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On May 15, 2012, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) issued a binding precedent decision addressing the term "culturally unique" and its significance in the adjudication of P nonimmigrant petitions for performing artists and entertainers. Precedent decisions are administrative decisions that are legally binding on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's branches responsible for enforcing immigration laws in all proceedings involving the same issue.

"Culturally unique" requires USCIS to make factual determination on a case-by-case basis, and the style of art or entertainment may include artistic expression of a hybrid/fusion of more than one culture or region and is not limited to traditional art forms.

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