back entertainment, there is sure to be something for everyone! On October 24 and 25, in Addison Circle Park, WorldFest visitors will be able to immerse themselves in cultures of Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania including fantastic entertainment from each of these regions.

### **Brave Combo**

Living up to their name, Brave Combo is unafraid to take musical chances, eager to "go where no band has gone before." First surfacing in Denton, Texas back in 1979, Brave Combo keeps on breaking stylistic barriers with a unique blend of domestic and exotic dance rhythms that *Billboard* magazine calls "World-wide, unclassified music." The quintet has perfected a world music mix that includes salsa, meringue, rock, cumbia, conjunto, polka, zydeco, classical, cha cha, the blues and more. They are America's Premier Dance band and a rollicking, rocking, rhythmic global journey. If you like world music with multi-ethnic rhythms and styles, you'll love Brave Combo as they dish it up. Brave Combo performs Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 pm on the Main Stage.

### **The Killdares**

Originally formed in 1996, The Killdares have come to be known as one of the hottest, cutting edge bands in music today—Celtic or otherwise. World-class musicians from all over the U.S., they have come together in Texas to create and perform a brand new version of hard-driving, alternative Celtic rock music. The Killdares perform Saturday, October 24 at 6:00 pm on the Main Stage.

### **Chinese Acrobats of Hebei**

Acrobats of Hebei China bring their gravity-defying stunts and incredible acrobatics to America in this must see production. The multi-talented troupe features daring maneuvers of Chinese poles, incredible hand balance, exciting chair stacking, unbelievable strength demonstrations, martial arts, and much more in this spectacular production. The Chinese Acrobats of Hebei perform Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 pm on the Main Stage.

### **The Australian Outback Show**

Australian natives entertain and educate audience members with traditional, aboriginal customs and activities along with animals from the Outback. Fun activities even include making your own boomerang! The Australian Outback Show runs throughout both days of the event on the Oceania Stage.

### **45-Member Turkish Folk Dance Group**

This world champion folk dance group travels from Turkey to show WorldFest patrons an exciting display of traditional Turkish folk dancing in traditional, vibrantly colored regalia. The Turkish Folk Dancers will perform daily on the Main Stage and the Bowl Stage.

### **Pianist Abbas Abboud and Ambassador Francis Dubois**

WorldFest is proud to showcase a special performance by concert pianist Abbas Abboud, who escaped Iraq after the death of his father with the help of Ambassador Francis Dubois, Principal Adviser for the United Nations Development Program. Listen to this virtuoso and hear the exciting tale as told by Ambassador Dubois. Guests can see Abbas Abboud and Ambassador Francis Dubois on Saturday, October 24 in the Addison Conference Center.

### **The Crow Collection of Asian Art Jade Exhibition**

The Crow Collection of Asian Art brings pieces of their special exhibition *BLOSSOMING STONE: Qing Dynasty Jade* to WorldFest for visitors to view. The exhibition presents a vibrant selection of pieces from the museum's renowned jade collection. Long noted for its craftsmanship, impressive artistic styles, and comprehensive nature, this collection of the "stone of heaven" ranks among the highlights of the museum's holdings.

### **Mariachi Competition**

The WorldFest Mariachi Competition is presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico and will be hosted by WFAA's Cynthia Izaguirre. Professional and student Mariachi groups will whisk WorldFest patrons away to the streets of Latin America with the sounds of trumpets, violins and traditional Mariachi guitars. 10 of the region's top Mariachi groups will compete for cash prizes and the opportunity to perform on stage Sunday, October 25, with famous songstress Veronica Robles.

### **DALLAS Film Society**

Sample cinema from all over the world with the International Short Film Showcase presented by The DALLAS Film Society.

**Short films include:**

**Warrior Queen** (Director: Hezekiah Lewis, 2008 Ghana/USA) (photo) The story of Nana Yaa Asantewaa, a legendary African queen who led the Ashanti Kingdom to war against their British occupiers to protect the Sika Dwa, a golden stool revered as a gift from heaven.

**Windowbreaker** (Director: Tze Chun, 2006 USA) - When a string of break-ins occurs in a racially mixed suburb, residents are abuzz as to who is responsible.

**Les Vulnerables** (Director: Bent-Jorgen Perlmutt, 2007 Congo/USA) - A border crossing becomes one young man's rite of passage.

**Trece Años** (Director: Topaz Adizes 2009 USA/Cuba) - A young man returns home to his family in Cuba for the first time in 13 years and experiences a divide greater than physical distance.

**Tony Zear** (Director: Valentin Potier, 2007 France) - Tony has very big ears and suffers from an extreme sensitivity to the slightest noise. Looking for love, he collects failures with women who reject his difference. His life has become a nightmare.

**Poetry of Exactitude** (Director: Alan Govenar, 2008 USA) (photo attached) - Lucien Mouchet has been making small-scale reproductions of carrousels and fairground scenes since 1946.

**Danzak** (Director: Gabriela Yepes, 2008 Peru/USA) - The life of a 10-year old girl, Nina, changes dramatically when her father and Master Dancer asks her to fulfill his last wish.

**Aston's Stones** (Director: Lotta Gefenblad, Uzi Geffenblad, 2008 Sweden) Aston finds stones on his way home. He feels sorry for them. They are lonely, bored and frozen, so he picks them up and takes care of them.

**International Fashion Shows**

Enjoy a fabulous runway show of the latest in cultural couture including Vietnamese, Turkish and Indian fashions.

**Other great entertainment includes:**

- Hula Dancing
- Kung Fu Demonstrations
- Scottish Dancing
- Traditional Indian Dancing
- Ethiopian Dancing
- Brazilian Capoeira
- World Flutes

- Watusi
- Much More!

**WORLDVEST SPECIFICS:**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 24, 2009 – noon to 10 p.m.  
Sunday, October 25, 2009 – noon to 6 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Addison Circle Park  
4970 Addison Circle Drive  
Addison, Texas 75001

Parking is available at the northwest corner of the Dallas Parkway and Arapaho Road. Handicap parking is available at the DART transit center, adjacent to the park.

**ADMISSION:** \$5 for ages 4 and older

**PRESENTED BY:**



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