



Nationalities Service Center

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NATIONALITIES SERVICE CENTER & the PENN MUSEUM to host GLOBAL TASTES

A culinary fundraiser celebrating Philadelphia's Diverse Communities Through Food

PHILADELPHIA, PA August 31, 2009 – On Wednesday, September 30, Nationalities Service Center (NSC) will bring together some of the city's most distinctive ethnic restaurants to celebrate the exciting diversity of immigrant communities in Philadelphia. Laura and Richard Steel, long time supporters of NSC, are Chairpersons of the Host Committee for this year's event. The event will take place at the Penn Museum (3260 South Street) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

To kick-off the evening, NSC Executive Director Dennis Mulligan will present special guest Mayor Michael A. Nutter with the Beacon of Justice Award. This newly established award was created to recognize individuals who, through their leadership, have shown a strong commitment to the importance of diversity in Philadelphia and their support of NSC's service to immigrant communities in our City and region. The formal presentation begins at 6 p.m.

Other outstanding community leaders and friends of NSC who will be on hand to show their support are:

- Romona RiscoeBenson (President, African American Museum)
- Linda Johnson (President, National Constitution Center)
- Peggy Amsterdam (President, Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance)
- Melissa Weiler Gerber (Executive Director, Women's Way)
- Nancy Gilboy (President, International Visitor's Council)
- Nancy Nguyen (Delaware Valley Branch Manager, Boat People SOS)
- John Chin (Executive Director, Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation)
- Danielle Cohen (Vice President of Marketing, Philadelphia Convention and Visitor's Bureau)
- Q. Amin Nathari (Executive Director, Council on Islamic American Relations, PA)
- Margorie Clifton (Director of Special Projects, America's Voice)
- Nicholas D. Torres (President, Congreso)
- Hernan Guacarao (Founder, Al Dia News)

Guests will have the opportunity to explore the museum's Chinese, Buddhist and Egyptian galleries while sampling a delicious array of global fares and enjoying the unique sounds of Peter Tang's Chinese Ensemble.

Participating restaurants to date include: Apamate, Cuba!, Chima Brazilian Steakhouse, Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Gojjo Ethiopian Restaurant, Haitian Corner, Jamaican Jerk Hut, and The Rum Bar, Xochitl and Zesty's Greek Restaurant. Tickets for the event are \$75 (\$50 for non profit employees) and may be purchased online at NSC's website (www.nscphila.org), by phone at 215.893.8400 or by email at kivanovic@nscphila.org.

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Nationalities Service Center (NSC) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides social, educational, senior, interpretation and translation, and legal services to immigrants and refugees in the Greater Philadelphia area. Since 1921, NSC has welcomed immigrants and refugees from all over the world to Philadelphia. Each year, we help approximately 4,000 individuals from over 90 countries become self-sufficient members of U.S. society.

For more information about the Nationalities Service Center, about 2009 Global Tastes, or other events, please contact Kathrin P. Ivanovic at (215) 893.8400 or kivanovic@nscphila.org.