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ALL NATIONS CUP FESTIVAL BRINGS THE GLOBE TO SEATTLE'S BACKYARD

All Nations Cup is set to kick off its 6th year June 6th as Seattle's own International Festival and World Cup-style Soccer Tournament. Begun in 2003 by Seattle non-profit Sister Communities, All Nations Cup brings together members of over 50 of greater Seattle's international communities in celebration showcasing Seattle's diverse multicultural makeup, and the best soccer in the northwest.

For the two weeks each summer, teams of local athletes representing their homelands—from Gambia to Honduras to Japan—come together at All Nations Cup, not only represent their counties on the turf, but also to celebrate their culture through arts, performances, and more. "Soccer is the beginning, the common spark of everyone here," said Sam Hassan, Sister Communities director. "But beneath that we aim to bring everyone together to explore everything else we have in common, and celebrate our differences."

Since the first tournament of 12 teams played over a single weekend, All Nations Cup has grown to be the largest International Cultural Festival in the Northwest, bringing the sites, sounds, smells, and rhythms of the globe to Seattle's backyard.

Highlights of the 2008 festival will include:

- **All Nations Cup Film and Theater Festivals**—bringing films from Spain, Brazil, Poland, and more, plus a series of theater performances by playwrights from Ireland, Spain, and the United States that showcase soccer and it's power to change lives the world over.
- **All Nations Cup Art and Photo Expositions**—highlighting the thriving and diverse art community of Seattle, with local artisans displaying their works in a range of mediums, paint, photography, sculpture, and more.
- **The All Nations Cup Marketplace**—where local craft vendors bring traditional hand-made jewelry, art, and other treasures in a one of a kind bazaar.
- **All Nations Cup Soccer Tournament**—with women's, men's, youth, and masters divisions, the completion brings all the major forms of soccer to the fields in a celebration of the great unifier – soccer.

ALL NATIONS CUP INFORMATION:

Location:

All Nations Cup 2008 will take place at Starfire Sports Center located in Tukwila, Washington.

Schedule:

June 6	Opening Ceremony
June 7-8	Qualifiers Festival Weekend
June 13-15	Round of 16 Weekend (Masters, Women's and Youth Tournaments)
June 16-19	Quarterfinals & Semifinals
June 20	Masters Championship
June 22	Championship Games Day & Closing Celebration

Participating Countries in 2007:

Argentina	England	Italy	Romania
Australia	Ethiopia	Fiji	Russia
Bosnia	Eritrea	Japan	Somalia
Brazil	France	Kenya	Spain
Cambodia	Gambia	Korea	Sudan
Cameroon	Georgia	Liberia	Tanzania
Canada	Guatemala	Mexico	Tibet
China	Honduras	Nepal	Turkey
Colombia	Iran	Nigeria	Ukraine
Djibouti	Iraq	Peru	USA
Denmark	Ireland	Poland	Vietnam

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