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## THE ARTISTRY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

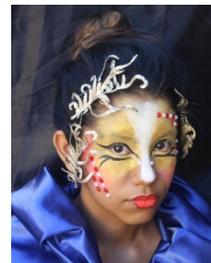
### South Whittier Youth Present Traditions from Around the World through Art, Music, and Dance



Araceli Araiza (left) and Diana Jimenez (center) perform a Bollywood-inspired dance as a representation of the Indian culture.

South Whittier, June 19, 2014 - The Community Resource Center (CRC) and youth from its Homework Assistance Program (HAP) celebrated diversity as they presented the “*Cultures of the World Showcase*” at this year’s art exhibition. The focus of the afternoon was to enrich community awareness of other cultures through artistic expressions of art, music, and dance.

HAP students performed culturally inspired dances while parents, friends, and local community organizations admired the artwork and displays of the students’ artistic creations representing Mexican, African, Indian, and Thai cultures. Music from around the world provided the ambience for the multicultural experience.



South Whittier youth Yuliana Reynaga pays tribute to the Thai culture.

A project of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), the CRC is funded by the Fourth Supervisorial District and

works in collaboration with its onsite service providers to offer health, wellness, and educational programs for families, seniors, and youth.

“Exposure to cultural diversity broadens how we look at differences in habits, lifestyles, and values, and allows us to be more accepting of others.” said Fourth District Los Angeles County Supervisor, Don Knabe.

The CRC is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier. For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425, or visit the website at [www.swcrc.org](http://www.swcrc.org). All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.



*Left row front to back: Melany Reynaga; Rubi Retana; Julia Hernandez; Crystal Retana. Right Row front to back: Lupita Sanchez; Ariana Retana; Yuliana Reynaga; Jocelin Amado. The group prepares to perform a traditional Thai dance.*

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