

**HERKIMER COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
c/o Herkimer County Community College
Reservoir Rd, Herkimer, NY 13350**

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SUBJECT: WORLD CUISINE FESTIVAL

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Herkimer, NY—The Herkimer County College Foundation's 7th Annual World Cuisine Festival and Auction will be held Saturday, April 5 from 6-9 p.m. in the McLaughlin College Center on the Herkimer County Community College campus.

The event will feature exceptional international cuisine in a dine-around atmosphere including hors d'oeuvres, desserts, cheese and wine bar, beer and non-alcoholic beverages. Over 15 area restaurants will prepare the cuisine, including Rio Grande Tex Mex Grill, Geisha II, Karam's Middle East Bakery, Symeon's, The Phoenician, Minar Indian Restaurant, Canal Side Inn, Heidelberg Bakery, Crystal Chandelier, Craobh Dugan of Utica, Waterfront Grille, Florentine Bake Shoppe, Hapanowicz Bros., Thurston's and Kitlas Restaurant.

Live entertainment will feature Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo on piano, as well as Irish folk music and dancing with Craobh Dugan of Utica. A silent auction and traditional auction (by Michael Knapp) will round out the evening's events. Silent auction items will include several pieces donated by artisans from the Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair, gift certificates, antiques, artwork and gift baskets from donors including Meyda Tiffany, Mohawk Valley Florist, Oneida Indian Nation, Big Apple Music, Harley Davidson of Utica, Ommegang Brewery, Adirondack Bank, Reina's, Rudy's Mens Wear, Matt Brewing Company, Gems Along the Mohawk, Endless Summer Beauty Salon, Glimmerglass Opera, Shear Pleasure Salon, HCC Foundation Board members and staff members at HCCC.

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Festival sponsors include Fiberdyne Labs, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Tarnacki, M & T Bank, Wal-Mart, Bruce Ward & Co., Hannaford, Ilion Wine & Spirits, Skinner Sales, Fenner Funeral Home and Vintage Spirits.

Festival Chairperson Jean Stapleton said, "This event gives participants an opportunity to socialize, promote diversity and enjoy an evening of ethnic fare."

Tickets are \$30 per person, and are available in the Foundation Office in the McLaughlin College Center, or by calling 866-0300, ext. 8459. Proceeds benefit the Herkimer County College Foundation.

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