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## Second Annual Los Angeles Cultural Festival: Celebrating History and Diveristy.

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Images from the Second Annual Los Angeles Cultural Festival 2013 down Hollywood Blvd. Volunteer Mathews White.  
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This past weekend marked the second annual parade for the [Los Angeles Cultural Festival](#) also called the Hollywood Carnival 2013. It is a celebration of the Caribbean and Central American Culture in Los Angeles in music, art, crafts, and food. It is a spectacle of bright ethnic costumes and live music travelling down Hollywood blvd from Vermont to Cherokee Ave. This year in concluded with a Carnival village of music and dance performances.

Stretching down Hollywood Blvd were dancers, musicians on floats, and crowned representatives both young and old representing the Island people of Los Angeles who have both a Cultural and a Financial Presence in the City. The parade participants ranged from black, white and shades in between, and from old to babies in costumes being carried.

According to Volunteer Mathews White many of the floats and groups represent the history of the culture represented. For example the dancers and celebrators for Haiti and Trinidad represent celebrations that have been a part of their culture dating back to the time of slavery to celebrate the complete of the harvest or labor.

Some of the music and cultures represented included El Salvador, Bolivia, Trinidad, and Haiti. The music ranged from Reggae to Meringue to Steel-band music and many more flavors. This event is held annually and for more information about next years [events](#) see their website.

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