



VENTURA VILLAGE PRESENTS 2008 VILLAGE MULTICULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Ventura Village, Minneapolis – The second annual outdoor Village Arts Festival will be held Saturday, August 16th and Sunday, August 17th, Noon to 6 PM each day on East Franklin Avenue between 11th and 14th Avenue in Minneapolis. This is just 8 blocks south of the Minneapolis Metro Dome on Eleventh Avenue.

The Village Arts Festival is unique in that unlike many local Art Fairs that feature art from primarily Northern European artists, this Arts Festival serves as a opportunity for many non-European artists to display their talents while receiving technical assistance and mentoring with respect to the display and marketing of their artworks. Ventura Village has requested and received assistance from the established and professional art institutions and their staff in providing this help directly to the artists themselves.

The Village will host an eclectic mix of art and entertainment for its participants and guests. Artists will be invited to present their creations from many world cultures including African, American Indian, Asian, European, Hispanic and unique indigenous and cultural blends.

The Village Arts Festival's mission is to encourage and support all artists and instill an appreciation and support for the art and culture of our neighbors. This event will include artworks that can be viewed and purchased, performing arts, and foods from the many cultures represented in the neighborhood. It will feature a **GREEN TENT** for presenting the **Minnesota Energy Challenge**. In addition, it will also feature the **Mari Cruz Safety and Wellness Fair** and special programming in the Children's Art Section. For more information contact Ventura Village at 612.874.9070 or go to our website at www.venturavillage.org.