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Global Union back with more music

Alverno College's **Global Union**, now in its fifth year, celebrates the music of diverse cultures in a free, two-day festival in Milwaukee's Humboldt Park.

Performances on Saturday are:

■ **Mahala Rai Banda**, at 1 p.m., is an 11-piece gypsy band that plays traditional Romanian folk and a fusion of other forms, including Asian pop and reggae.

■ **Joan Soriano**, at 2:30 p.m., is a steel guitarist known as the Duke of Bachata, the music of the Dominican Republic.

■ **Debo Band**, at 4 p.m., is an 11-piece Ethiopian jam and dance band that plays a fusion of Ethiopian pentatonic scales and American funk and soul, using an intriguing blend of instruments, including accordion, violin, brass and drums. The group is performing with **Fendika**, which features a female vocalist, a dance

duo and a goat-skin drummer.

Sunday's lineup is:

■ **Delhi 2 Dublin**, at 1 p.m., combines traditional Celtic with Indian Bhangra, with touches of reggae and electronica. The band is based in Vancouver, British Columbia.

■ **Meklit Hadero**, at 2:30 p.m., is an Ethiopian-born singer-songwriter who now lives in San Francisco.

■ **La Excelencia**, at 4 p.m., is a dynamic 12-piece ensemble that plays hard salsa, combining musical styles and rhythms of Cuba, Puerto Rico and South America.

Global Union runs from **noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday** at Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave. For information, see www.alvernopresents.alverno.edu or call (414) 382-6000.

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