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PRESENTER: Hello, welcome to Culture Vulture, your guide to cultural events in our town, and here's great news of a fascinating new event that might one day become our number one attraction. As you know, our town has several vibrant ethnic communities, and the university in particular now boasts students from more than forty countries. Well, this summer the Town Council and the European Students Forum have decided to organise our first ever Multicultural Festival. With me in the studio is the president of the EsF, Steve Lund. Hello, Steve.

STEVE: Hello.

PRESENTER: Steve, can you tell us more about this idea? STEVE: Well, the idea originated at the University, really. When you've got people of a dozen nationalities in your class, you can learn so much from them, and it's such fun, and we thought it's a shame that the rest of the community isn't able to share in some of that experience.

PRESENTER: So what will the festival involve?

STEVE: We're still at the planning stage, but we'd definitely like to have several concerts, an arts and crafts fair where people would be able to learn to make things like Origami paper toys or Raku pottery, and also a multiethnic fashion show, where you'd be able to see what national costumes such as a Korean hanbok or a Vietnamese Ao Dai look like. And, on a more serious note perhaps, we might have several lectures and panel discussions' on topics to do with multicultural Europe.

PRESENTER: It sounds fascinating - and what about food?

STEVE: Absolutely, there'll definitely be food from all the countries involved, and drinks as well, including Czech beer and Hungarian wine. And we hope that with the generous funding from the Town Council and from EU funds, the food will be the only thing you have to pay for.

PRESENTER: That sounds very promising. And I understand you've got an announcement to make ..

STEVE: Yes, an appeal in fact. As I said, we're still at the planning stage, and I'd like to invite anyone or any group of people who'd like to contribute to the festival to contact us with their ideas. You can do that through the festival website, or you can just drop into our office next to the university library; you'll be very, very welcome indeed.

PRESENTER: Steve Lund, thank you very much. And watch the website for the programme of events!