



International Culture Festival 2025
International Club of Southwest Louisiana



September 20, 2025 – Lake Charles, Louisiana

The International Culture Festival 2025 was a major success, drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd to the Lake Charles Event Center. The celebration highlighted diversity, culture, faith, and unity, showcasing the vibrant traditions that enrich Southwest Louisiana.

The attendees included families, students, local leaders, churches, businesses, nonprofits, the Calcasieu Parish School Board, and various community groups who joined in the celebration

Authentic cuisine from Latin America, Asia, Europe, Africa, the Mediterranean, and Louisiana delighted attendees, with food booths seeing record demand.

Traditional dances, local musicians, and international guest performances brought color, energy, and excitement to the stage.

The festival created a platform for organizations, schools, businesses, churches, and cultural associations to share heritage and strengthen community bonds.

The Mayor of Lake Charles officially proclaimed September 20, 2025, as International Culture Festival Day, recognizing the importance of cultural diversity, unity, and community celebration.

The 2025 International Culture Festival was a vibrant and memorable event, reinforcing Lake Charles' commitment to inclusivity and cultural exchange. Plans are already underway to expand the festival in future years, ensuring it continues to grow as a signature event for the region.

We sincerely thank the City of Lake Charles, St. Henry Catholic Church, the Event Center, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, Arts Humanities Council of SWLA, the Diocese of Lake Charles, sponsors, businesses, organizations, churches, families, and the entire community for your generous support of the International Culture Festival.

Dalia R. Matheus, CEO
International Culture Festival













Office of the Mayor
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Proclamation

International Culture Festival SWLA

Whereas, the City of Lake Charles is a community rich in heritage and traditions, representing people from diverse cultures who have contributed greatly to the social, civic, and economic life of Southwest Louisiana; and

Whereas, cultural diversity strengthens the bonds among citizens, enhances mutual understanding, and promotes respect for differences, while uniting our community under the shared values of peace, friendship, and cooperation; and

Whereas, through music, dance, food, language, dress, and art, faith, cultures from around the world offer unique contributions that broaden perspectives, enrich daily life, and foster pride in heritage; and

Whereas, the International Club of Southwest Louisiana, and the Diocese of Lake Charles have long served as a leader in promoting cultural awareness and unity by hosting events that celebrate global heritage and encourage meaningful cross-cultural exchange; and

Whereas, the International Culture Festival, to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, will showcase the traditions of many nations through live performances, cultural exhibits, authentic cuisines, and family-friendly activities designed to educate, inspire, and bring people together; and

Whereas, this festival stands as a testament to Lake Charles' commitment to honoring the richness of cultural diversity, strengthening community bonds, and celebrating the contributions of residents from every background; and

Whereas, we also extend our gratitude to the international and local businesses whose cultural heritage and contributions help make this great event possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, MARSHALL J. SIMIEN, JR., Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, in the sovereign State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 20, 2025, as "INTERNATIONAL CULTURE FESTIVAL" in the City of Lake Charles, and encourage all residents and visitors to join in this celebration of cultural unity, learning, friendship, diversity, and community spirit.



*In Witness Whereof, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused to be
affixed the official seal of the City of
Lake Charles on this
Date: September 20, 2025*

Marshall J. Simien, Jr.
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Mayor of Lake Charles

Thank you....