



We invite you to join us to celebrate the Ottawa Turkish Festival!

We have been diligently putting on the Ottawa Turkish Festival for the past 4 years. We believe with ongoing support we can even make it more enjoyable. We've been able to reach an estimated 20,000 people and have been delighted by media coverage over the years.

The Festival in short will be open to the general public free of charge (except the Anatolian Night Concert) and will display Turkish art, folk dance, music and gourmet food, where visitors will get an opportunity to celebrate, learn, and savour Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage and cuisine. More information is available on the festival website: [www.ottawaturkishfestival.com](http://www.ottawaturkishfestival.com)

This year the Festival promises to be even better with International performers and increased programming. Confirmed in attendance is the Anatolian Sun Quartet, Turkish Folk Dance Group and the Whirling Dervishes of Rumi!

A complete listing of Ottawa Turkish Festival events is available below.

### Anatolian Night Concert

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday, July 22, 2011

Kailash Mital Theatre

Southam Hall

Carleton University

1125 Colonel By Drive

Tickets: \$15 and \$20

available at

[www.ottawaturkishfestival.com](http://www.ottawaturkishfestival.com)



<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Flag Raising Ceremony</b>	July 15	4 pm – 5 pm	Ottawa Police Headquarters 474 Elgin Street
<b>Festival Information Booth</b>	July 16	9:30 am – 6 pm	Rideau Centre 1st floor level, Centre Court (in between Epochs and Fruits & Passion)
<b>Turkish Language Classes</b>	July 17	Noon – 2 pm	Northern Lights Educational Services 26 Thorncliff Place
<b>Documentary of Şeb-i Arûs (Whirling Dervishes Ceremony)</b>	July 18	6 pm – 8 pm	Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch 120 Metcalfe Street
<b>Turkish Cooking Class</b>	July 19	6 pm - 8 pm	Northern Lights Educational Services 26 Thorncliff Place
<b>Turkish Ebru Demonstration</b>	July 20	6 pm - 8 pm	Northern Lights Educational Services 26 Thorncliff Place
<b>Turkish Movie with English subtitles</b>  BEYAZ MELEK (White Angel)	July 21	6 pm – 8 pm	Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch 120 Metcalfe Street

BEYAZ MELEK (White Angel)

The story of “White Angel” tells us the universal, ever-lasting drama of “old age” based on a social background where the director is aiming to reflect the brotherhood of the Turkish and the Kurdish people living in the south-east of Turkiye.

Mala Ahmet, the old leader of a kurdish tribe is suffering from cancer. While running away from the compulsory chemo-therapy in the hospital he suddenly finds himself in a nursery home where he is confronted with a different but cruel culture of life: The old people are left alone to their destiny while they wait for their death to come, whereas old people of his own village in the south-east, are treated with utmost care and tenderness

by their relatives.

Mala Ahmet, together with his two sons, Reşat and Ali, invites this group of abandoned old people to his village to host them there with special care at the end of their lives. This journey becomes a journey into the heart of the country and the people...

A touching debut film by the talented musician Mahsun Kırmızıgül with outstanding performances of the actors of Turkish theater.

Source: [www.beyazmelekfilm.com](http://www.beyazmelekfilm.com)

<b>Turkish Parade</b>	July 22	Noon – 1 pm	Sparks Street Mall (between Metcalfe and O'Connor)
<b>Festival Opening Gala</b>	July 22	5 pm – 7 pm	Ottawa City Hall 110 Laurier Avenue West
<b>Anatolian Night Concert</b>  Performances by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anatolian Sun Quartet</li><li>Turkish Folk Dance Group</li><li>Whirling Dervishes of Rumi</li></ul>	July 22	8 pm – 10 pm	Kailash Mital Theatre Southam Hall Carleton University 1125 Colonel By Drive  Tickets: \$15 and \$20 available at <a href="http://www.ottawaturkishfestival.com">www.ottawaturkishfestival.com</a>

#### **Anatolian Sun Quartet**

Anatolian Sun Quartet is a very well-known international music ensemble which combines universal instrument techniques and authentic values through modern arrangements with the local expressions, by the touch of a gentle harmony. Anatolian Sun reflects the colours of the culture with great mastery, leaves an exceptional feeling together with a fine musical taste on the audience with the combination of Turkish and Western Instruments. One of the most important features of Anatolian Sun Quartet is creating a synthesis of Turkish folk music and universal style without distorting authenticity or the essence of local melodies. The aim of the ensemble is to present traditional Turkish folk music in the context of a modern world, meaning that a whole host of influences, especially from Mediterranean regions, are involved in its music. The pieces performed by the group are considered as impressive and elegant embroidery composed by the virtuosi.

#### **Turkish Folk Dance**

The unusual wealth and variety of Turkish folk music and dance attracts the attention of people from all over the world. Many of the melodies and movements have very ancient origins stemming from the many different aspects of Turkish culture that form the

background of modern Turkey. Every district has its own local tunes, songs and dances. There is some special song or dance for every event of rural life which represents a birth or a wedding, sowing the field and harvesting the crops or leading the flocks to water. Some of the songs and dances have to do with a particular craft or work; some have fertility or good luck as a theme, while others express the timeless feelings of a man, joy and sadness, the longing of an exile for his home and homeland, love and affection for the beloved. The instruments played are still mainly traditional and again vary from region to region. They are made by local craftsmen of great skill from locally obtained materials. One of these the "saz" with its wide range, may be considered the earliest form of the Western lute. Turkey has been the birthplace and bridge for many civilizations and has thus inherited a very rich tradition of folklore. Each region has its own dance and costumes. As in every branch of folklore, the mimic and motions in the dances portray the soul and character of the Turkish people. The feelings are reflected in their handcrafts, the beautiful head scarves, handbags, crochet work, hand woven carpets and kilims where each motif has a special meaning. One is left with an impression of harmony and fluency in the motion of the figures and the colourful flowing costumes.

### **Whirling Dervish of Rumi**

The Sema (Whirling Dervishes Ceremony) is the inspiration of Mevlana Celaledin-i Rumi (1207 - 1273) as well as part of the Turkish culture, belief and history in Konya. It symbolizes the different meanings of a mystic cycle to perfection (Ascension - Mirac). Contemporary science definitely confirms that the fundamental condition of our existence is to revolve. There is no object, no being which does not revolve. Everything whirls and human, a whirling dervish, carries on his life, his very existence by means of the revolution in the atoms, structural elements in his body, by the circulation of his blood, by his coming from the Earth and return to it, by his revolving with the Earth itself. The Sema represents a mystical journey of man's spiritual ascent through love, finding the truth and arriving to the "Perfect". Then he returns from this spiritual journey as a man who reached maturity and a greater perfection, so as to love and to be of service to the whole creation, to all creatures without discriminating in regard to belief, class, or race. The dervish with his hat (his ego's tombstone), and his white skirt (his ego's shroud) is spiritually born to the truth. When he removes his black cloak, he journeys and advances to the spiritual maturity through the stages of the Sema. At the beginning and each stage of the Sema holding his arms crosswise he represents number one, and testifies to God's unity. While whirling his arms are open, his right hand directed to the sky ready to receive God's beneficence, gazing his left hand turned toward the earth for giving what he received to the poor, he turns from right to left, pivoting around the heart. This is his way of conveying God's spiritual gift to the people upon whom God "looks with a Divine" watchfulness. Revolving around the heart, from right to left, he embraces all of humankind, all the creation with affection and love.

<b>Festival Grounds</b>	July 23 & 24	Noon – 9 pm	<b>Confederation Park</b>
			Corner of Laurier & Elgin St.

## What to expect on Festival Grounds?

- Performances of **Turkish Folk Dances, Whirling Dervish of Rumi** and Live **Turkish Music**.
- Watch an **Ebru (Water Marbling)** painting demonstration on paper and **Classical Calligraphy** Drawing.
- Relax at the **Turkish Oriental Corner**, decorated with pillows, rugs, arts, handicrafts, traditional jewelry and more.
- Enjoy **Turkish cuisine**, sample gourmet foods including kababs, donair vegetarian & olive oil dishes, Gözleme (Turkish Pancake), Börek (Turkish Flaky Pastry), Manti (Turkish Ravioli), as well as drinks like Ayran (Turkish Buttermilk). A meal would not be complete without desert! Taste **Baklava, Turkish delight** and more.
- Don't miss popular **Turkish coffee and tea** served in an authentic setting
- Let your **kids enjoy** all sorts of activities: face painting, games, cotton candy, the **inflatable village** and more!
- Browse the different vendors and booths for books, **souvenirs**, fine arts and crafts.
- Visit our **employment corner** to discuss career opportunities with the Canadian Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ottawa Police.
- Support charitable organizations like Northern Lights Educational Services (NLES) providing top quality Child Care services and the Canadian Institute of Intercultural Dialogue (CIID) hosting monthly Intercultural Dialogue Talk Series (IDTS).
- Plan your trip to Turkey, the land of ancient civilizations. Pickup a copy of touristic brochures.

