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**Event: Riverwalk Arts Festival & Santa Rosa Celebrates the Arts  
Sat & Sun (3/8-9/2008) 10am-5pm**

I thought you might be interested in some new program items that are different at this year's Riverwalk Arts Festival. This year, the Festival will be introducing 3 new ethnic performing groups in addition to other entertainment. In the past, we have had numerous bands, singers, coral groups, student performances, Bagpipers, instrumentalists, ballet, opera, etc. This year, we will have stage performances by Florida Okinawa Kenjin Kai group with their Taiko drums, the Wako Kai Japanese Classical Dancers and Middle Eastern Belly Dancing. These scheduled ethnic performances start at 2pm on Sunday. Our intent is to grow these ethnic cultural performances in the future.

The Santa Rosa Arts & Culture Foundation has begun their outreach to call upon the many ethnic groups in Santa Rosa County. From the north end to the south, Santa Rosa is rich in diversity. By bringing these few groups to perform this year, we hope to encourage other ethnic groups to thrive and grow in their uniqueness and benefit by joining our Foundation's effort to help them to that endeavor. One of the Foundation's primary goals is to raise awareness to our rich diverse cultures by sharing them with the public. Our hope is to grow this participation amongst the diverse cultural groups for the overall public's benefit. This festival is only the beginning for this arts & culture agency to develop this diverse participation and cultural growth.

Here are just a few pictures of the Wako-Kai Japanese Classical Dancer and the Florida Okinawa-Kenjin Kai Taiko Drummers who will perform a traditional sampling of their culture.

Any assistance you can give in our endeavor to raise awareness will be appreciated.

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