

Cultural Conversations Evening Forum

At today's meeting, staff will present on the city's upcoming Cultural Conversation Evening Forum, "Sharing Our Art + Culture."

Background

The Cultural Conversations program was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue. The program was initiated by women who had a desire to get better connected with their community and who wanted to enhance their knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views.

In 2023, five Cultural Conversations events were conducted. With the retirement of the former program administrator and the introduction of a new coordinator in July, the community had the opportunity to commemorate the program's sustained success and anticipate future developments. The final Cultural Conversations event of the year in December allowed participants to celebrate the changing seasons and also served as a platform for assessing the program's trajectory, exploring avenues to reach a broader untapped audience.

Cultural Conversation 2023 Themes

January program: "Sharing New Year's Traditions Around the World"

This program highlighted the diverse ways in which cultures celebrate the new year.

March Evening Forum: "What Connects Us"

This program was in honor of International Women's Day, and four women shared their stories and how they connect.

May program: "Lost & Found: My Identity"

This program allowed participants to have insight on two speakers' journey into self-discovery.

September program: "From Friends to Family"

Participants were introduced to the new program coordinator and her journey to Bellevue, along with a Bellevue resident who moved to the city from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

December program: "Holiday Mixer: What Can We Dream Up"

This program gave participants the opportunity to celebrate the change of the season collectively and vision cast for 2024.

Sharing Our Art + Culture Upcoming March 21, 2024, Forum

Sharing Our Art + Culture is the theme of this year's Cultural Conversation Forum taking place on Thursday, March 21, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

The Forum will feature four talented Bellevue artists who will share their stories of exploring the art world through their unique cultural expressions.

Following the discussion, we invite you to participate in a conversation mixer with live entertainment, appetizers, collaborative spaces.

Attachments

Attachment A: Cultural Conversation Forum Flyer

Attachment B: Artists Biographies

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