

## **King's Cultural Festival Celebrates Cultural Diversity While Promoting International Learning**

London, ON – The 13<sup>th</sup> annual King's Cultural Festival returns to the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre stage in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre at King's University College (266 Epworth Avenue) on February 4, 2016.

The festival features over a dozen cultural presentations including , dance groups from the Caribbean, Poland, Pakistan, along with Irish music, a Persian percussionist and stories from King's students who have studied abroad.

The free event brings the King's, Western and London communities together to celebrate diversity. Doors open at 6 p.m. The theatre presentation begins at 7 p.m.; seating is on a first-come basis. International displays will be set up around the King Centre from King's and Western International, Russia, Dominican Republic, Peru, Colombia, India and China.

"King's Cultural Festival celebrates cultural diversity at King's, Western and the London community. Through the performing arts, students and faculty showcase cultures from around the world, thus increasing awareness of internationalization initiatives on campus and also the promotion of international learning," says Linda Weber, Manager of King's International.

Freewill donations will be accepted for the Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, Christ the King University Parish. Refreshments are provided by Aramark. Hosted by King's International, the event is also sponsored by Aramark, CultureWorks, King's University College's Informational Technology Services and King's University College's Students' Council.

"King's Cultural Festival is significant in many ways. Over the years, we keep learning more about its meaning for students, staff, volunteers and community members. Focused on building connections across campus and the world, the festival is much more than a talent show," says Regina Lyakhovetska, Assistant Manager of King's International. "It is about bringing together the people from various parts of the world as they are learning and growing together, sharing knowledge, supporting each other, and inspiring positive change,"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsoBR-1s1tw>

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