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MEDIA RELEASE

In partnership with the Canadian Turkish Heritage Foundation, the Ottawa Police Service will celebrate the Ottawa Turkish Festival and unveil a Turkish flag at Ottawa Police headquarters, 474 Elgin St., on Friday, July 25, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. The flag will be on display until Monday, July 28, 2008. Light refreshments and cultural entertainment will be provided. **Members of the media are invited to attend.**

The flag will be present at as part of the Ottawa Police Flag Recognition Program. The program comes out of community requests and input from Interfaith Ottawa and is meant to increase awareness in the Ottawa Police about important secular and non-secular activities in our community. The program also provides opportunities for different communities in Ottawa to show their pride and traditions to our organization and the community at large.

For a complete list of events and activities, please visit www.ottawaturkishfestival.com

Importance of the Ottawa Turkish Festival

The Ottawa Turkish Festival's mandate is to produce a festival that is open to the general public, which presents thematically linked program of events and activities, art-form, and Turkish cultural heritage.

The Festival will be open to general public free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday July 26, 2008 and on Sunday July 27, 2008 (2 days) at Confederation Park in Ottawa.



Ebru, the art of Water Marbling

The Festival will display Turkish art, including Ebru (Water Marbling) and Classical Calligraphy, folk dances, the Whirling Dervishes of Rumi, live music and gourmet foods, where visitors will get an opportunity to celebrate, learn, and savour Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage and cuisine.

Visitors will be able to browse and buy Turkish products, souvenirs and handicrafts, participate in activities for children, view many authentic demonstrations and performances, sample Turkish cuisine, and do much, much more at the Festival.

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