

Title Lao Food and Festival Bus Tour, 2006

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Primary Maker Manola Sidara

Medium born digital photography

Description Photographs from the Lao Food and Festival Bus Tour held on May 28, 2006, visiting East West Grille in Hartford and the Lao Temple in Morris. Some photographs are duplicates of 2015.196.408.1-.25. (.1-.2) Images of resident monk Khoutavong tying strings around the wrists of Lao celebrants, in the mat khene ceremony, to symbolize well-being and connection. Tour participants sit in the lower right. In (.2) they participated in the wrist-tying ceremony. (.3-.4) Images of tour participants and Lao attendees at the outdoor festival at the temple, with one person wearing a traditional headdress from northern Laos. (.5) Image of chef and owner of East-West Grille, Manola Sidara, welcoming bus tour participants. (.6) Image of Nancy Sayarath, a dancer from Lao Narthasin,

Basic Detail Report performing at East-West Grille. (.7) Image of khene player Boualy Ratsombath

holding a khene for a tour participant to view. The photo was taken inside of

East-West Grille in West Hartford.