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**HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR *INTERNATIONAL*
OFFERS ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE OPPORTUNITIES**

MILWAUKEE, WI — Advance tickets for the 73rd annual Holiday Folk Fair *International*, America's premiere multi-cultural festival, are now on sale. The event will be held Fri., Nov. 18 – Sun., Nov. 20, 2016, at the State Fair Park Exposition Center.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$10 through Thursday, Nov. 17, at the International Institute of Wisconsin: 1110 N. Old World Third St., Suite 420 in Milwaukee and from all participating ethnic groups.

Advance tickets can also be ordered by phone (414-225-6225 or 1-800-FAIR-INTL); fax (414-225-6235); or on-line at www.folkfair.org. In addition to the individual tickets, family four-packs are available for \$36. Advance Sale tickets requested by phone, fax, or e-mail must be ordered by Nov. 11, and there are no refunds.

A program of the International Institute of Wisconsin, Holiday Folk Fair *International* celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin. This year's theme, "Celebrate the Culture of Water," will allow Fair-goers the opportunity to learn the ways in which water and its symbolism is incorporated into the music, food, dance, arts, and crafts of Holiday Folk Fair.

Special attractions in 2016 include invited international performers and artisans, including the Schlitzlerländer Trachten- und Volkstanzkreis musical group from Schlitz, Germany, a World Heritage Japanese photographic exhibit, the Sisters Cities International 2016 Young Artist and Authors Showcase, The United States Department of State "*Faces of Diplomacy*" exhibit, the Artisan corner sponsored by Debra Stefl and Katherine Kral, Financial Advisors with Morgan Stanley, the Kohl's Color Wheels display, the Wisconsin Woodturners, and a bonsai exhibit.

The three-day event features the All Nations Theater with traditional music and dance, the World Café offering traditional dishes, the International Stage where young people perform their ethnic dances, the Tanzhauz (Music Pavilion) where attendees dance and sing along with a variety of musical styling's, the Coffee House where patrons enjoy a beverage and baked goods while listening to talented musicians, Heritage Lane, presented by Weather Tight Corporation, with unique traditions and customs through interactive exhibits, the International Bazaar, sponsored by Leaf Filter, where cultural artifacts create a unique shopping experience, and the Callen Construction Chef's Stage featuring local

chefs preparing traditional cuisine.

Hours on Fri., Nov. 18 are 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.; 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 19; and 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 20.

Admission at the gate will be \$12 for adults; \$8 for children ages 6 to 12; children under the age of five will be admitted at no charge. Those 62 and over will be admitted for \$10, and all active and retired military personnel with a military ID card will be admitted free.

For more information on the 2016 Holiday Folk Fair *International*, visit www.folkfair.org or call 414-225-6225.

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