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### What's Your Story?

## Festival goers are invited to share their story at Renton's Multicultural Festival



**RENTON, WA** – Individuals attending the Renton Multicultural Festival are invited to share their personal stories on Saturday, September 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at a special venue at Piazza Park in downtown Renton.

“The festival is designed to encourage our community to participate and connect with one another in a way that is both meaningful and memorable,” said Mayor Denis Law. “Storytelling is a perfect vehicle to allow us to learn from each other and celebrate our culture.”

Inspired by national storytelling events like *The Moth*, the goal is to honor and celebrate diversity and the commonality of human experience through the art of storytelling. Everyone has a story to tell and the festival's storytelling stage will allow festival attendees to share their story. Participants can sign in at the festival and will be selected randomly to tell their stories. All stories will be video-taped and curated by the Renton History Museum.

The stories should be based on one of the following themes and limited to four (4) minutes.

- Journey Stories
- Back in my day...
- How I got here...
- What is your favorite family tradition?

Storyteller and Renton resident, Marcia Tate Arunga will open the stage with an excerpt from her book, *“The Stolen Ones and How They Were Missed.”*

The two-day Renton Multicultural Festival will open on Friday, September 22, at 7 p.m., at the Carco Theatre (1717 SE Maple Valley Highway). The evening will feature performances by Filipino, Hawaiian, East Indian, Irish, Tap and Indian Classical dancers.

On Saturday, September 23, the festival moves downtown to the Renton Pavilion Event Center and Piazza Park (233 Burnett Avenue South) from 3 to 7 p.m., with a mix of dance, music, and martial arts. Two indoor stages will showcase African drummers, Chinese Lion dancers, Mariachi bands, Taiko drummers, a Punjabi dance group, and marital arts demonstrations.

Free street parking is available throughout downtown Renton for Saturday's event. The City Center Garage (655 South Second Street) is open from 4:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Overnight parking is not allowed.

The Renton Multicultural Festival is presented by the City of Renton in partnership with the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force and several local community groups and organizations.

For more information about the festival visit [rentonwa.gov/rentonfestival](http://rentonwa.gov/rentonfestival).

***About the City of Renton***

*The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 102,700 (2017), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our [website](#), or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.*

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