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Multicultural Association excited to bring live cultural exhibition back to community

The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo is bringing back their annual Multicultural EXPO to live event this February

Fort McMurray, AB/January 19, 2023 – The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo (MCA) is pleased to announce that their annual EXPO event will return to MacDonald Island's Nexen Field House for in-person vendors and performances on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

This event is the MCA's annual flagship event that originally launched in February 2011 as a way to celebrate the diverse cultures that are represented within the Wood Buffalo region. Each year, culture is featured through various events and booths so that all residents can see the best of multiculturalism within our community. During the event, attendees will be able to enjoy cultural performances, music, food, family activities such as henna and facepainting, and much more!

In addition, the Multicultural EXPO will also feature a Welcome Fair portion for newcomer information services, which will showcase a variety of local non-profit services that offer programming and supports for the multicultural community from newcomers to Wood Buffalo to newcomers to Canada. This portion of the event is included with the EXPO ticket price.

Tickets are currently available for online sales for \$5 a ticket or \$20 for a group of 5. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door the day of the event. The MCA is also accepting volunteer applications from those who may be interested in applying as a volunteer for this year's EXPO. More information on how to apply as a volunteer or how to purchase tickets can be found by visiting <u>www.mcawb.org/multicultural-expo</u>.

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