

Viva la Comida rolls to Jackson Heights



PHOTO BY BRADLEY HAWKS

Galdino Molinero served up his giant tortas from his food cart. Last year he was nominated for a Vendy Cup award in the prestigious citywide food cart competition.

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About 1,000 people wandered in and out of the second annual Viva la Comida Festival, which filled 82nd street around Dunningham Triangle last Friday afternoon and evening.

One of the biggest draws was the best-of-the-best selection of street vendors from around the city — including more than half from Queens.

The festival opened with Smidge Malone and his band at 82nd and Roosevelt. The main stage at Dunningham Park featured music from Christian & Jose, Maria Del Rosario and Gerardo Contino y Los Habaneros — all led by DJ Freue.

A dance performance by Urzua Performing Arts Center was followed by an open dance competition where the masses shimmied and twirled for the trophy.

On Ithaca Street, the Hibridos Collective created an interactive art fair including an installation by Rica Takashima, who used cutouts to represent people from different countries, including their dress and mannerisms. Artist Carlos Amador painted a corn on the cob live with aerosol paint.

— Josey Bartlett

