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## ***Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation sponsors Free World Music Summer Concert Series at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center***

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California** - The Victoria Gardens Cultural Center presents the second annual World Music Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation. The event is designed to provide the community with free, quality musical entertainment that will expose audiences to various musical styles from around the globe.

The upcoming World Music Series will take place in the evenings this summer in the Bank of America Imagination Courtyard on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, during the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The World Music concerts are free to the community and the musical groups performing are suitable for all ages to enjoy!

Theatre Production Coordinator Murry Hepner shared, "Last year's July concerts brought a wonderfully diverse audience to the Cultural Center, many of whom had never been inside our doors. We literally had people dancing all over the courtyard, which was fantastic! Since our season officially begins in September, this series is also a wonderful way to introduce people to the many offerings we have at the Lewis Family Playhouse. It's a great way for friends and families to come out, hear some great music, and check out what we have to offer all year."

This year's summer series kicks off with the *Kusun* ensemble on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The *Kusun* ensemble is an extraordinary group of musicians and dancers based in Ghana, West Africa. The group blends the authentic sounds of traditional instruments with the exuberance of high-life music and the complexity of African Jazz.

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On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we welcome *Inca*, the Peruvian ensemble. This group of musicians and dancers will delight our audiences with the rich multi-cultural heritage of ethnic and folkloric music, songs, dance and traditions from all over Peru.

The final summer concert, on July 21<sup>st</sup> brings the Argentine band *Los Pinguos* to Rancho Cucamonga. *Los Pinguos* came to the U.S. from cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and has claimed fans worldwide with their exciting live performances. The crowd will enjoy a mixture of Latin rhythms performed with Spanish guitars, a Cuban “tres,” Peruvian Cajon and harmonizing vocals.

The World Music Concerts are funded by the Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation. The Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation was formed in 1987 as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 fundraising organization.

Since the opening of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center and the Lewis Family Playhouse, the Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation has refined and focused its goal to raise funds for this exciting family-oriented facility, with a special emphasis on providing funding for programs and activities at the Lewis Family Playhouse, along with other arts related programs throughout the community. The Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation has been a proud supporter and sponsor of many programs and activities at the Lewis Family Playhouse.

The *Kusun* ensemble will perform Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>; *Inca* will perform Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>; and *Los Pinguos* will perform on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. All concerts are free to the public and will take place during the hours of 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m..

**For More Information** – For additional information regarding upcoming World Music Concerts and featured shows at the Lewis Family Playhouse, visit [www.vgculturalcenter.com](http://www.vgculturalcenter.com) or call (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422. The three-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center is located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive.

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