



Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Staff Report

Date: August 19, 2026

From: Erika Valentine, Arts & Culture Program Coordinator

Subject: Many Cultures, One Community: A Celebration of Eastern Arts Review

Recommended Action

Provide input on the July 9th Many Cultures, One Community Event and receive general City event information from staff.

Background

At the November 19, 2025 ACHC meeting the Commission debriefed the previously held Multicultural Dance Celebrate Event which took place in April 2025 at the McMenamins Old Church. The Commission debriefed the event and also brainstormed for the future. The consensus was to utilize City Parks or Facilities as there are no rental costs for City Programs.

Following the November Meeting, Staff reserved Thursday July 9th at Town Center Park for an ACHC Event. Staff has also put a hold on that date with the sound company that the City utilizes for other City Events/Concerts.

At the January 21, 2026 meeting staff provided information about opportunity to collaborate with the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board (KSCAB) on an event in order to combine resources. The ACHC moved to approve collaborating on an event that hi-lights and celebrates culture relating to Eastern Arts. An effort will also be made to involve the City's DEI Committee, Library, and other organizations.

Performance Schedule

The event featured the following acts/schedule:

Welcome, Speeches, Etc.

Indian Folk Dance

[Indonesian Performing Arts Organization](#)

[Sora Shodo](#) – Japanese Live Performance Artist

[Oregon Koto-Kai](#) – Traditional Japanese Harp

[White Lion Lotus Dancers](#) – Chinese Dragon Dance

[Portland Taiko](#)

Craft

[Yuki Origami](#) can run craft tables, with additional volunteers.

Booths

Library, Parks & Rec, ACHC, KSCAB, and the Historical Society all at tabling booths.

Food truck

Koi Fusion Food truck attended.

Budget

Many Cultures: One Community	
Purchase	Cost
Aloha Sound	1200
Sora Shodo	700
White Lotus Foundation	1500
Portland Taiko	900
Koto-Kai	600
Origami	500
IPAO	400
Total	\$5,800