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Global Eats and Treats at the Minnesota State Fair

*Ten Midtown Global Market vendors will be part of this year's
"Great Minnesota Get-Together"*

Minneapolis (July 20, 2010) — Visitors to this year's "Great Minnesota Get-Together", August 26-September 6, are invited to taste a sampling of worldly fare from 10 restaurants and grocers from Midtown Global Market (MGM).

Three MGM restaurants will alternate in the Midtown Global Market booth in the International Bazaar. Returning **La Loma Tamales** and **Jakeeno's Trattoria**, and first-timer **Safari Express**, will be serving up favorite menu items as well as some new creations.

- **Aug. 26 – 29:** La Loma Tamales will offer its signature **tamales**: chicken, pork or vegetarian, as well as authentic Mexican drinks.
- **Aug. 30 – Sept. 2:** Safari Express, NEW to the State Fair this year, will offer food from East Africa, including **camel on a stick**, a centuries old delicacy that was once served to kings! Owner Jamal Hashi and his staff will also feature **mango on a stick**, **Somali sambuzas** and authentic **African smoothies and juices**.
- **Sept. 3 – 6:** This year Jakeeno's Trattoria will feature **garlic cheesy bread with marinara sauce**. The Jakeeno's team will also be bringing back their four-star **pear and gorgonzola salad with candied walnuts**, **prosciutto wrapped asparagus**, and authentic **Italian soda**.

Manny's Tortas will christen its own booth inside the Food Building and will be open for business every day of the Fair. New this year, owner Manny Gonzales and his staff will feature cups of **fresh pineapple bites**. They will again offer his critically-acclaimed **tortas** (gourmet Mexican sandwiches). Torta varieties will include Cuban, chicken, Hawaiian, and vegetarian. Fairgoers will also be happy to see the return of Manny's refreshing **non-alcoholic pina colada served in a fresh pineapple**.

The Produce Exchange and the **Salty Tart** bakery will return to the Fair in the MGM yellow tent on the lawn of the Agriculture Building (across from the entrance to the International Bazaar). New this year is a **peaches and cream frozen parfait treat** and ice cold **coconut water**, a low calorie, low carbohydrate drink that will keep Fairgoers hydrated. The Produce Exchange will again feature its famous "**Big As Yo' Face**" **peaches** and sweet and juicy **nectarines**, and the Salty Tart will offer its award-winning **macaroons**.

Café Finspang is another Midtown Global Market vendor new to the Fair this year. It will feature authentic Scandinavian gifts, crafts, food and collectables including Norwegian Trolls, Viking gear, and more. Café Finspang will be located in Heritage Square.

Three other Midtown Global Market businesses will be independently located in the International Bazaar all twelve days of the Fair. **Holy Land Grocery and Deli** will dish-up authentic **Middle Eastern** fare; **West Indies Soul Food** will feature traditional **Caribbean** food; and **Fiesta in America** will sell an assortment of **Mexican candy** and **popsicles**.

Midtown Global Market is an internationally-themed public market offering groceries, great food and unique gifts. There is no better place in town to satisfy your senses. Midtown Global Market contains the best international diversity that has characterized South Minneapolis for decades. Midtown Global Market offers up to three hours of free, validated parking in the East Ramp, located on E. Lake Street and 10th Ave S.

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