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Music of Ecuador Promotes Preservation

World Vibration Concert Series Continues with Duchicela Sept. 26

The World Vibration Concert Series will highlight Ecuadorian music in concert at 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Winchester Cultural Center Theater, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. Founded in 1980, Duchicela, which translates to “the mountain lion who led the people to their homeland,” works to promote and preserve the music of the Andes Mountain Region of South America. The group’s members are descendants of the indigenous peoples who have inhabited the area since pre-historic times. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children ages 12 and younger.

Performing in concert will be Victor Leon, strings and percussion; Victor Leon Jr., flutes; and Cesar Cotachachi, flutes. Duchicela’s repertoire features a blend of both traditional Andean folk music and popular contemporary works played on flutes, strings and percussion instruments. The flutes, in particular, are the instruments that give Andean music its unique sound. They include the zamponas, or pan flutes, which are made from bamboo in an assortment of sizes and scales; the rondadores, which are similar to pan flutes but use the pentatonic scale; and the quenenas, pre-Columbian end-blown flutes made of reed and played without a mouthpiece. Special interest is paid to the jacha toyos, pan flutes nearly 4 feet in length that produce very deep sounds and require players with well-developed lungs. The string instruments include the guitar, mandolin and the charango, a small 10-string instrument descended from the lute.

In 1990, the Smithsonian Institute invited Duchicela to its Festival of Struggle in Washington, D.C. Since then, the group has toured throughout the United States participating in major folk, art and world music festivals including the 77th Celebration of the International Year of the Worlds Indigenous People in San Diego, the Cultural Concert of Indigenous and Andean Music in Berkeley, Calif. and the Word Vibration Concert Series in 2005. The American Federation of Musicians has recognized the group as meeting the standards of cultural uniqueness.

Winchester Cultural Center has hosted musicians from all over the world through the World Vibration Concert Series during the last four years. Musicians from Brazil, Ireland, China, Thailand, Mexico and many other countries have brought their distinct rhythms to the Winchester stage. The series continues Oct. 25 with the Native American music of Carlos Nakai.

Those interested can call 455-7340. Additional information and tickets can be found online at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks. Clark County Parks and Recreation also can be found on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/l87c4l>.

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