



Press Release

15th Annual Vermont Latino Festival

EXPERIENCE A WEEK OF LATIN CULTURE

September 9th – September 12th

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

(Also note: activities are being added or updated - please check website for up-to-date Information)

Location: Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall; Fletcher Free Library, Burlington Boathouse, ECHO, Spirit of Ethan Allen III - RainSite: Contois Auditorium.
All Events are Free unless noted.

Wednesday: September 9th –

3:30pm – 5:30pm Spanish/English PlayGroup Free
Children's Latino Movie Enjoy a light snack, make a fun craft, and watch an episode of Maya and Miguel, La Calavera, about the Day of the Dead, a fall celebration in many Latin American countries.
Location: Fletcher Free Library, Burlington

6:30pm – 8:30pm Intro to Latin Dance by Instructors of VT Sabor Dance Group \$5 donation
Location: Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall

Thursday: September 10th–

6:30pm – 9:30pm Argentine Tango \$5 donation
(Tango Dance evening)
Location: Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall

Friday: September 11th –

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Spanish/English Playgroup Come play at the park, mingle with other families, sing Spanish songs, and make a craft.
Location: Callahan Park in Burlington's South End Free

6:00pm – 7:15pm Zumba Aerobics by Deana of Zumba of Vermont \$5 donation
7:30pm – 8:45 Salsa lesson by Victoria Moore of SalsaLina \$5 donation
Location: Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall

10pm **Opening Festivities - Latin Dance Social** Free
DJ Hector opens the Festival by inviting every to socialize at a local Restaurant.
A Festival Favorite!
Location: Parima Restaurant, Burlington

Saturday: September 12th – Main Event: FAMILY Fun Day!

MAIN EVENT

SATURDAY: September 12th – Burlington BoatHouse 10:30am – 10:30pm | FREE

A Day filled with cultural events for ALL AGES! The Festival will begin at 10:30am and include: music & activities, children activity tents, dance demonstrations, Bands, Latino Foods, games, vendors, and music by Puro Swing, Kultura Borikua, and the duo djs: DJ Hector & DJ Lopez.

Saturday Children/Family Schedule

Location: Fishing Pier Picnic Shelter near Skate Park Free
10:30 AM Sing-Along and Treasure Hunt Meet at the Picnic Shelter for a fun and educational morning learning about Latin American countries by hunting for clues.

12:00 – 1:00PM Lunch Food vendors will be selling tasty Latino food to enjoy at the picnic shelter. Lukuma's Latin Flavor will sell empanadas and burritos, delicious Peruvian sandwiches, mango smoothies, and a Peruvian corn desert.

Location: Boathouse near ECHO Free
1PM – 4PM Children's Tent Check out the children's booth under the tents in front of ECHO, where kids can make crafts, contribute to a mural, and get their faces painted. Older kids can come and test their knowledge about Latino culture. Receive a Latino activity booklet to share with your family and schoolmates.

Location: ECHO Conference Room Free
1:30PM–2:30PM ZUMBA for Kids Join us for aerobics with a Latin twist, tailored for children! Show off your moves and learn some new ones.

Location: Waterfront Green Free
2:30 PM – 3:30PM Futbol/Soccer Come and meet local soccer players of Latino heritage and learn what "futbol" is all about in their country of origin. Learn some Spanish soccer lingo and play on a soccer skills obstacle course

Location: ECHO Free
4:00PM Piñatas End with a bang with piñatas for children of all ages. Learn a traditional piñata-breaking song and show that piñata who is boss!

6:00 PM Boathouse.

The evening will be filled with Music & Dance (Latino Foods will be available)

6:00PM

Puro Swing - High energy six piece Merengue Band is taking the East Coast by storm. They are considered the hottest Latin Dance Band. *Puro Swing* will perform their *fiery* dance music at the 15th annual Vermont Latino Festival. *We dare you NOT to dance!!!*

8:00PM

Latin Dance Demonstrations – Salsa, Tango, Zumba and more....

8:30 PM

Kultura Borikua – Jay Borges & Kultura Borikua mixes rhythms like Salsa, Plena, Jazz, Bolero, Samba and other genres that define the Puertorrican and Latino Cultures. **A performance that must not be missed!**

10:30pm Spirit of Ethan Allen III

Gran Finale Espectacular!! – Continue the night on the Spirit of Ethan Allen III with the famous "**LATIN BOAT CRUISE!**" 11:00PM – 1:00am | Board at 10:30pm. Join Vermont's finest Latino DJ "El Salsero" Hector Cobeo & Massachusetts Latin DJ Lopez as they provide you with Two Floors of Latin Music (1st floor: Salsa/Merengue..2nd floor Merengue/Bachata/Reggaeton/Urban Latin) aboard the Spirit Of Ethan Allen for two hours of cool breezes and hot sounds on the beautiful Lake Champlain. This NEW Boat has plenty of room to dance; rain or shine the Latino Boat Cruise is always the popular event of the Festival! **TICKETS GO FAST!!!** Don't get left on the shore!

Tickets: \$15.50 (Space limited)

Tickets sold at the Flynn Theater or Call 86-Flynn for tickets

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any coverage would be appreciated.

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