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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 Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 12:00 noon. The flag will be on display until Monday, July 27, 2010. 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. Festival events will take place from July 17 to 25. The Festival itself will take place on July 24 & 25 at Confederation Park. A list of the Festival Events and their schedule is included.

The Festival 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.

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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Ottawa Turkish Festival Schedule 2010

All events are free of charge.

Event	Date	Time	Place
Festival Information Booth	July 3	1 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Bayshore Shopping Centre Centre Court, Main Level (near the elevator)
Festival Information Booth	July 10	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.	St. Laurent Shopping Centre Main Aisle (in front of Le Chateau)
Festival Information Booth	July 17	9:30 a.m. – 6pm	Rideau Centre 1st floor level, Centre Court (in between Epochs and Fruits & Passion)
Turkish Movie with English subtitles	July 17	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch 120 Metcalfe Street
<p>KELEBEK (Butterfly) It's 1996... almost five years before the 9/11 catastrophe... But the foundations of the catastrophe are being laid... Because it is a complex world and nothing starts a day early... It's Afghanistan... the hottest days of the civil war... Thousands of people who have lost their lives, properties, and homes are expecting the conflict to end... Yusuf and his friends, on the other hand, expect to go there for humanitarian purposes...</p> <p>“They say... A butterfly that flaps a wing right here can cause a storm in the Atlantic... So every one of us is like that butterfly, but with a difference... Our butterfly does not cause storms. It opens its wings and stands against the storms...”</p> <p>The Mawlawi father Ibrahim sees them off with these words as if he knows what will happen.. And while Yusuf and his friends are getting prepared to set out... Osama bin Laden is going across the Afghan border to his new headquarters... Yusuf and his friends meet innumerable people that year in Afghanistan, And one of these people is... A young man the world will know in September 11, 2001. <i>Source: www.filmkelebek.com</i></p>			
Turkish Cuisine Demonstration	July 18	Noon – 2 p.m.	Hartman's Independent Grocer 296 Bank Street

Documentary of Seb-i Arus (Whirling Dervishes Ceremony)	July 19	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch 120 Metcalfe Street
Flag Raising Ceremony	July 20	Noon – 1 p.m.	Ottawa Police Headquarters 474 Elgin Street
Turkish Language Classes	July 21	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Turkish Cultural Center 26 Thorncliff Place
Festival Opening Gala	July 23	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Ottawa City Hall 110 Laurier Avenue West
Festival Grounds	July 24 & 25	Noon – 9 p.m.	Confederation Park Corner of Laurier & Elgin St.

- 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), Mantı (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 Law Enforcement Agencies.
- 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.