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Photo Caption: *Bring the entire family to enjoy a free performance of African dance, song and music performed by the Friends of the Sironka Massai Dance Troupe at the Pleasanton Library on February 14 at 1:00 p.m.*

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African Dance Troupe Performs at Pleasanton Library on Valentine's Day

Pleasanton, CA—Experience the vitality of Africa as the Friends of the Sironka Maasai Dance Troupe perform at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m. Clad in distinctive Maasai red, with beaded jewelry and head wear, the troupe will present traditional Maasai songs, dance, and storytelling from Kenya in their native tongue.

Troupe founder and Fulbright Fellow Nicholas Sironka was born in the heartland of the Maasai region, in Kenya's Rift Valley. He currently lives in Spokane, Washington, where he began the Kenyan Arts & Culture Center and formed the Friends of Sironka Maasai Dance Troup. Cheza Nami Foundation (Swahili for "play with me"), whose mission is to preserve and share the uniqueness of African culture, is the local host and co-sponsor of the troupe's visit to Pleasanton.

This free event is open to all ages and no registration is required. Free admission tickets will be distributed in the children's area of the library 30 minutes prior to the performance. For information on this and other library programs, please visit the library page on the city website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/lib/default.asp, or call the children's desk at (925) 931-3400, extension 3

About Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton is a vibrant Northern California community of 71,000 residents situated at the crossroads of Interstates 580 and 680, in close proximity to the San Francisco and San Jose metropolitan areas. The city's location has historical significance as a major trading route of early Native Americans and later along the route of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Pleasanton is a major suburb identified by the U.S. Census as one of the wealthiest middle-sized cities in the nation and was included on Money Magazine's list of the 'Best Cities to Live 2014' and on 24/7 Wall Street's list of 'America's 50 Best Cities to Live'. Among Pleasanton's many attractions are an excellent school system, a highly educated workforce, 1,200 acres of parkland and recreational open space, a nationally recognized business park, a regional retail shopping mall, and a historic downtown district. For more information, please visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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