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**PHILADELPHIA'S WATERFRONT CELEBRATES GLOBAL CULTURES WITH THE PECO
MULTICULTURAL SERIES AND MORE; FEATURING EIGHT FREE FESTIVALS**

*Cherry Street Pier and Spruce Street Harbor Park welcome thousands of visitors for celebration of music,
food, art and traditions from around the world*

PHILADELPHIA, PA (July 27, 2026) – The Philadelphia Waterfront has become one of Philadelphia's most vibrant gathering places as eight multicultural festivals, sponsored by PECO, celebrate the music, food, traditions and artistry of communities from around the world. Thousands of visitors are expected to experience the Waterfront as a destination for culture, connection and community with six weekends of festivals hosted by local Philadelphia cultural organizations.

"Philadelphia's diversity is one of the city's greatest strengths, and the Waterfront is proud to be a place where communities can come together to celebrate tradition," said Sarah Eberle, VP of Arts & Programming at the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation. "These festivals create opportunities for people of all backgrounds to experience something new, connect with one another and celebrate the incredible cultural richness that exists across our region."

The August and September multicultural lineup includes:

- **ACANA Festival (August 2):** Founded in 2007 as a neighborhood street celebration in Southwest Philadelphia, the ACANA Festival has grown into one of the region's premier celebrations of African culture. Part of the PECO Multicultural Series, the festival welcomes up to 8,000 attendees each year for live entertainment, cultural performances, food and more than 45 vendors representing communities from across the African diaspora.
- **Festival of India (August 15):** Celebrate India's Independence Day with various cultural organizations, Northern and Southern-style Indian cuisine, Bollywood performances, music, shopping, and tons of fun, presented by Council of Indian Organizations in Greater Philadelphia (CIO). Part of the PECO Multicultural Series.
- **Caribbean Festival (August 16):** The annual Caribbean Festival **celebrates its 40th year in 2026**, part of the PECO Multicultural Series. The celebration features live performances from local and international Caribbean artists, food trucks and vendors with island specialties, fashion showcases and community awards.
- **Celebrate Asia (August 29):** Hosted by Kampoeng Indonesia, Celebrate Asia showcases the traditions and cultures of communities across Asia through live performances, authentic cuisine, family activities and cultural demonstrations. The event highlights the organization's ongoing efforts to preserve and share Indonesian heritage while celebrating the broader Asian community. Celebrate Asia is part of the PECO Multicultural Series.

- **Brazilian Day Philadelphia (September 6):** Organized by [Project Capoeira, Inc.](#) and part of the PECO Multicultural Series, Brazilian Day Philadelphia celebrates the Brazilian Independence Day (Sept. 7). The festival celebrates, promotes, and shares Brazilian arts and culture in the Greater Philadelphia region while fostering intercultural exchange and uniting the Brazilian community. Now in its 12th year, the festival presents a high energy experience with Brazilian arts and culture designed to engage, educate and inspire participants.
- **Mexican Independence Day Festival (September 13):** This fun-filled annual festival, hosted by the [Mexican Cultural Center](#) and part of the PECO Multicultural Series, features traditional dances from different regions of Mexico, live Mariachi music, local artisans, authentic Mexican food, family activities and a special “El Grito” ceremony led by the Consul of Mexico in Philadelphia.
- **We Are the Seeds: Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival + Pow Wow (September 19-20):** The 7th annual We Are the Seeds Philly, part of the PECO Multicultural Series, is a two-day celebration of Indigenous arts and cultures featuring presentations, live painting, short films, creative workshops and a vibrant Indigenous art show. The festival kicks off with a powwow featuring dancers and singers from over 40 Tribal Nations. Sunday features a full stage schedule, including presentations by the We Are the Seeds Dance Troupe (Saponi/Narragansett), original music by Zachariah Julian, and *The Magic of Storytelling* with Tchin (Narragansett).
- **Taste of the Philippines (October 24):** Part of the PECO Multicultural Series, Taste of the Philippines is an annual celebration of Filipino culture, heritage and food during Filipino-American Heritage Month. The event includes fantastic cuisine, entertainment, a marketplace and more.

Since 1995, PECO has supported the Delaware River Waterfront’s Multicultural Series, an annual, free series of festivals that draws thousands of attendees each year to celebrate their cultural heritage and diverse communities. Together, these events reflect the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation’s commitment to creating welcoming public spaces where Philadelphia’s many cultures can celebrate with residents and visitors alike. Through free programming year-round, Cherry Street Pier continues to serve as one of the city’s premier destinations for arts, culture and community.

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation continues the multicultural celebrations continue with free, open to the public [Latin Nights: Salsa & Bachata](#) at Spruce Street Harbor Park on August 7 and September 4. These high-energy salsa lessons are led by professional instructors with DJ Valentin of Dance Philly spinning bachata, salsa and more Latin hits until 10 pm.

For more information about these events and additional Waterfront programming, visit DelawareRiverWaterfront.com or follow the Delaware River Waterfront on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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