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Free Performance of *Different Cultures, Same World* at the Malden Senior Community Center, August 20, 2014

MALDEN, Mass, August 11, 2014 / There will be a free performance of *Different Cultures, Same World*, 10:30 a.m., August 20, 2014, at The John and Christina Markey Malden Senior Community Center, 7 Washington Street, Malden, Mass. All are welcome to attend.

This funny and touching performance is inspired by the personal experiences of students in the Immigrant Theater Group illustrated with stories and songs. The Immigrant Theater Group is comprised of students of The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) who reside in Malden and surrounding communities. The performers come from Brazil, China, Columbia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti and Morocco.

The Immigrant Learning Center Theater Class began in 2003 to help immigrants improve their English skills through writing and performing plays. Each session, students write and perform original plays about their experiences as newcomers in America. These performances also help the public gain a greater understanding of world cultures and the immigrant experience.

Different Cultures, Same World is the 37th production since the class began 10 years ago. A retrospective of the last 10 years of the Immigrant Theater Class is available on The ILC's website at www.ilctr.org.

Photo Caption

From left to right: Ying He, Marie Berline Vilme, Elba Maricela Mendez, Evens Adolphe, Abdelhakim Ait Baomar, Leora Sapon-Shevin (theater class teacher), Elsa M. Torres, Arelis Osorio, Elizabeth Badia, Gariely Kirmse Jabour, Marc Garcy Metellus

About The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English-language program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston to help them become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society, and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with George Mason University, conducts research on the economic contributions of immigrants. For more information, visit the website at www.ilctr.org or Facebook page [ImmigrantLearningCenter](https://www.facebook.com/ImmigrantLearningCenter).

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