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**Tastefully South Jersey Exhibition  
Celebrates Food Traditions**

Perkins Center for the Arts Folklife Center hosts the opening of the Tastefully South Jersey exhibition on July 12, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Festivities begin with an interpretive tour of the exhibition and a premiere documentary featuring cultural artisans who sustain Mexican, Liberian, Ghanaian, Polish, Turkish, African American South, Trinidadian, Haitian and St. Lucian food traditions in Burlington, Gloucester and Camden Counties.

Special events celebrating cultures through food demonstrations, dance, storytelling, handcrafted art workshops and panel discussions will be presented from July 12 through August 25. The calendar of events include: Taste of West Africa and African-American Soul on July 14, Taste of Poland and Turkey on July 28, Taste of Mexico on August 18, Becoming American: It's Not a Melting Pot...It's Pot Luck on August 23 and concludes with Taste of the Caribbean on August 25.

Through food, art, recipes, photographs, cultural artifacts, and interactive exhibits, the collection highlights the themes of South Jersey's Own, Sharing the Bounty, Keeping the Tradition, a Pinch of This and a Drizzle, Food and Well-being, and Cookin' on Canvas.

From flavoring the palate with authentic ethnic foods to workshopping with traditional artisans, the Tastefully South Jersey exhibition is designed to render an engaging and enriching cultural experience that celebrates the diversity of our communities.

The exhibition and ancillary events are made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, The New Jersey Council for the Humanities, The New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Perkins Center for the Arts is a unique cultural organization dedicated to excellence in the arts and to providing a wide range of creative opportunities for people of all ages and every level of artistic development. The Center's programs include visual and performing arts classes and lessons, exhibitions, music and dance performances, workshops, visiting artists' residencies, and an outreach program for children, underserved communities, and individuals with special needs.

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