

### **17th ANNUAL ISSI OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, February 1, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (4pm– 6pm)**

The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) of Northeastern University opens its doors to celebrate the start of ISSI Carnevale 2012! Join the ISSI staff and student leaders in intercultural conversations while tasting delicious delicacies from across the world and listening to music from other cultures.

### **17th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION**

**Saturday, February 4, Krentzman Quadrangle (11:30 am – 1:30 pm)**

Bring your creative talents and chisels to create magnificent ice sculptures at the 17th annual international ice carving competition. Witness teams of creative students carve blocks of ice into sculptures of the Eiffel Tower, the Great Wall of China or even the Tikling Bird of the Philippines. So grab your gloves and friends, and some hot chocolate too, and get ready to go! To join/register a team, visit <http://conta.cc/IceCarving>

### **INTERNATIONAL TEA CARAVAN**

**Tuesday, February 7, Curry Student Center Indoor Quad (11am – 2pm)**

Tea is an integral part of many cultures throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East as well as Boston. Come celebrate a world-wide love of tea and stop by to enjoy a free hot cup of tea. Choose from a selection from all around the world!

### **SWEET SATISFACTION**

**Wednesday, February 8, 405 Ell Hall (7:30 pm – 9pm)**

Come sample sweet treats from around the world! If you have a favorite sweet treat you want to share contact Farah Naaz at [naaz.f@husky.neu](mailto:naaz.f@husky.neu)

### **INTERNATIONAL GAME NIGHT**

**Friday, February 10, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (6:30 pm)**

Have you been wondering what games are played in countries around the world? Come and enjoy some unique and traditional games from countries such as India which include Kadabi (Hit and Run), Raja Rani (Find the Jewel Thief), Five Stones, etc. Come join us for food, fun, and games!

### **INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES**

**Thursdays, February 9 & 16, March 1 & 29**

International cinema has long provided us with an intimate look into other cultures, whether through a blockbuster film, a documentary, an animated cartoon, or a musical. The ISSI invites you to this celebration of films that were not born in a Hollywood studio, but rather created in the international arena. A sampling of four movies that represent different interests and film genres will be shown on the following dates:

**White Wedding**, 405 Ell Hall, February 9 at 6:00pm

**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo**, 20 West Village F, February 16 at 7:30 pm

**My Afternoons With Marguerite**, 20 West Village F, March 1 at 7:30 pm

**The Owl and the Sparrow**, 20 West Village F, March 29 at 7:30 pm

### **FANTASIA DI MASCHERE – ITALIAN RENAISSANCE MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATER**

**Saturday, February 11, The Fenway Center (4:30 pm)**

Fantasia Di Maschere, an Italian Renaissance Music, Dance and Theatre is presented by *Renaissomics*, an internationally acclaimed Renaissance Music and Dance Ensemble led by Mr. John Tyson and Ms. Miyuki Tsurutani. Performances include: Renaissance music, Madrigals, Dances, and Improvisation. We will also showcase short theatrical scenes and dances. The show will also feature Chiara Durazzini, Mark Mindek and Maris Wolff. Free admission. **For tickets please contact the ticketing office at Ell Hall**

### **MOMO MADNESS MONDAY: IN SEARCH OF THE GLOBAL MOMO!**

**Monday, February 13, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)**

Our annual Momo Madness Monday is back once again and now is your chance to take a stab at making dumplings from scratch! Join us at the ISSI as we teach you how to make an array of Asian dumplings from traditional Chinese jiaozi to Korean kimchi dumplings and Singapore shrimp wantons. Participants also have the chance to take part in our dumpling making competition and you might become the next dumpling master chef on campus. No registration necessary for this event.

### **BEYOND BORDERS: AFRICA**

**Wednesday, February 15, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (12:00 pm)**

As part of our Beyond Borders series, the ISSI, in partnership with Alumni Relations, hosts this interactive luncheon with a cultural focus that provides an informal forum to discuss issues of mutual interest relating to a particular country or region of the world. Join the discussion as we explore contemporary topics and educational themes as they relate to Africa while also fostering a connection between students and alumni.

### **CARNEVALE DI ROMA**

**Wednesday, February 15, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (6:00 pm)**

Did you know that the roots of the cultural celebration of “Carnevale” are actually Italian? Come join the Italian Culture Society in celebrating their 5th Annual Carnevale Night! This year we are traveling to Roma (Rome) to discover its rich food, culture, and customs. Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine, traditional games, music, and mask-making. Sponsored by the Northeastern University Italian Culture Society in cooperation with the ISSI.

### **LEILET OMR: A CELEBRATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Friday, February 17, The Fenway Center (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)**

Explore the charm of the Middle East with all of its diversity from Saudi Arabia all the way to Morocco. Join friends and friends-to-be for a memorable night while enjoying a variety of food, dance, music and more. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience the cultural ambience of the Arab world in the heart of Northeastern University. No matter which part of the globe you hail from, this exciting extravaganza offers something for everyone. Sponsored by the Arab Student Association (ArabSA) in cooperation with the ISSI. Admission for this event is FREE, but there will be tickets at the door as space is limited so get there early!

### **ISSI INTERNATIONAL BALL: VENETIAN MASQUERADE**

**Saturday, February 18, The Colonnade Boston Hotel (9pm – 1am)**

Immerse yourself in the spirit of Carnevale and transport yourself to the traditions of centuries past at this third annual ISSI International Ball that melds the elegant and artistic spirit of the Italian Renaissance with the “joie de vivre” of the contemporary and cross-cultural. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of music, dance, and camaraderie that traverses the continents while making new friends from around the world. Join hundreds of Northeastern students at this international ball, and prepare to be mesmerized! Don’t forget to bring your Venetian mask! Formal attire is required. Sponsored by the ISSI in cooperation with student leaders and the ISSI Carnevale 2012 planning committee. Tickets available on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 12pm on MYNEU portal: NU students: \$20, General: \$30.

### **INTERNATIONAL PIZZA-THON**

**Wednesday, February 22, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (6pm)**

Join the Italian Culture Society, the ISSI, and Carnevale Committee members in this culinary effort to prepare various types of gourmet pizza with an international flavor. Learn about the origins and uses of various traditional ingredients, and sample as many as you’d like! Partake in this opportunity to put your own cultural stamp on a scrumptious delicacy - your very own personal pizza. No cooking experience required. Participants should register with the Italian Culture Society at [nuitalianculturesociety@gmail.com](mailto:nuitalianculturesociety@gmail.com).

### **NUCALLS WORLD TOUR**

**Thursday, February 23, McLeod Suites, Curry Student Center (6pm– 9pm)**

Imagine being able to walk across the world in a couple footsteps. The world is coming to you in the first International World Tour, in association with the Northeastern University Culture and Language Learning Club (NUCALLS) and the International Student Scholar Institute (ISSI). All of Northeastern’s most prominent cultural clubs will come together to bring you exotic food, cultural music, traditional souvenirs, and share their cultural heritage and life experiences! We will even give you a chance to practice a language. For more info please visit: <http://www.nucalls.neu.edu>

### **WELCOME TO OUR HOME**

**Friday, February 24, International Village Basement (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Join the International Village and White Hall community on a night when on-campus international residents showcase their countries and cultures. It will be an evening in which tradition and culture is celebrated through dance, music and food. Become acquainted with Northeastern’s Global Frontier Living Learning Community as you step through their doorway into the world.

### **AFRICA NIGHT: TEASE ME AND HEARTS FOR THE HORN**

**Saturday, February 25, The Fenway Center (6:30 pm)**

Northeastern African Student Organization welcomes you to Africa Night as part of Africa Week. This year's Africa Night is extra special because not only will we be exploring the beauty of Africa through fashion, hair, body paint, food, music, dance, skits but we will also fundraise to help aid those struggling in the famine in Somalia and other parts of the Horn of Africa. So come with empty stomachs, open hearts, and ready to be amazed at the wonders of our motherland. Bring a friend and we can't wait to see you there. Admission is NU+1 and FREE!

### **STRUM, PLUCK, AND DRUM**

**Sunday, February 26, afterHOURS, Curry Student Center (8pm – 10pm)**

What do an angklung, ghaychuk, balafon, caixa, didjeridoo, txitsu, sitar, ophicleide, and to'ere have in common? They are a microcosm of the world's myriad musical instruments. Tonight's euphonious entertainment features students, faculty, staff, and community musicians performing in a variety of formats. The event will also feature culturally varied rhythms on well known musical instruments from countries that span the globe. Immerse yourself in the musicality of the moment! Sponsored by the ISSI. If you wish to perform, please contact Ravi at [ramakrishnan.r@husky.neu.edu](mailto:ramakrishnan.r@husky.neu.edu)

### **INTERNATIONAL IDOL**

**Tuesday, February 28, afterHOURS, Curry Student Center (8pm)**

International Idol is a night of great music in the voices of students from every region of the world. Whether an amateur or professional, whether your song of choice is in Arabic, Spanish, Hindi or Swahili, everyone is welcome to enjoy a few minutes in the spotlight of our stage. This event consists of two segments: a non-competitive and a competitive division judged by the noise your audience makes for you. All are welcome to join regardless of skill. Please contact Bashair Al Hinai at [alhinai.b@husky.neu.edu](mailto:alhinai.b@husky.neu.edu) if you wish to perform.

### **LEAP INTO ACTION: A DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Wednesday, February 29 (All day event)**

This leap year, come with us on a day of service as we "leap" into our surrounding Boston community and help out those who are in need. Partnering up with a local non-profit organization, we will spend an evening doing community service, reaching out and giving back! Check back for more info!

### **PERSIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION: NOROOZ**

**Saturday, March 10, The Fenway Center (6:00 pm – 10:30 pm)**

The International Day of Norooz is recognized by UN's General Assembly as a spring festival of Persian origin, which has been celebrated for over 3,000 years. In the Persian solar calendar No-rooz, which means new-day, marks the first day of spring, and the beginning of the New Year. Come enjoy the festivities through traditional music, games, cuisine, film, dance and other cultural pastimes. Immerse yourself in the colorful and captivating realm of Persian culture. Admission is FREE but space is limited.

### **TARANG**

**Sunday, March 11, Blackman Auditorium (6pm – 9pm)**

Get a glimpse of India's languages, religions, dance, music, architecture, food and customs. The esteemed members of NU Sanskriti, the Indian Graduate Student Association, are proud to present an imaginative and energetic show to pay a vibrant homage to India and its history, culture, and people. Come and enjoy a brilliant display of dazzling fashion, local customs, and graceful dance.

### **CULTURAL OLYMPICS**

**Monday, March 12 - Friday, March 16**

Are you ready to have your physical, mental, and technical skills tested? Compete against your fellow students during the 2012 Carnevale Olympic Games!! Form groups of six and prepare yourself for the challenges ahead. We will kick off the competition with a soccer tournament in memory of Andres Alarcon, a former Northeastern student. Then, exercise your brain with trans-national trivia and cross-cultural conundrums. We will conclude with a skills contest to find the group with the highest toothpick architecture aptitude and superior chopstick competency. One team will emerge victorious at the close of the 2012 Carnevale Olympics games and take home a prize! Check back for sign-up info.

**Trivia Night**

ISSI 405 Ell Hall, March 12 (7:00 pm)

**Andres Alarcon Soccer Tournament**

Cabot Cage, March 13th (8:30) and 15th (7:30pm)

**Skills Contest**

ISSI 405 Ell Hall, March 14 (5:30 pm)

**POETRY READING**

**Monday, March 20, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (8pm)**

Creativity has no boundaries, and neither should you. The ISSI would like to invite you to participate in a recitation of poems read in their original languages. Come admire the beauty and passion that is ignited through poetic verses spanning the globe. Share a poem of your own or one your culture; and be ready to be dazzled by the intercultural expression of poetry. If you wish to participate in the reading please contact Kirti at [kewalramani.k@husky.neu.edu](mailto:kewalramani.k@husky.neu.edu).

**Northeastern University's Diversity Week:****Global Canvas**

**Monday, March 19, Thursday, March 22**

**Social Justice Resource Center, 106 St. Stephens Street**

An event co-hosted by ISSI Carnevale 2012 and the Social Justice Resource Center. What does Diversity mean to you? Regardless of your artistic abilities, use art as a platform for expressing your identity and aspects of diversity that are important to you.

**Northeastern University's Diversity Week:****Photographs of the World by Don West**

**Monday, March 18, Gallery 360**

Professional Photographer and member of Northeastern University's African American Master Artists in Residence Program, Don West has passion and talent that he uses to profile all kinds of people – ordinary and extraordinary. He captures the events which shape their lives, with their families and in their struggle for what they believe. His work has taken him to Latin America, Spain, China and Jerusalem. Gallery 360 will showcase images that tell stories from across the globe beginning March 18.

For more info please go to: <http://www.northeastern.edu/reslife/sjrc/>

**BEYOND BORDERS: SOUTH AMERICA**

**Thursday, March 22, ISSI, 405 Ell Hall (12pm)**

ISSI's Beyond Borders series continues with a focus on South America. Enjoy a luncheon featuring South American cuisine while exploring contemporary and educational aspects of this diverse region of the world. A primary aim of this event is to strengthen the connection between the University and alumni abroad. To reserve your place at the table, visit [www.alumni.northeastern.edu/borders](http://www.alumni.northeastern.edu/borders).

**ISSI Carnevale 2012: A Night With....**

**Friday, March 23, Blackman Auditorium**

**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Save the date for a very exciting (and famous!) speaker. We can't tell you who it is.... Yet! Check back for information about tickets

**16TH ANNUAL ISSI INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW**

**Saturday, March 24, The Fenway Center (7pm)**

A world of fashion awaits you at this colorful cultural show! Student models who represent the diversity of the campus and the community unveil a scintillating collection of clothing and accessories that reflect both contemporary and traditional designs. Join your hostess of haute couture, Fiona, as she takes you on a mesmerizing voyage to "Fashion Avenue". Sponsored by the ISSI in collaboration with the SGA Diversity Week Committee. Hurry! Seats along the runway are going fast! Admission is FREE but space is limited! Check back for more info.

**NEuropean FAIR**

**Tuesday, March 27, Curry Student Center Ballroom (7pm– 9pm)**

The European Community at Northeastern includes almost 50 countries each with their own traditions, culture, language, history. We invite you to celebrate and discover Europe through a collection of performances, cultural activities, and traditional food and by meeting the European students who are part of the Northeastern Community.

To make this event possible multiple Student Organizations came together and decided that it was time for the NEUropeans to make an appearance, so join the movement and become a NEUropean!

### **CSO WEEK FORUM**

**Monday, March 26, Cabral Center, African-American Institute (6pm – 8pm)**

This event will feature speakers from Caribbean organizations based in the Boston community, such as Jamaica United Missions Project. This forum seeks to educate participants on the current issues in the Caribbean region, and also encourage and inform members of the Northeastern community how they can provide relief across borders. Also, the event will feature a Steel Pan Band during intermission. Supported by the SAF.

### **GET READY TO WUK UP! / DANCE AROUND THE WORLD**

**Wednesday, March 28, 348 The Fenway Center (6pm)**

ISSI and CSO invite you to a unique, hands-on dance! Come learn dances such as the tarantella, bhangra, tango, and others. As a special this year, we are bringing back the lovely and vibrant Leslie Salmon Jones. This choreographer will be teaching dance lessons based on a mixture of traditional and modern Caribbean styles of dance. Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to

Wuk up the world! Supported by the SAF.

### **CARNIVAL ON THE QUAD**

**Thursday, March 29, Library Quad 3pm – 5pm)**

Carnival on the Quad will immerse students into the world renowned festival. This event gives students a chance to understand and participate in the popular festival celebrated in the Caribbean and also in some parts of North America. This event highlights a festival that has existed in our culture for decades. Come join the fun with music provided by Natural Entertainment and a Scrumptious BBQ catered by Blue Ribbon. Supported by the SAF.

### **CONCERT: FEATURING TRINIDAD'S VERY OWN DESTRA!**

**Friday, March 30, Cabral Center, African-American Institute (6pm – 8pm)**

The last event of Caribbean week features the queen of soca, Destra Garcia. This concert will also feature some of Boston's local artists. Natural Entertainment will kick off the night. This concert is NU only. Supported by the SAF.

### **15TH ANNUAL ISSI INTERNATIONAL GALA NIGHT**

**Saturday, March 31, Blackman Auditorium (7pm – 9pm)**

As the lights dim and all eyes are riveted on stage, the audience awaits the splendor, rhythm, and excitement that define ISSI International Gala Night each year. A colorful cultural spectrum of song, dance, and fashion unfold through a scintillating array of performances that traverse the globe. The incomparable artistry and talent of students, staff, and members of our community come to life as you enjoy the syncopated rhythms of musicians, the awe-inspiring movements of versatile dance troupes, and a multitude of traditional performances representing countries and cultures that span the Balkans to the Andes. Don't miss this celebration of cultural diversity that takes you to countries such as India, Chile, China, Ghana, El Salvador, Turkey, Italy, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Brazil, and the Philippines in one unforgettable night! FREE ADMISSION!