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CANAL FEST RETURNS TO IRVING'S MANDALAY CANAL **City of Irving Celebrates Art and Culture Festival for Second Year**

(IRVING, TEXAS) — Set along the beautiful Mandalay Canal in Irving's Las Colinas Urban District, Canal Fest returns for another year of food, music and family friendly entertainment from 2 to 8 p.m. Oct. 25, along 200 Mandalay Canal, Irving. Highlights of the festival include a local art exhibit, cultural dance displays, free activities and attractions and a marketplace.

Attendees can take part in a variety of free activities along the canal, including face painting, henna tattoos and caricatures. Craft vendors will be on-hand selling unique jewelry, apparel and décor. Gondola boats, pedal boat and stand-up paddleboards also will be available for rental. Paid parking will be available at three nearby garages.

"Canal Fest is a celebration of arts and culture set in our vibrant Urban Center, which showcases the diversity and uniqueness of Irving and its residents," said City of Irving Special Events Coordinator Jasmine Lee. "More than 8,000 people enjoyed last year's Canal Fest and we plan to provide an enhanced experience this year."

The entertainment offered at Canal Fest will be spread throughout three different locations:

- The **TXA 21 Main Stage**, located on the Mandalay Bridge overlooking the canal, will feature three popular Texas bands giving high-energy performances throughout the day: [Emerald City Band](#), 2:30 to 4 p.m.; [All Funk Radio Show](#), 4:30 to 6 p.m.; and [Professor D](#), 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- The **Baylor Medical Center at Irving Cultural Stage**, positioned along the scenic canal waters, will showcase dance and performance groups representing cultures and regions from around the globe, including Mexico, the Middle East, Africa, Hawaii and Asia.
- The **Art Exhibit** will be located inside the U.S.—Mexico Cultural and Educational Foundation building, 211 Mandalay Canal. This free exhibit will feature and sell the unique works of Dallas-area artists and photographers.

Attendees also can enter to win a trip for two to the original Canal Fest, which takes place each year in Amsterdam, thanks to a partnership with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and ESPN Dallas 103.3FM.

For more information on Canal Fest and to see the full schedule of entertainment and parking options, call (972) 721-2501 or visit irvingevents.org.

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Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the [Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#) (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the [Texas Award for Performance Excellence](#) (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 227,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence.