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## Balkan Fest

*A vibrant culture and heritage celebration*

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 22, 2019)**—Landmark Center and Ethnic Dance Theatre are proud to present the first annual *Balkan Fest*, February 17, 12-5 p.m. Celebrate the diverse cultures found throughout the Balkan Peninsula and surrounding areas.

The festival will feature songs and dances from the wide variety of ethnicities, including Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Romanian, Greek, Macedonian, Slovenian, Turkish, and Bulgarian. Several local dance ensembles will feature both their adult and children's dance groups. In addition to on-stage entertainment, the event will include booths from local Balkan communities, demonstrating rich history and culture, and displaying arts and crafts to educate the public about the illustrious ethnic heritage of the region.

“There is something for everyone with sights, sounds and tastes from many different countries,” said Donald LaCourse, Ethnic Dance Theatre Artistic Director. “Folk dance and folk music performances, dance lessons, crafts and cultural presentations will give festival goers a very vibrant sample of these beautiful cultures.”

*Balkan Fest* is produced through a partnership between Landmark Center and Ethnic Dance Theatre. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and older, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and free for age 5 and younger. This

event is funded in part by Ecolab, Travelers, and the Xcel Energy Foundation as part of the *Sundays at Landmark* event series. For more information visit [www.landmarkcenter.org](http://www.landmarkcenter.org).

### **About Ethnic Dance Theatre**

Ethnic Dance Theatre has been preserving and presenting world music and dance as art for over forty years. EDT strives to foster understanding and awareness of world cultures through the re-creation and presentation of traditional ethnic dance and music. For more information visit [www.ethnicdancetheatre.com](http://www.ethnicdancetheatre.com).

### **About Landmark Center**

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3063 or visit [www.landmarkcenter.org](http://www.landmarkcenter.org).

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