

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Lake Oswego's International Festival Highlights Music, Dance And Song

The Third Annual Lake Oswego International Festival kicks off with an exciting free "Concert in the Park," Friday, September 10, at 6-8pm, in the Roehr Park Amphitheatre on Oswego Pointe Drive. Featuring the Irene Farrera Tropical Band, Latin America music and spicy attitude will get the Festival crowd in the spirit for a three-day celebration of world cultures and festivities.

Ms. Farrera is a Venezuelan singer and guitarist who, with her keyboardist, bassist and drummer, create a rich mix of Latin standards and original sounds. The audience is invited to sing along, dance along and have a wonderful time, compliments of sponsor Oswego Pointe Bar & Grill. Come early as expected attendance is over 500 people. Parking is available at the public lot on Foothills Road and State Street, next to the Trolley, and at First and A Street, next to the Fire Station.

Throughout the cultural regions of Asia, Africa, Latin America, South Pacific, Americana, Mediterranean and Europe, entertainment, food and

events will be offered to Festival attendees. In addition, a Grand Prize Trip for Two to Costa Rica, sponsored by Rossman Sanitary, will be awarded to some lucky Festival goer.

Entry forms for the Travel Prize and other Festival prizes are available at all participating Lake Oswego businesses during the Festival hours. Other events include:

- Saturday morning, the International Parade, sponsored by Northwest Jeep Eagle of Beaverton, comes marching down A Avenue in Lake Oswego to the sounds of bands, musical groups, songs and instruments. Clowns, jugglers, mini-floats, animals, and world characters in native dress will add to the parade's excitement.

- The World Stage, sponsored by Milwaukie Glass, will feature entertainment from around the world on Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm. Located in the Latin America cultural region between A and B Streets on First Street, dancers, singers and music from Latin America will be a featured attraction, culmi-



Blow Those Bagpipes: The Willamette Valley Pipe Band is back to perform again at the Lake Oswego International Festival.

nating in a street dance and a Mariachi band on Saturday night.

- On Sunday, the eagerly anticipated Talent & Variety Show, sponsored by Marylhurst Custom Homes, will be held on the World Stage from 1-5pm. The Talent show is an awarded event, featuring \$100 grand prize for the winner and \$25 awards for second place categories. Categories include music, dance and "other" which includes comedy, juggling, gymnastics and more.

- The German Beer Garden is back by popular demand, on Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm, at Wizer's Oswego Foods on A Avenue and First Street. Authentic German beer and sausages will be served to help the enthusiastic crowd enjoy the Country Dutchman Band and the Bavarian Dancers. Members of the Lake Oswego Lions Club will be the hosts of the Garden, donating proceeds to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Dance Cruises Experience Wave Of Success

The Spirit of Portland's Moonlight Dance Cruises have become a virtual nautical novelty. The Spirit of Portland began its Moonlight Dance Cruises in June, one month after arriving in Portland. During the past month, Moonlight Dance Cruises have packed nearly 300 people onto the boat every Friday and Saturday night. Don Fuchs, General Manager of the Spirit of Portland, says the reason for its success is, "... a combination of the warm weather and more and more people learning about the boat. Once people come on a Moonlight Dance Cruise they realize that the Spirit of Portland's excellent sound system, warm lighting, and marble dance floor creates an ambiance for a wonderful evening of dancing."

Portland's finest local bands serve as the entertainment aboard these fun filled cruises. Moonlight Dance Cruises aboard the Spirit of Portland take place every Friday and Saturday night from 11:00pm - 1:00am. The Spirit of Portland is docked at Tom McCall Waterfront Park at SW Front & Salmon. Tickets are just \$5.95 throughout the summer. For advance reservations call the Spirit of Portland at (503) 224-3900.

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