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Jet around the world with Modesto's International Festival

Get ready to jet around the world with Modesto's International Festival! This year's festival will be packed with music and dance, crafts for children, tempting international cuisine, cultural exhibits, and much more. This free family event will take place at the Gallo Center for the Arts on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – a voyage not to be missed!

The Americana Opening kicks off the celebration of music and dance from around the world. Local cultural groups will perform throughout the day. There will be craft projects and other cultural learning activities for children, provided by the Stanislaus County Office of Education. Traditional foods from various ethnicities will be available and cultural groups will showcase displays of their native lands.

The International Heritage Festival committee and numerous volunteers are working in partnership with the Gallo Center for the Arts to bring this cultural event to the community. Making the event possible are sponsors such as E. & J. Gallo Winery, Modesto Irrigation District, Modesto Rotary Foundation, Stanislaus County, Stanislaus County Office of Education and Target. Additional sponsorships are still available.

For further details or to find out if a culture is participating, call the Festival at (209) 521-3852.