

ICA FolkFest launches volunteer search

Inter-Cultural Arts Festival seeks 1,050 volunteers for 2006 FolkFest

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VICTORIA, April 20, 2006—As National Volunteer Week (April 23 to 29) approaches, the organizers of the 33rd annual ICA FolkFest (June 30 to July 9) are hitting the phones. Vancouver Island's largest arts festival depends on more than 1,000 volunteers and 25 volunteer crews to keep things running smoothly. Their goal is to have 600 volunteers registered before the end of May.

"It would be pretty hard to run a successful event without the significant support we receive from volunteers," says Amanda Smith, Volunteer Program Manager for ICA FolkFest. "Last year, over 1,000 volunteers participated in our program. We truly appreciate their support, energy and collective commitment."

Although FolkFest is fortunate to have a high number of volunteers return each year, Smith is quick to point out that the event needs fresh faces as well to meet the growing demand for volunteer support.

Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a Volunteer Crew Coordinator for FolkFest can sign up in person at the new administrative offices for FolkFest (Suite 300 - #3 Fan Tan Alley) or online at www.icafolkfest.com. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up soon to ensure preferred crew placement.

Volunteers are asked to commit to four four-hour shifts over the course of the 10-day festival. In return, all volunteers receive free admission to FolkFest, a crew t-shirt, food and beverages, an invitation to the volunteer appreciation party and the opportunity to win prizes from sponsors and supporters.

The ICA FolkFest is presented by the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria and produced by TNT Productions. For more information about ICA FolkFest, call 472-FEST or visit www.icafolkfest.com.

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