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## 2019 New American Arts Festival Celebrates Immigrants, Refugees



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For the sixth year, BFF and Lutheran Family Services will be hosting the New American Arts Festival from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 2 in the heart of downtown Benson, Omaha's flourishing arts and culture district.

The free outdoor event, at Military Avenue and Maple Street, will highlight immigrant and refugee cultures from Iraq, Nepal, Syria, Bosnia, Burma, and more. Featured activities include amazing food from around the world, performance and visual art, cooking and crafts workshops, live music, and numerous table vendors.

### Indoor Galleries

Ameer Kadim | Iraqi | Hardy Coffee Co. | 6051 Maple St.

Sha Htoo | Karen | Yoshitomo | 6009 Maple St.

Kimberly Salas | Yoshitomo | 6009 Maple St.

Pemba Tamang | Nepali | City Light Arts Project | 5603 NW Radial Hwy

Pratik Raymajhi | Nepali | City Light Arts Project | 5603 NW Radial Hwy

New American/Joslyn Fashion | Students | Lion's Mane Vintage | 6107 Maple St.

Asad Komi | Sudanese Artist | Parlour 1887 | 6068 Maple St.

### **Street Gallery (60th Street & Military Avenue)**

Jihan Ali | Iraqi  
Jester Than | Karen  
Tray Soe | Karen  
Anan Biswa | Nepali  
Zmarak Daud | Afghan

### **Food**

Syrian falafel  
Nepali Momo  
Karen Sweet Treats  
Karen food tent  
Chaima's African Cuisine  
Renear INC (gyros)  
Rana Maz | Syrian cuisine

### **Featured Vendors**

Afrotrends fashion  
Karen weaving demo  
Pite Tway | Karen | food carver  
Nele Sudar | Bosnian | wood and metal furniture  
Siddig Babiker | Sudanese | leather goods  
Farah Al Sebaie | Syrian | home goods, wooden crafts, jewelry  
Pratik Raymajhi | Nepali | prints and textiles  
Kamila and Nahida | Afghani | henna artists  
Joslyn Art Museum | interactive art table  
Aye Moe Khaing | Burmese | textiles  
Inheritance Project | interactive improv theater

### **Workshops (5 to 9 p.m., Benson Community Center, 6008 Maple St.)**

[Syrian cooking](#), 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
[Syrian jewelry-making](#), 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
[Nepali momo cooking](#), 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
[Culturally-specific gardening](#), 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Nepali flower necklace-making, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### **About BFF**

BFF is dedicated to supporting the region's emerging and established artists by creating opportunity, exposure, and experiences that help them move forward while enriching the cultural competency of the Greater Omaha Area.

### **About Lutheran Family Services**

Founded in 1892, Lutheran Family Services, a faith-based nonprofit, has served Nebraska children and families with programs to strengthen individuals, family, and community life.