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WORLD PARTY ON THE PANTILES

It'll be all song and dance with a cultural twist at the Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells on Saturday 19th July. Local singer/songwriter Nina Clark, Spanish-inspired Mosaico Flamenco, and London's Cordao de Ouro Capoeira Group will all perform free for the public between 12pm and 4pm as part of the first World Party on The Pantiles.

The event boasts an eclectic mix of original acoustic folk/pop music, Spanish Flamenco song and dance, and emerging Brazilian martial art-dance fusion. There'll be more than just great entertainment though - local farmers will fill the Pantiles with tastes and aromas of great local produce and handmade treats.

"It's summer fun with a cultural flavour and promises to be a great time. It will even get you in the mood for the Tunbridge Wells Mela on Sunday," said Pantiles Centre Manager, Andrew Gower.

Nina Clark is a young singer-songwriter from Kent, fast establishing herself on the British music scene. Nina has collaborated with a variety of musicians in the UK and the US, singing at Chicago's legendary Green Mill with multiple Grammy Nominated singer Kurt Elling's Quartet. Her songs have found airplay on the BBC and she sings regularly on the Pizza Express circuit to consecutive full houses. Praised by the likes of The Guardian and The Independent on Sunday, Nina sings with ease and plays with soul. "I love getting out and playing to a live crowd, it's what it's all about for me," said Nina.

If you haven't seen **Capoeira** yet (and don't have the foggiest idea how to pronounce it), this is your opportunity to discover why this distinctive form of 'dance' is taking off in the UK. Capoeira is danced in pairs and could best be described as a fusion between dance, game and martial arts. It grew out of the Brazilian slaves' fight for freedom and has since developed and been exported across the globe. The people of Tunbridge Wells are in for a treat as the founder of the Group Mestre Poncianinho will be one of the two 'capoeiristas' to perform on the 19th.

The South American flavour continues with local group **Mosaico Flamenco**. The group perform Flamenco dance and song complete with Spanish guitar and traditional costume. "A group of us got together around seven years ago and we called ourselves *Mosaico* because we come from around the world – a mosaic of cultures that all enjoy Flamenco," says performer Karenza Holmes. The group know the Pantiles well, playing at the Grey Lady music lounge regularly. "The Pantiles is a great place to perform and we're really looking forward to joining in the fun on the 19th," said Karenza.

Performance schedule:

12:00 –12:45	Nina Clark
13:00 –13:30	Mosaico Flamenco
13:30 –13:40	Capoeira dancers
14:00 –14:45	Nina Clark
14:50 –15:00	Capoeira dancers
15:15 – 15:45	Nina Clark

The World Party on The Pantiles is free to enjoy and is organised by the owners of the Pantiles, Targetfollow.

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