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Popular Performers Confirmed for 2010

Plans for the November 13, 2010 festival are well underway. One of the first priorities is to book performers for the three stages. Festival planners are looking to book previous performers as well as many new groups to represent as many cultures and heritages as possible.

One of the most popular groups since the festival began will be back again for 2010. Kaminari Taiko of Houston will be returning for another electrifying performance. Visit the group's website to learn more about their art and the culture of Taiko at <http://www.ilovetaiko.org/>.



Also returning for a third year is Rattletree Marimba. Rattletree is a Zimbabwean style marimba band based in Austin. They play high-energy dance and trance music that is guaranteed to get you moving from the first song! They have been called 'Blue Man Group Meets Afropop' because of their giant hand-crafted instruments and their high-energy stage presence. Learn more about the group at <http://www.rattletree.com/>.



Coming back from their first visit to Brazos Valley Worldfest in 2009 is the Texas Camel Corp and Shankar Bhattacharyya with Indian Folk Music. The Corp was established to educate the public on the historic use of camels in America in the 19th century. They were a huge hit their first year and hope to become a regular at the festival. Dr. Bhattacharyya, faculty in the Dept of Electrical Engineering, will again share his love of Indian Folk Music accompanied by Gourisankar Karmakar on the tabla.

A new addition to the line up is Leti Y El Conjunto Central. This popular South Texas performing group is a family Tejano band who had their recent release out in November 2009. Hear their music at <http://www.myspace.com/letiyelconjuntocentral>.

More performers will be confirmed in the months to come. Keep checking the festival website for the latest updates.



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International Facts

Did you know?

- After *fútbol* (soccer), bullfighting is the sport that draws the highest number of spectators in Mexico.
- Germans prefer their drinks without ice.
- Nepal has its own calendar (*Bikram Samvat*), with the New Year in mid-April.
- New Zealand is the world's largest exporter of wool.