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**Entertainers, vendors sought for Florida Tech's annual International Festival scheduled Feb. 25**

Entertainers will share their cultural talents and craft and food vendors will do their part in Florida Institute of Technology's sixth annual International Festival from 12 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Now is the time to think about participating in the event, which will take place at the university's outdoor Panthereum, located off Country Club Drive, in Melbourne.

The application deadline is Nov. 30 for cultural entertainers and displays/booths, and Jan. 15 for food vendors.

Every year community singers, dancers and musicians join with Florida Tech international student organizations to present a colorful lineup of ethnic entertainment. For example, in 2011 musicians and dancers represented Panamanian folk dance in Panama Suenos y Tradiciones and Israeli folk dance in L'Ahavat Tzion. Also displaying their national colors were the Greek American Association of Brevard dance troupe and Space Coast Asian Pacific American Heritage Association. Among those joining them were Florida Tech's all-faculty rock 'n roll band TWITCHY, the Caribbean Students Association, Indian Students Association, Saudi Students Union, and Florida Tech Belly Dancers.

Special consideration will be given to vendors selling cultural and folkloric wares, and to not-for-profit service organizations. Only handmade and homemade crafts may be offered for sale at the event.

The festival is sponsored by Florida Tech International Student and Scholar Services, Florida Tech Residence Life, WFIT 89.5FM and the Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida. For applications, visit <http://www.fit.edu/iss/international-fest.php>. For more information about the festival, call 674-8053.

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