

Fest to Celebrate Global Cultures

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On Saturday (March 20) from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., the 2010 Tulane International Food and Music Festival will bring food, fun and entertainment from all corners of the globe to the uptown campus.



Brazilian dance group Casa Samba performs at a previous International Food and Music Festival. (Photo by Richard Watts)

Sponsored by the Tulane [Office of International Students and Scholars](#) and the [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#), the event will showcase the beautifully diverse cultures of international students, celebrating their vibrant contributions to campus life.

The event will span the entire second floor of the Lavin-Bernick Center, with cultural booths and tables of food prepared by student, faculty and staff volunteers offering tastes from 32 different countries.

Admission to the festival is free, while food and drinks will be available for purchase at booths in the Qatar Ballroom.

"This will be the biggest international fest of the year at Tulane," says Crystal Wu, a first-year student in the business school from the east coast of China who is serving as marketing manager of the event. "We greatly appreciate the support from all volunteers and student organizations."

The Kendall Cram Lecture Hall will be the setting for performances by Tulane students and local guest artists. Variety is promised as the acts include an international fashion show by Tulane students, a demonstration of capoeira (a Brazilian style of martial arts) by Grupo Maculele New Orleans, a salsa performance by the Tulane Ballroom Dance Club, and an appearance by the Wild Magnolias Band, a local group of Mardi Gras Indians.

"I'm happy how it's coming together," says Pablo Soledad, program manager in the Office of International Students and Scholars.

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