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Broad Meadow Brook
MassBay Film Project
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Museum of Russian Icons
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Opera Worcester
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Salisbury Singers, Inc.
Traina Center for the Arts at Clark University
Very Special Arts
WCCA TV13
WCUW Public Radio
WICN Public Radio
Worcester African Cultural Center
Worcester Art Museum
Worcester Artist Alliance
Worcester Artist Group
Worcester Arts & Humanities
Educational Collaborative
Worcester Center for Crafts
Worcester Center for Performing Arts
Worcester County Light Opera Club
Worcester County Poetry Association
Worcester Cultural Commission
Worcester Foothills Theatre Company
Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre
Worcester Historical Museum
Worcester Public Library
Worcester Women's History Project

*The Worcester Cultural Coalition is the
unified voice of Worcester-area arts and
cultural organizations.*

*Its mission is to "draw on Worcester's
rich and diverse cultural assets to foster
economic revitalization and create a strong
cultural identity for the City of Worcester."*

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Fall full of fun awaits you in Worcester

3rd Annual Fall Fest campaign kicks off

Worcester, MA - The Worcester Cultural Coalition is kicking off its 3rd Annual Fall Fest campaign, ensuring Worcester visitors and residents alike a fall full of fun in the City!

Fall Fest festivities get underway with six outdoor performances by Australia's world renowned **Strange Fruit** performing arts troupe on **Worcester City Hall Plaza on Tuesday, August 12th and Wednesday, August 13th**. The downtown Worcester stop, among just two New England appearances as part of the group's U.S. tour, comes compliments of the Hanover Theatre for Performing Arts. Spectators will be amazed as the company fuses a unique style of acrobatics, theater, dance and circus, performed atop high flexible poles. Show times are 10 a.m., 12 noon and 2 p.m. on August 12th and 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on August 13th. All performances are FREE and open to the public.

City Hall Plaza will again be the place to be as Centro Las America's **Annual Latin American Festival** rocks downtown with two days of dynamic Latin music and food, **12 noon – 9 p.m. both Saturday, August 16th and Sunday, August 17th**. Among the largest festival of its kind in the northeast, this year's Latin American Festival again promises to feature some of the finest Latin music to be heard. Saturday headliners include Mayra Veronica, Bats 'N Rome and Dominic Marte, while the Gregorio Uribe Big Band and Yomo Toro with the Frankie Morales Orchestra headline the stage on Sunday. Throughout the two days taste delicious Latin American cuisine from Puerto Rico, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Cuba and others. Also enjoy crafts, vendors, children's activities, a beer garden and so much more! Admission is FREE.

The Worcester Canal Alliance will ring in the arrival of September with the **3rd Annual Blackstone Canalfest on Saturday, September 6th from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.** on Harding Street, between Temple and Winter Streets. This classic street festival will feature all-day music, food, dance, arts vendors, street performers, children's activities, horse-drawn tours of the neighborhood and even kayak rides on a water filled replica of the City's historic Blackstone Canal. Admission is FREE.

The **Pet Rock Festival** will celebrate its 10th anniversary of talking for the animals with its daylong event on **Sunday, September 14th from 12 noon to 5 p.m.** outdoors at Quinsigamond Community College. Featuring live music, a vegetarian food court, guest speakers, contests, as well as hundred of exhibitors and vendors, this benefit for animal organizations throughout New England has grown into the largest of its kind on the East Coast. Admission is \$12 for adults, just \$5 for kids. Dogs welcome!

Central Massachusetts' largest single day arts and culture celebration returns with **stART on the Street on Sunday, September 21st from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.** on Park Avenue, between Pleasant and Elm Streets. Featuring hundreds of visual artists and crafters who will display and sell their handmade goods, stART will also feature live bands, street performers, a new food court area, free children's art activities and more! Admission is FREE.

In addition to the five festivals highlighted here, Worcester's fall will be a buzz with sensational live performances at both the Foothills Theatre and Hanover Theatre for Performing Arts, tremendous musical offerings at venues throughout the City, as well as a wealth of exhibits and performances sure to appeal to the young and old alike. A full schedule of events is available online. Come celebrate fall in the heart of it all - <http://www.worcestermass.org/culture> !