



Media Advisory

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OPENING PARADE KICKS OFF FESTIVITIES

On Friday, July 23, a **Turkish Parade** will feature the **Turkish Youth Folk Dance and Music Ensemble** of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism from the Republic of Turkey performing in the opening parade on Sparks Street on Fri. July 23, at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The **Turkish Youth Folk Dance and Music Ensemble** will showcase spectacular demonstrations of Turkish Folklore and the Whirling Dervishes, featuring dances from the Thrace, Marmara, Black Sea, Aegean, Central Anatolia, Eastern Anatolia, and South Eastern Anatolia regions.

The Turkish Parade is a symbol of Turkish culture and will highlight the commencement of the **Ottawa Turkish Festival** which opens at Confederation Park and runs from July 24 to the 25, from noon to 9 p.m.

The band, which consists of 20 dancers and musicians, along with the Festival procession will begin at Lyon & Sparks at 11:30 a.m. and end at Elgin. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at Elgin & Sparks at 1 p.m.

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