



King's Cultural Festival celebrates diversity while promoting international and intercultural learning

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The 12th annual King's Cultural Festival brings together the King's, Western and London communities on Wednesday February 4, in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre and the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, 266 Epworth Ave. London. The Festival features a dozen cultural presentations including drumming from First Nations Students, dance from the Caribbean, Poland and Pakistan along with Irish, Canadian and Chinese music and stories from King's students who have studied and volunteered abroad.

The free event is open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. Displays promoting international opportunities offered through King's and Western will be in the Student Life Centre alongside displays from King's partner universities including Colombia, Ecuador, Austria, Switzerland, France, Russia, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

"King's Cultural Festival is much more than a concert. It is a celebration of who we are, where we come from as a community and where we would like to be," says Regina Lyakhovetska, Acting Manager, King's International. "Through displays, dance, music and stories of King's students who have studied and volunteered abroad, we learn more about the world, and most importantly, grow appreciation and understanding of each other. The Festival is a result of collaboration and creativity of over 100 performers and speakers, 40 booth hosts and 30 energetic volunteers, many of whom are participants and alumni of King's international programs," she adds.

Freewill donations will be accepted for The Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, Christ The King University Parish. Recently, two refugees from Rwanda have joined the King's community through this program.

The event, hosted by King's International, is also sponsored by the King's University College Students' Council, CultureWorks and King's Information Technology Services. Refreshments are provided by Aramark.

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King's provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally-autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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