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Contemporary Andean & Afro-Peruvian group to perform for, talk with BCPS students on Tuesday, November 9

Free virtual performance part of World Culture in Context series coordinated by BCPS and Creative Alliance

Towson, MD -- <u>Lundú</u>, a contemporary Andean and Afro-Peruvian group, will perform for and answer questions from Baltimore County Public Schools students as part of World Culture in Context, a collaboration between BCPS and Creative Alliance.

The event, which is open to all, will take place on Tuesday, November 9, at 9:10 a.m. on Zoom.

The unique World Culture in Context program connects students to renowned artists from across the globe performing in the places that have profoundly informed their work, accompanied by virtual, live conversations about creativity, belonging, and culture. The World Culture in Context series was launched in November 2020 by the BCPS Office of Social Studies and BCPS Office of Career and Technical Education and Fine Arts and the Baltimore-based Creative Alliance.

Lundú explores the Indigenous and African roots of Peruvian music and celebrates the important role of female musicians in Peru. The group will be speaking to BCPS students from their home city of Arequipa in Peru. In March 2022, the group will perform for students in person as part of the Center Stage program, a public diplomacy initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

To join the event, after clicking the link to enter the event, BCPS students using Chromebooks should not choose to "Add Zoom to Chrome," but instead they should choose to "Join from Your Browser" and later to "Join Audio by Computer." If needed, the meeting ID is 893 9927 3135 and passcode is 894988.

Previous World Culture in Context performances featured Canadian quintet <u>Le Vent du Nord</u>, dancer/choreographer/ cultural ambassador <u>Melaku Belay</u>, broadcasting from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the gospel group <u>The Legendary Ingramettes</u>, broadcasting from Virginia; celebrated percussionist <u>Kim So Ra</u>, broadcasting from Seoul, South Korea; renowned bluesman <u>Jontavious Willis</u>, broadcasting from Georgia; master throat singer <u>Bady-Dorzhu Ondar</u>, broadcasting from Siberia, Russia; and indigenous reggae artist <u>Shauit</u>, broadcasting from Canada.

(Editor's note: A photo of Lundú accompanies this release.)

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