The Renton Multicultural Festival, an annual celebration of culture, diversity, art, and music, returns in person on May 6 and 7.

Over the years, the festival has showcased musical acts and performers proudly sharing their heritage with the rest of the community through song, dance, and spoken word. This year a fashion show has been added to showcase original clothing designs that represent the designer’s culture, style, and craftsmanship. The fashion show will be one of the activities scheduled for Saturday, May 7.

If you or someone you know is interested in performing or participating in the fashion show, please complete the online application. The submission deadline is April 4, 2022, and performers/participants selected will be notified by April 8. Performers are compensated.

This year’s opening night is moving downtown to Renton Civic Theatre (507 S. Third St.) from 6 to 9 p.m. Day two returns to the Renton Pavilion Event Center and Piazza Park (233 Burnett Ave. S), from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Renton Multicultural Festival is supported in part by grants from the City of Renton through the lodging tax fund and the 1% funding for arts, as administered by Renton Municipal Arts Commission.

Beyond Black History Month celebration on March 26
Members of Renton’s African American community are hosting Beyond Black History Month, on March 26, at 2 p.m., at Renton Chamber of Commerce (625 S. Fourth St.). The theme is Rising in Greatness.

Event organizers plan a discussion of the state of black culture in society and ways to keep it progressing. The event will also include preparing for community outreach with local law enforcement and a riveting presentation of what it means to be black in Renton. Local black artists and creative designers will provide an inside look at what motivates them to produce one-of-a-kind works inspired by the culture they represent.

The event is free and open to all. Food and drinks are provided, and engagement of all is encouraged.
Funding available to complete the Renton Eastrail segment

Washington State Legislature recently approved $29 million to help fund the completion of the Eastrail corridor, a multi-use trail stretching 42 miles from Renton to Woodinville. The funding was part of the Move Ahead Washington transportation package. The package includes $6 million to help extend the Renton segment of Eastrail south to the shared South Coulon Park and Southport entrance. The trail extension will provide connections to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and downtown Renton.

Mayor Armondo Pavone said, “This funding will be transformative for Renton. It provides the transition to link Eastrail with our other regional trail systems nearby—Cedar River Trail and Lake-to-Sound Trail. Knitting together these trail segments will provide significant benefits to generations of users in our region.”

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