

# Folk Life Festival!

**T**HE QUINCY MUSEUM, 1601 MAINE, INVITES YOU TO TRAVEL back in time by spending an afternoon at the always popular Folk Life Festival. Visitors to the grounds will have the chance to experience the crafts and lifestyles of yesterday with a wide variety of demonstrations, exhibits, food and games.

The Folk Life Festival will be held Saturday, September 25, from noon-5 p.m. Admission at the gate is only \$1 and includes admission to the activities on the grounds as well as to the Quincy Museum. Members are admitted free.

Guests will enjoy the opportunity to spend an early autumn afternoon wandering over the spacious grounds while journeying back into time. Some of the demonstrators on hand to show off their talents will be the Quinsippi Needleworkers, wood carver Donald Raines, weaver Matthew Mittelstaedt and Mary Zeiger with her wheat weaving and decorative painting. Charlotte Hill will demonstrate the creation of lamp work beads. The Quincy Senior Center Craft Workshop will have Jerry Riggins demonstrating the art of chair caning. G & H Crafty Creations will be on hand with jewelry, wooden items and candles. Don't miss the opportunity to visit with the costumed ladies hard at work in the kitchen of the museum creating wonderful jams and jellies. Guests who arrive at the right time may be able to sample their creations slathered on fluffy homemade biscuits as well as purchase them.

Native American life will be well represented with members of the Mississippi Valley Archaeological Society showing off their wonderful collections of artifacts on the porch. Also on display will be a collection of African artifacts belonging to Joseph Newkirk. For those of you looking for something a bit more modern, the Mississippi Thespians, the youngest Civil War Re-enactors in the United States, will set up a tent and perform interpretations of life during the Civil War.

As a special treat, there will be a display of artwork done by the participants in the coloring contest which accompanied the new exhibit *Work and Play on the Mighty Mississippi*. Come and check out the work of these young artists from all over the tri-state area!

Children and adults who are children at heart are invited to participate in a variety of old-fashioned children's games including cup-and-ball, nine-pins, crafts and other games.



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Bring your appetite! Booths and tents on the grounds feature plenty of good things to eat. On hand for purchase will be old-fashioned bottled soda, caramel apples and old-fashioned hard candy, baked goods, bratwurst, hot dogs, and, of course, the always popular buffalo barbecue sandwiches. For those looking for a little retail therapy, booths and tents stationed around the grounds will give visitors the opportunity to purchase everything from pumpkins, mums and other harvest produce to wooden toys and games and other fun items with an old-fashioned flair.

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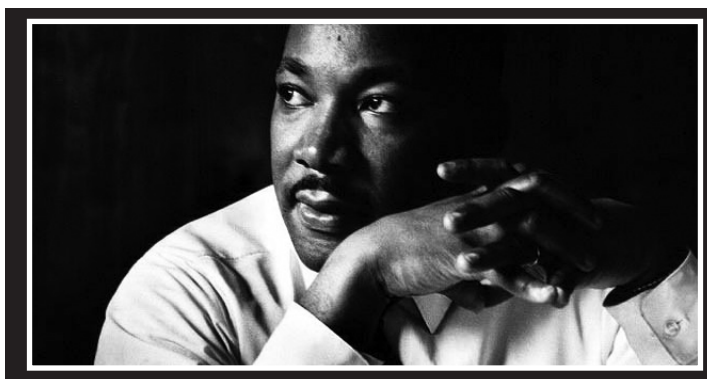
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## YWCA & QUINCY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

# Quincy Cultural Festival

**T**HE QUINCY YWCA will partner with the Quincy Human Rights commission on the Fourth Annual Cultural Festival to be held Saturday, September 18, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The festival will take place at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Plaza at Quincy City Hall, Eighth and Maine, and will feature live music from a variety of local artists including Ben Bumbry and the Messengers as well as blue grass, gospel, rock



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

and rap styles. Ignacio Anguiano will provide Latin dance lessons and a brief history of the traditional dances

of Mexico. Local artists will demonstrate henna painting and sushi making, while presentations on Japanese and Iranian

culture will take place in the exhibit area.

Multi-media displays from the New Philadelphia project will complement the Quincy African-American Heritage exhibit.

A selection of ethnic cuisines from Soul Food to Greek, Bosnian to Indian, and other specialty items will be available from local vendors.

Children will enjoy the Arts Corner and the Bounce House.

Call 257-5193 for more information.

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