

# Ready to See The World?

**Hungary**  
 2950 Spring of Freedom Lane NW  
 Saturday from 10 to 3  
[www.huembwas.org](http://www.huembwas.org)



The swirling colors and infectious exuberance of Hungarian folk dancing can be intoxicating. Watch the Rockville-based Tisza dance ensemble perform, then learn the steps from the dancers. Soon you, too, will be twirling around the floor. Afterward, fortify yourself with gulyas (goulash) and Hungarian wine.

**Czech Republic**  
 3900 Spring of Freedom Lane NW  
 Saturday from 10 to 3  
[www.mzv.cz/washington](http://www.mzv.cz/washington)



Peek inside the elegant home of the ambassador to see colorful decorative glass creations in unexpected and unusual shapes by prominent Czech designer Borek Sipek. Then sip a Pilsner Urquell beer while listening to Chodska Vlna, a bagpipe band that blends Moravian folk music with modern world rock.

**Germany**  
 4645 Reservoir Rd. NW  
 Saturday from 10 to 3  
[www.germany.info](http://www.germany.info)



This kid-friendly open house has face painting and a soccer kick contest. Little ones can snack on Haribo gummy bears and Bahlsen cookies. Architecture buffs won't want to miss the Egon Eiermann-designed chancery or the O.M. Ungers-designed ambassador's residence.

**Netherlands**  
 2347 S St. NW  
 Saturday from 10 to 3  
[www.netherlands-embassy.org](http://www.netherlands-embassy.org)



Explore the neoclassical revival style of the mansion that is home to the Dutch ambassador. You won't want to miss the intricate wood banister of the marble staircase in the entrance hall, which is modeled after the one from Le Petit Trianon at the Palace of Versailles, nor the still lifes, landscapes and portraits by such Dutch artists as Jan van Goyen and Abraham Storck.

**Greece**  
 2217 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
 Tuesday at 7  
[www.greekembassy.org](http://www.greekembassy.org)



Born Maria Kalogeropoulos in New York City to Greek immigrants, Maria Callas returned to Greece as a child and began her singing career in Athens. She would become one of the world's greatest sopranos. View a screening of "Biography: Maria Callas."

**Russia**  
 2650 Wisconsin Ave. NW  
 May 16 from 10 to 11:30  
[www.russianembassy.org](http://www.russianembassy.org)



Don't miss "Russia's Golden Ring," an ornate enamel mural of old Russia by Zvrab Tsereteli in the Grand Ballroom or the Palekh folk art in the Green Hall during three 30-minute guided tours. Space is limited to 100 people. To register, e-mail [russianembassyRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:russianembassyRSVP@gmail.com) before May 9.

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**Kazakhstan**  
 1401 16th St. NW  
 May 17 from 5 to 8  
[www.kazakhembus.com](http://www.kazakhembus.com)



Be dazzled by an exhibition of ancient Kazakh gold figurines, on display in the United States for the first time. The ornate works are replicas of ones that date from the 6th century B.C. and were crafted by nomadic tribes. (The originals are at Kazakhstan museums.) The artwork provides insight into the tribes known as the Scythians, or Saks.

**Colombia**  
 1520 20th St. NW  
 May 17 from 10 to 3  
[www.colombiaemb.org](http://www.colombiaemb.org)



Stop and smell the flowers in the historic Gaff House, home to the Colombian ambassador. Fresh roses and other flowers arrive every two weeks from the country to adorn this spectacular setting for Colombian art. See works by Fernando Botero and a temporary exhibition by Ana Mercedes Hoyos in the ballroom.

**Ghana**  
 3512 International Dr. NW  
 May 17 from 10 to 4  
[www.ghanaembassy.org](http://www.ghanaembassy.org)



Pulsating African rhythms enliven this open house. Ghanaian master percussionist Okyerema Asante is a one-man band, performing as many as 85 instruments in a single show. He is an expert of traditional Ghanaian talking drums. Be sure to sample the kelewele, ripe plantains seasoned with ginger and other spices.

**India**  
 2107 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
 May 17 from 11:30 to 3  
[www.indianembassy.org](http://www.indianembassy.org)



Discover the many styles of Indian dance. IDEA Dance, a consortium of classical dancers, performs Bharatanatyam and Kathak forms, and Dhoonya Dance, a Bollywood-inspired South Asian dance troupe, is known for its Bollywood-fusion and pop bhanga.

**Pakistan**  
 3517 International Ct. NW  
 May 17 from 10 to 10  
[www.embassyofpakistanusa.org](http://www.embassyofpakistanusa.org)



"Khuda Ke Liye" is an Urdu-language movie about two pop musician brothers in Lahore. One goes to the United States and faces discrimination because of his Muslim name. The other falls under the influence of fundamentalist Muslims. The 2007 film received the best picture award at the 31st Cairo International Film Festival. View it and other Pakistani films in the embassy auditorium.

**South Korea**  
 2370 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
 May 17 from 10 to 4  
[www.koreaembassy.org](http://www.koreaembassy.org)



Kids can watch a taekwondo demonstration by Han Jin Do of the Fairfax-based TigerEye school, then learn martial arts kicks and punches. They can also giggle along with Korean cartoon character Backkom, a curious polar bear; play Korean musical instruments; and taste "yut," a Korean sticky candy.

**Japan**  
 2520 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
 May 17 from 11 to 4  
[www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc](http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc)



Visit an authentic teahouse, constructed in Japan and reassembled here. Remember to remove your shoes before walking on the tatami rice mats. Then wander around the moss and stone gardens modeled after the famous Kyoto garden Ryoanji. Space is limited. Call 202-238-6949 for reservations.

**Peru**  
 1700 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
 May 17 from 11 to 5  
[www.peruvianembassy.us](http://www.peruvianembassy.us)



Peru, where the potato originated, has 2,000 varieties of spuds. Peruvian Embassy chef Alexis Hernandez whips up traditional Peruvian dishes using the versatile vegetable in honor of the United Nations' International Year of the Potato. Then try Peru's most famous spirit, Macchu Pisco, and learn to make a pisco sour. Reservations required for food and drink demonstrations at [www.passportdc.org](http://www.passportdc.org); click on "Around the World Open House," then find "Embassy of Peru" and click on "Reserve."

**KEY**

- EU Open House (Saturday) and Europe Week (Saturday - May 10)
- World Week\* (May 11 - 16)
- Around the World Open House (May 17)

\*Not shown: Dance Place, 3225 Eighth St. NE

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