



NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE WORLD

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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

Celebrate Lithuanian Independence at Navy Pier this Sunday from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*Join Navy Pier on Sunday, March 10 for a Lithuanian Celebration in the
fourth week of Neighborhoods of the World! Admission is free!*



WHO: Navy Pier, Inc.

WHAT: Navy Pier invites you to its Crystal Gardens to **Celebrate Lithuanian Independence!** Chicago, dubbed as “Little Lithuania”, has long been called the second capital of Lithuania, possessing the largest Lithuanian community outside the country. Join in this celebration to honor Lithuania’s independence with traditional folk music, dance and song with performances by **Biru Bar Folk Music Ensemble, Suktinis, Svajoné Children’s Choir,**

Grandis Folk Dance Ensemble, Rusne, Viltis and more! Art from **Lapšys Artistry in Glass** and **Jewelry by Otilija** will also be on display, shop souvenirs from **Lietuvėlé** and **Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture** and experience authentic cuisine by **Grand Duke's Restaurant**. *Celebrate Lithuanian Independence* is presented in partnership with the **Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania**.

Neighborhoods of the World is a free public event series that pays tribute to Chicago's diverse ethnic communities by featuring one community each Sunday for eight weeks. Navy Pier transforms its Crystal Gardens into a place where the music, dance, cuisine and art from different cultures are highlighted.

WHEN: Sunday, March 10, 2013
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier
600 East Grand Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Neighborhoods of the World Schedule:

- **February 17: Bell' Italia**
Presented in partnership with the Italian Cultural Institute and the Consulate General of Italy
- **February 24: Chinese Celebration**
Presented in partnership with the Chinese Fine Arts Society
- **March 3: Celebrate Mexico**
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico and the Mexico Tourism Board
- **March 10: Celebrate Lithuanian Independence**
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania
- **March 17: Amazing India**
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of India and the Indo-American Heritage Museum
- **March 24: Philippine Fest Chicago (Piyesta Pinoy sa Chicago)**
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Philippine and the Philippine American Cultural Foundation

- **March 31: Africa In Chicago**

Presented in partnership with Africa International House and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations

- **April 7: A Greek Journey in the Windy City**

Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Greece

*Schedule subject to change.

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Located on Lake Michigan, just east of Chicago's downtown, Navy Pier® (www.navy Pier.com) is the top-visited tourist and leisure destination in the Midwest, welcoming more than eight million visitors annually for entertainment, family attractions, cultural and educational events, as well as business meetings and tradeshow. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, it is now one of the country's most unique recreation and exposition facilities, showcasing more than 50 acres of parks, gardens, restaurants, shops, attractions, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, and more. Navy Pier is accessible by car, CTA Bus, taxi, bike or on foot.