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CELEBRATE LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE AT NAVY PIER'S NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE WORLD THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 13

The sixth annual Neighborhoods of the World presented by ComEd continues at Navy Pier this Sunday, March 13, with Celebrate Lithuanian Independence, a free-admission cultural showcase presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Lithuania.

From 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., guests are invited to visit Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens to experience the brilliant sights and sounds of a Lithuanian Independence celebration. The event will kick off with a ceremonial welcome from Consul General Marijus Gudynas, followed by traditional folk dancing and live music from Lithuanian dance groups and choirs. Costumes from the five regions of Lithuania will be on display as the Lithuanian theatre company, Zaltvyksle, puts on a colorful production of native folktales. The program will wrap up with a cultural mash-up of modern and traditional music, featuring a jazz combo with English vocals, traditional Lithuanian folk instruments, and guitarists from Andalucia, Spain to create a truly unique and culturally rich sound.

Guests will also have the opportunity to taste samplings of authentic Lithuanian cuisine from Grand Dukes Restaurant, and take in a spectacular exhibit of original artwork from the Lithuanian Folk Art Institute of Chicago and several local Lithuanian filmmakers. Attendees will also be able to participate in an interactive community art project by creating flower motifs out of clay, which will later be pieced together to form a beautiful mosaic of the Lithuanian flag. Upon completion, the project will be showcased at the Lithuanian World Center in Lemont, Ill.

Neighborhoods of the World continues every Sunday through April 17, with different countries spotlighted each week, commemorating the many cultures and communities that make Chicago so special. Each celebration offers a brilliant showcase of lively folk music, traditional dance, native costumes, authentic cuisine, creative crafts and so much more.

For more information on Neighborhoods of the World, please visit www.navypier.com.

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