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## Spring '16 LEAF Festival – Theme Announced!

*Did you know that LEAF is a nonprofit? Join our mission to connect cultures and create community:*

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Asheville, NC – The LEAF Festival will celebrate its 42<sup>nd</sup> by bringing “**World Fusion with Cuban Spice**” to Lake Eden in Black Mountain, NC from **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Early bird (discount) tickets have been on sale since January 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.theLEAF.org/tickets](http://www.theLEAF.org/tickets) (or by calling **828-68-MUSIC**) and since then, have been selling at a record pace. Attendance at LEAF Festival provides a family-friendly weekend experience infused with music and arts while supporting the long-term vision of the organization. Healing Arts, Earth Skills, Local Brews, High Quality Cuisine, Lakeside Activities, Poetry Slam, Fiddle Contest, Contra Dancing, Kids Village & Camping create the unforgettable LEAF Experience for families and friends from all over the world.



“For the 42<sup>nd</sup> LEAF Festival, prepare to ignite your imagination and immerse your soul into the sites, sounds, sensations, and spice of Cuba! For generations, the artistry and culture of Cuba has fueled the spirit of Latin music, dance, and performance throughout the globe. Now for the first time in over 50 years, Cuba spreads its wings and prepares to descend upon the United States and into the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. From salsa, to timba, to Afro-Cuban jazz, percussion, and brass – we welcome one and all to be inspired by a world of passionate rhythm and infectious groove. And in true LEAF fashion, over 20 additional fusions of world & roots music along with dozens of family adventures, workshops, and activities will be offered for all walks of life to enjoy!” ~ *Ehren Cruz, Performing Arts Director*

LEAF Festival has been voted the #1 Music Festival; #1 Festival for Kids; and #1 Festival for Camping since 2012. Every May and October, LEAF welcomes 12,000 attendees to Lake Eden in Black Mountain to participate in the majestic, unique experience of LEAF. **Kids under 10 are admitted FREE with an adult.**

To join the conversation on social media – Facebook, Instagram & Twitter – use the event hashtag:

**#LEAFCubanSpice**

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LEAF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with a mission to connect cultures and create community through music and arts. Purchase tickets for LEAF Festival at <http://www.theLEAF.org/tickets>.