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Old Traditions/New Virginians Folklife Celebration Features migrants who have come to Virginia within the last 30 years

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Old Traditions/New Virginians Folklife Celebration

Friday, August 3, 2018 | 5:30–7:30 PM | A First Fridays Event

Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond

Free Event | Free Parking (under the building)

Explore the sights and sounds of the “New Old” traditions of migrants who have come to Virginia within the last 30 years. This Folklife Celebration features traditions as varied as Vietnamese *đàn bầu* music (a one-stringed instrument), the exquisitely colorful Guatemalan alfombra (sawdust carpet) and dance, Hindustani raga singing, a Bolivian tinku dance group, and a Mexican mariachi band, as well as craft displays and demonstrations. A collaboration of the **Virginia Folklife Program of Virginia Humanities** and the **Library of Virginia**, this vibrant, free event is one of the first public programs supporting the Library’s upcoming exhibition *New Virginians: 1619–2019 and Beyond*, which opens this December, with support from the **2019 Commemoration, American Evolution**.

Performers include:

- Nam Phuong Nguyen: Vietnamese *đàn bầu* (one-stringed instrument)
- Ved Sheth: Hindustani raga singing
- Ubaldo Sanchez: Guatemalan alfombra (sawdust carpet) and dance
- Mariachi Arrero: Mexican mariachi
- Sochietah Ung (and dancers): Cambodian dance costumes and crowns

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