

COLOMBIA: IN FOCUS

A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE EMBASSY OF COLOMBIA

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In Case You Missed It...

Colombian Culture, Linguistic Diversity to be Featured at 2013 Smithsonian Folklife Festival



Photo: Arhuaco weavers, Photo Credit: Proexport; Photo: Palenquero children, Photo Credit: Santiago La Rotta / Proexport; Photo: Man on Amazon River, Photo Credit: Proexport

Beginning tomorrow, **Wednesday, June 26 through Sunday, July 7**, the cultural heritage and linguistic diversity of Colombia will be featured as part of the **47th Smithsonian Folklife Festival's "One World, Many Voices: Endangered Languages and Cultural Heritage"** program on the National Mall.

Festival Facts

- Festivalgoers will be immersed in the rich and diverse heritage of **Colombia's many languages, of which there are 68 across the country, in addition to Spanish.**
- From **indigenous languages of native inhabitants, to Creole languages spoken by the Raizal, Palenquero and Afro-Colombian communities, to the Romani language spoken by the Indo-European Roma communities,** Colombia's linguistic diversity will be on display during this year's Festival.
- Language communities to be represented during the Festival include: **Arhuaco, Kamentzá, Ri Palenge, Uitoto and Wayuunaiki.**

The festival's hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., tomorrow – June 30 and July 3 – July 7, 2013. The Colombia tent will be close to the Smithsonian Metro station (Mall exit).

For information on Colombia's participation, click [here](#). For general information and a full schedule of Festival events, click [here](#).

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