

The Gold Dome Multicultural Society presents

Part Three of The East Meets West Series: A Celebration of Cultural Diversity in Oklahoma City

Hosted in Oklahoma City's International District The W – The Windsor District

OKLAHOMA CITY – May 6, 2015 – The Gold Dome Multicultural Society, in conjunction with Oklahoma City's International District – The W (The Windsor District), is proud to announce the third event in this exciting and engaging series to be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at B&B Theatres Windsor 10, Windsor Hills Shopping Center.

Global aggression is making its way into our country's border, into our states and our cities. The need for cultural awareness and cultural understanding has never been greater. Through celebrating our ancestry and sharing our heritages, the Gold Dome Multicultural Society and The W have joined forces to begin working toward bridging those gaps in our humanity.

As the development and growth of Oklahoma City continues, our cultural diversity flourishes as well. Nowhere in our city is this more evident than along the 23rd Street Corridor. Travel the entire span of 23rd Street, from East to West, from I-35 to Council Road, and you'll embark on an exciting journey that explores the foods, wares, traditions, beliefs and cultures of the people from all around the globe. You would truly experience the melting pot of America today.

But how did all these cultures develop and come to arrive in America? Why is it that we may all look, sound and believe differently – yet we manage to have one great underlying element in common? How does learning about other cultures help us better understand our own?

To answer these and many other intriguing questions, the Gold Dome Multicultural Society and The W have partnered to bring you an amazing event series: *East Meets West*. This series is comprised of five evening events in 2015, all featuring the *The Incredible Human Journey* (a five-episode science documentary, written and presented by Alice Roberts, first broadcast on BBC television in the UK in 2009).

Designed to raise cultural awareness and support for the Gold Dome Multicultural Society and The W, *East Meets West* will take us on a journey around the globe to discover how humans inhabited the world as we celebrate the official launch of Oklahoma City's International District through food, film, fellowship and discussion. More than just one-hour films, these events spark great conversation in a relaxed, informal way for everyone to learn about people from all around the globe and their way of life. The evenings also allow a greater mutual understanding of people whose families have lived alongside each other in our city for generations, yet have too little awareness of each other, and further encouraging the development of Oklahoma City's International District – The W.

The third event will be held on June 4, 2015 at the B&B Theatre Windsor 10 in the Windsor Hills Shopping Center at NW 23rd and N. Meridian. Doors open at 5:00 for ticket purchase and check-in. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with social mixer, featuring wine, beer and some of the Mediterranean and European tastes found in our grand multi-cultural corridor. The night's viewing will commence at 6:30pm with the third episode of *The Incredible Human Journey*, "Europe". Following the viewing, our evening culminates in a discussion about the episode and our questions about this segment of the human journey to populate earth.

Our guest speaker will be French Acadian born and Windsor District resident, Bill Boudreau – an accomplished writer, publisher, musician and composer. During the social hour, Mr. Boudreau will entertain us with his guitar music and French love ballads. Following the evening’s viewing, he will also share his adventures with us as he came to make America his home.

Tickets to this exciting event are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, and a portion of the ticket sale is tax deductible. You may purchase tickets in advance online by visiting <http://www.tinyurl.com/eastmeetswest2> or at the B&B Theatre Box office. Tickets will be available at the door, unless the event is sold out in advance. All proceeds benefit the Gold Dome Multicultural Society and The Windsor District.

The Mission of the Gold Dome Multicultural Society is to promote cross-cultural awareness and understanding of the world's diverse people and their values through education; visual, performance, literary arts; and ethnic celebration. The Windsor District, also known as The W, invites you to “Think Globally. Travel Locally. Explore A Bit of The World in The W”. Teaming with global influences and businesses catering to the many diverse ethnicities, The W proudly celebrates many heritages, many customs and the one thing that brings us all to a common table: food.

“Bridging cultures is both very exciting and personally rewarding! The more we learn about the people, customs and cultures we don’t understand, or aren’t familiar with, the greater our life experiences become. Oklahoma City is becoming richly diverse in ethnicities and has become one of our nation’s greatest cultural adventure destinations.”

Kimberly Lowe
President, Windsor Area Business Group
Operators and Mangers of The W – The Windsor District

“What has always interested me most about history is trying to understand how people see their own world. If you can understand how someone sees the world differently from you, then you learn something about your world, too.”

Drew Gilpin Faust
President, Harvard University
NEH Jefferson Lecturer, 2011
From an interview with James Leach, *Humanities*, [May/June 2011](#)

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The Gold Dome Multicultural Society <http://www.golddomeokc.org>
The Windsor District <http://www.thewindsordistrict.org>.

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