

Tenth Annual “World on the Square” Family Festival in Corydon Highlights Cultural Diversity in Southern

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Enjoy a trip around the world through international exhibits, cultural performances and ethnic foods at the tenth annual “World on the Square” Festival on Saturday, August 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. on the historic town square in Corydon, Indiana.

This free annual family-oriented festival highlights the diverse heritage of the Kentuckiana region, which historically includes not only settlers from many European countries, but also the Native American and African-American presence. The festival also features the arrival of Spanish-speaking immigrants from Mexico and the rest of Central and South America, and newcomers from the Middle East and Far East.

Exhibit booths will represent over 30 nations and cultures, and live entertainment will feature music and dancers from all over the world. Entertainers this year include Louisville’s “Appalatin” fusing mountain music from North and South America, David & M Roach bringing Scottish & Irish jigs, reels and polkas, and Coco Yam inspiring danceable West African, Latin and Reggae grooves. Children receive a festival “passport” which they can take to the many international exhibits, collecting answers to questions that will then earn them a prize. They can also participate in international games and art projects, including sand painting, which has a rich history among the Navajo Indians for bringing about balance and healing.

“World on the Square” is hosted each year by Community Unity, a community group that promotes respect and dignity for all people, the broadening of understanding among different population groups, and the peaceful resolution of conflict. The festival is free and sponsored by the Harrison County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Horseshoe Southern Indiana, The Arts Council of Southern Indiana, Youth Philanthropy of Indiana, Walmart and many other businesses and citizens of Harrison County.

In case of unfavorable weather, the festival will be held at Corydon Central High School, south of downtown Corydon. For more information and directions to the festival, please visit www.worldonthesquare.org or call Beth Bell, Publicity Chair, at 812.725.5185.

Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!