

GUIDE TO ETHNIC MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES IN THE UNITED STATES

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This *Guide to Ethnic Museums, Libraries and Archives in the United States* is the first comprehensive reference guide to ethnic and multiethnic cultural institutions representing over 70 ethnic groups in the United States.

The information in the *Guide* is based on a recent comprehensive survey of major ethnic museums, libraries, and archives in the United States, which was supported by a federal grant from the U.S. Office of Education (Ethnic Heritage Program).

The historian, sociologist, political scientist, or any other researcher studying American society must closely scrutinize the phenomenon of ethnic cultural institutions as it is reflected in their goals and objectives. *Ethnic museums, archives and libraries and their collections constitute the major sources of information on the cultural heritage and historical development of individual ethnic groups in the United States.* For the reference librarian, archivist, and museum curator this *Guide* will serve as an indispensable tool for answering various reference questions pertaining to the resources on ethnic groups in America. The *Guide* consists of 62 sections and a separate multiethnic section representing cultural institutions of over 70 ethnic groups. In addition, a comprehensive introduction on methodology and the nature of ethnic cultural institutions, as well as an alphabetical index of names and a geographical index of ethnic institutions are included. Entries are arranged alphabetically by ethnic group with the necessary cross references providing the following information: name and address; executive officers; founding date; staff; publications; type and size of collection; information about the objectives, activities and services of museums, libraries and archives.

The *Guide* lists 828 ethnic cultural institutions and includes such diverse groups as Albanian, Arab, Armenian, Basque, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Scottish, Slovak, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Welsh and many others. Comprehensive chapters on Afro-Americans, American Indians, Jews and Spanish-speaking groups are also included.

The emergence of ethnic awareness has resulted in an emphasis on the Study of Ethnic heritage of Americans in the curriculum of our public schools, colleges and universities. The wealth of information contained in

this *Guide* makes it an indispensable reference tool for schools, public and university libraries, governmental agencies, and any individuals engaged in the study of American ethnicity.

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