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CELEBRATE CLEVELAND'S CULTURE YEAR-ROUND

Destination Cleveland encourages residents to explore diverse locations and experiences

CLEVELAND (Aug. 10, 2023) – Hosted at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, <u>One World Day</u> (Aug. 27) gives locals and visitors alike a chance to celebrate the many ethnicities that make Cleveland a melting pot. With a variety of arts institutions, specialized museums and diverse neighborhoods, celebrating The Land's rich heritage can extend beyond just one day.

Arts & Culture: From historic institutions to trailblazing new venues, Cleveland's arts scene celebrates the cultures and lived experiences that make the city unique.

- <u>Karamu House</u>, the oldest producing African American theater in the country, opened in 1915 as a place for people with diverse backgrounds to come together and share art, culture, theater and music. Today it offers live theater performances, workshops and special events.
- The <u>Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center</u> in Brooklyn Centre started as a family center for the Latinx community and now provides programming such as dance classes, guitar lessons and special events showcasing Latin culture.
- Studio West 117 on the near west side is a first of its kind LGBTQ+ cultural center that includes entertainment, sports, dining, an art gallery and The Edge a space for local LGBTQ+ makers to display and sell their products.

Cultural Museums: Cleveland is home to many cultural heritage museums to be explored and celebrated.

- The <u>Cleveland Hungarian Museum</u> preserves the richness of Hungarian history and culture through programming and events as well as exploring problems that impact todays Hungarian Americans.
- Italian history and culture is preserved within the <u>Italian American Museum</u>, which offers walking tours of Little Italy and programming and events honoring Italian heritage.
- Founded in 1952, the <u>Ukrainian Museum Archives</u> collects artifacts important to Ukrainian history and culture including paintings, records, periodicals, currency, a war exhibit and more.

Cultural Neighborhoods: Roam the streets and admire the history and charm within Cleveland's cultural centers.

- Located on the east side, <u>Little Italy</u> offers historic art and architecture along with authentic Italian flavors thanks to the many bakeries, cafes, and restaurants including the oldest restaurant in Cleveland, Guarino's.
- In <u>Slavic Village</u>, Clevelanders will find eye-catching murals, sculptures, landmarks, gardens and parks along with special events celebrating the Czech and Polish heritages.
- Visit the <u>AsiaTown</u> neighborhood for a vibrant blend of cultures including Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Japanese, showcased in locations like Asia Plaza, Asian Town Center and Payne Commons.

Food & Drink: Destination Cleveland's <u>International Restaurant Passport</u> offers a world of diverse dining experiences without ever leaving The Land. Clevelanders who use the passport can check in at various restaurants for the chance to win prizes.

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ABOUT DESTINATION CLEVELAND: Destination Cleveland is Cleveland's destination marketing and management organization. The private, non-profit organization's mission is to stimulate economic growth by attracting people and connecting them to experiences that illustrate Cleveland's diversity, creativity and contagious passion. In 2021, visitation to Cuyahoga County rebounded to 16.1 million visits, a 17% increase after the COVID-19 global pandemic reduced visitation by 30 percent in 2020. For more information, visit www.thisiscleveland.com.