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Multi-cultural shows featured on International Nights at Kennedy Plaza

There was no shortage of great performances gracing the Kennedy Plaza stage last summer — and one of the most exciting series of the season will return again this year.

The Atlantic City Free Library and City of Atlantic City will once again present International Nights at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at Kennedy Plaza, which is located on the Atlantic City Boardwalk between Mississippi and Georgia avenues.

The International Night series features the music and dance from various countries around the world.

The nine-week series, which is free and for people of all ages, opens on July 1 when Latin jazz artists Edgardo Cintron and Inca take the stage, and it will conclude Aug. 26 with a performance by the Vongku Pak Korean Drum and Dance Troupe.

- **July 1 — Edgardo Cintron and Inca:** Latin jazz percussionist Edgardo Cintron and his newly formed group INCA pay homage to the great Carlos Santana. The group will bring a twist of jazz to Santana's music, including hits such as Black Magic Women, Ove Como Va, Evil Ways, Jingo and Soul Sacrifice.
- **July 8 — Niall O'Leary Irish Dance Troupe:** The dancers in the highly acclaimed and New York-based Niall O'Leary Irish Dance Troupe hail from Ireland and throughout the United States, and together they present a high-energy show that combines traditional Irish forms with new choreography. Group founder Niall O'Leary is a native of Dublin and former world champion dancer.
- **July 15 — Nukanchik Sapi-Ayazamana:** Nukanchik Sapi-Ayazamana will give spectators a taste of Ecuador through their music, dance and costumes. The group also will teach the audience the cultural aspects of each dance and even give it a chance to participate in the performance.
- **July 22 — Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts:** The Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts is going to perform traditional dance and music, including rabindra sangeet, nazrul sangeet, folk songs, and patriotic songs with classical and contemporary music.

- **July 29 — Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble:** Based in Camden, Universal African Dance and Drum delivers one electrifying show after another, dazzling spectators with performances that are acrobatic, energetic and educational. The group will bring to the stage their trademark blend of ancestral dancing, intensified drumming and stilt walking.
- **Aug. 5 — Barynya:** The music, dance and song ensemble Barynya of New York City is a world renowned group that is regarded by some as the premier Russian folk ensemble outside of Russia. Barynya presents Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian, Jewish and Russian Gypsy traditional dancing, music, songs, and virtuoso performances.
- **Aug. 12 — Jade River Dance Company:** Founded in 1999 by Tina Baw, the Jade River Dance Company is comprised of pre-teen girls of Asian heritage in southern New Jersey. The group will perform an entertaining array of folk dances while wearing traditional Chinese costumes.
- **Aug. 19 — Island Jam:** Island Jam presents a show of contrasts. One minute hula girls are gracefully dancing to slow and relaxing Polynesian music, and the next the group turns up the heat and energy, pounding away on the drums as the male members perform a warrior dance or sensational fire dancing exhibition.
- **Aug. 26 — Vongku Pak Korean Drum and Dance Troupe:** This performance will showcase the different possibilities while playing the suljangu, the distinctive Korean drum which has become a signature instrument in traditional music. The drum's distinctive hourglass shape gives it two different tones, bass and treble. The troupe will be joined NARU Korean Performing Arts of New York.

The series is part of the Atlantic City Library To Go initiative, where we are bringing your library to you. Library To Go is an extension of the library's services where the members of the community can enjoy a library experience outside of our two locations — whether it be attending a performance at a local venue, utilizing our online library from a home computer or borrowing a book from one of our local deposit sites.

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