

Finding culture in culinary creations

FESTIVAL FARE- Southern Maine Community College International student Olga Rodionova, of Turkmenistan, serves up some treats at last year's International Food Festival.

SMCC and the Rotary Clubs of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth and Breakwater Daybreak will host the festival, from noon to 2 p.m., tomorrow at the college. A silent auction starts at 11 a.m.

The event helps promote awareness and improve understanding of different cultures and raise funds for international and multicultural student scholarships. The first three International Food Festivals raised \$24,700 for international and multicultural student scholarships.

This year, student chefs include Katya Zelinskaya of Kazakhstan, who will prepare Kazakh noodles (homemade noodles with lamb sauce) and Riz Casimir (rice with curried chicken) and Solomon Nkhalamba of Malawi, who will prepare Nshima (corn meal porridge) and Ndiwo (a relish made of collard greens and ground peanuts).

Tickets are \$20, and may be purchased at the event. Please contact Sharon Bernier for additional information 741-5662 or SBernier@smcme.edu or visit the SMCC Web page at www.smcme.edu/foodfest.

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