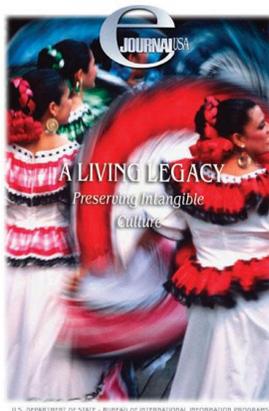


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The cultural heritage of the United States is rich, diverse and grounded in the contributions of many peoples. It includes millennia-old indigenous Native American culture and tradition and spans the customs, culture and art of the many immigrant groups who have settled in the United States over past centuries and generations.

Many tangible expressions of this cultural patrimony are protected in museums, galleries, and other publicly and privately supported institutions. But no museum can preserve less tangible forms of cultural expression as effectively as those who perform them. American culture remains vibrant and of global interest precisely because men and women in every part of the nation preserve intangible forms of artistic cultural expression by living them. This issue of eJournal USA explores their stories.

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