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- ★ **SPLendor OF THE EAST 2013**
SATURDAY MAY 11, 2013
FORD COMMUNITY AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER LOCATED AT 15801 MICHIGAN AVE, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Talented choreographers tapped for 'Splendor of the East 2013'

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The choreographers for this year's edition of the "Splendor of the East" (SOE) are noted for their excellent track record, originality, versatility and creativity which ensure that the yearly cultural event will be again a crowd drawer.

Splendor of the East (SOE) is a flagship fund-raising project of the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA), a group which strives to unite Asian Pacific Americans through education and cultural programs.

This year's SOE will be held in the evening of May 11, 2012 in the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Subtitled "Crossroads - Cultural Influences," SOE 2013 will showcase the confluence of the various eastern cultures.

The performers, who number more than 100, have stepped up their rehearsals. Toni Martinez, who is in charge of production, reported that the first dress rehearsal was held last April 7 at the Troy Community Center. Rehearsals were also tentatively scheduled on April 14 and 28.

Robert Riparip, CAPA president, said the selection of the choreographers was based on several criteria, which include the quality of past works and imaginative prowess. All of them are noted for their remarkable terpsichorean skills, he said.

The choreographers for this year's SOE are Janet Yang, Jane Cheng, Annabelle Cudilla, Li-Hsuan Huang, Sharon Dow and Sun Mi Choi.

Janet Yang had training in classic Chinese dance in the early years of her career. She joined the Troy Chinese folk dance group in 2007 and since 2010 she has been the group's principal choreographer. Her first choreographed piece was "Flower Blossom," which had been staged at many events in Metro Detroit and which had received great reviews.

Jane Cheng has been enjoying dancing ever since she was young. She had many dance performances during her college years in China. She joined the Troy Chinese folk dance group in 2009. In the meantime, she had choreographed shows held by performance groups in the community. She is the core choreographer of Mulan.

Annabelle Cudilla is the dance director and lead choreographer of the PACCM dance crew. A top choreographer specializing in Asian-Pacific arts, Annabelle trained with the Cultural Center of the Philippines and Bayanihan, the National Dance Company of the Philippines while she was studying at the Philippine Women University in Manila.



Talented Choreographers tapped for SOE 2013:

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Annabelle had trained promising performers back in the Philippines while she was managing her dance company. After migrating to the US, she devoted her time training dancers in the past 20 years. She formed a dance group called Hoku Le'a, a Polynesian ensemble, and Sinag, a Filipino dance troupe.

Annabelle choreographed the "Music & Motion," a PACCM musical show staged in 1999, 2000 and 2002. Since last year, she has been directing the Tagumpay dancers. She hopes to leave a legacy of performing art to the dancers she has been training. She mentors Aimee Calasara, lead dancer of the Tagumpay Dance Troupe.

Li-Hsuan Huang was educated in Taiwan, majoring in dance, and in Vienna, Austria where she studied classical ballet and choreography. She was awarded a "diplom" and ABGANGSPREIS scholarship by the Austrian Ministry of Education with her solo dance shows "La Sylphide" and "Blue Birds."

Ms. Huang established Echo Dance Association in Taiwan in 1981 and has performed for over a decade. As an educator, she also taught for many years in university's dance program. Ms. Huang has integrated into society, and her choreography is characterized with more cultural background. With modern dance choreography and varieties of traditional Chinese cultural dances, Ms. Huang presents a combination of traditional innovation and contemporary elegance.

Sharon Dow works at Chrysler Group LLC as data architect in information and communication technology. Her professional interests and experiences are

focused on database management. She earned her undergraduate degree in Japanese literature and has a master's degree in computer science.

Sharon has been the web-master of Southern Michigan Chinese School for five years since 2000. She served as president of the Michigan Chinese Women Association (MCWA) in 2011-2012. In 2013, she joined the board of directors of Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) and now serves as co-chair of CAPA's communication committee. She served as a member of Michigan Ballet Theatre Guild for three years since 2004. She has choreographed dance numbers for SOE productions as well as various community cultural events since 2010. In 2012, she formed the Wind Dance Chinese Cultural Group.

Sun Mi Choi, the lead choreographer for the 2013 SOE production, is given the opportunity to showcase her talent outside the Korean genre. She choreographed a more contemporary routine and collaborated with different cultural groups.

It is a pleasure to see her creativity blossom while the rest of the production performers enjoy the routine. Sun Mi has expanded the influence of the Korean culture in many places in Michigan. The group instills confidence and moral values in Korean-American children by educating them about the Korean culture through traditional dance.

Sun Mi Choi is a highly qualified dance teacher who has earned a master's degree in Korean traditional dance at Ewha Womans University, the most prestigious all-women University in Korea. In 2000, she toured Russia to perform beautiful Korean traditional dance repertoires.

CAPA announces two recipients of its 2013 Scholar Awards

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) announced recently that it has already selected the recipients of its 2013 Scholar Awards.

CAPA said the two recipients were chosen from a pool of 21 applicants, based upon their exemplary academic records and potentials to provide APA leadership and community service in Michigan.

The two scholars were chosen by CAPA's education committee chaired by Dr. Adrienne Lim. The other committee members are Fred Porte, Arcie Gemino, Aneesa Rashid and Mumtaz Haque.

They will receive a scholarship grant of \$1,000 each.

The first of the 2013 CAPA scholars is Xinrui Yang. She is a 2013 graduate of the Troy High School in Troy, Michigan. Xinrui has been involved in volunteer, community service undertaking over the past several years. She has participated in the implementation of community projects ranging from small ones to a school-building trip in Haiti.

She serves as an officer of school clubs such as the National Honors Society, Quiz Bowl and Environmental Activists.

She also engages in extracurricular initiatives, such as buildOn, Project Lead, Model United Nations and the Relay for Life of Troy, Michigan. She has played in school orchestras for several years as a cellist.

In the future, she plans to bring resources, knowledge and opportunities to people in need and



wants to inspire others to combat injustice in the world.

The other 2013 CAPA Scholar is Kaitlyn Tran, who is a 2013 graduate of the Potter's House High School in Wyoming, Michigan. Kaitlyn has held leadership positions in the Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders (DeVos Urban Youth Foundation), the Student Representative Assembly Committee and The Navigators (Roosevelt Park) Urban Youth Organization.

She has also served the community in such positions as a Sunset Manor volunteer activities coordinator assistant, Degage Soup Kitchen volunteer and Wellspring Bike/Coats/Toys community event volunteer. Kaitlyn's life mission statement is: "As an ER physician, I will use my medical skills to help the underprivileged receive the proper healthcare they deserve."

Both scholars have Asian Pacific American heritage and plan to pursue their college education at universities in the State of Michigan.

CAPA commends the two scholars for their academic accomplishments and wishes them success in their personal, academic and professional pursuits.

CAPA, partners receive Talk Story Literacy grant.

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) and its partners, Oakland University (OU) and the Ferndale Public Library (FPL), have been awarded a fund grant from the "Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture" Literacy Program, a joint project of the American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), both affiliates of the American Library Association.

In a letter sent to Dr. Adriene Lim, chair of CAPA's education committee, Lessa K. Pelayo-Lozada and Liana Juliano, co-chairpersons of the Talk Story committee, stated that the grant is in support of the Asian Pacific American/American Indian Alaskan Native family program. The grant of \$500 and contributions from CAPA, OU and FPL will fund a two-part, multi-generational program entitled, "Talk Story in Asian Cultures: Sharing Experiences and Culture through the Spoken Word."

The two-part program will take place this spring/summer. The details of the program will be announced soon.

The first part of the program calls for a storytelling performance by a professional storyteller who will focus on Asian folk tales. This is one way to demonstrate the power and beauty of storytelling in the transmission of culture and history from generation to generation.

The storyteller will use visual art, magic and other expressions to enhance his/her performance. Later, members of the audience will be invited to participate in an interactive workshop in which the storyteller will teach APA and other community members how to use stories as powerful means of communication.

A portion of the grant will be used to purchase storytelling resources for FPL's collection.

"We are deeply honored to receive this competitive award from APALA and AILA," said Robert Riparip, president of CAPA. "APAs are confirmed to be one of the fastest-growing minority groups in Michigan, but because we continue to be ethnic/racial minorities in the region, we sometimes lack opportunities to celebrate and share our heritage," said Riparip.

Doctor Lim echoed Riparip's statement, saying, "This program will provide a valuable experience for

those in the community who may not have opportunities to learn about the power of APA storytelling."

Health and Wellness Fair 2013 to be held on May 18 at PACCM

Free health screening to benefit uninsured people

The annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 18, 2013 in the Philippine American Community Center (PACCM) at 17356 Northland Park Court, Southfield.

Registration will start at 8 a.m.

The fair is a project sponsored jointly by PACCM and the Philippine Medical Association of Michigan (PMAM). This year, the fair will be held in partnership with the Michigan chapter of the National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and the Young (NANAY, Inc.), World Medical Relief, WSU-Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association and Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA).

The fair is a free clinic benefitting mostly uninsured people who are 18 years old and older. Non-Filipinos may also avail themselves of the free clinic.

Health screening and test procedures will be conducted on patients. These will be for cholesterol (12-hour fasting required), diabetes, dipstick urinalysis, blood pressure, EKG, glaucoma, skin cancer, chiropractic, HgbA1c and carotid Doppler.

There will be lecture on self-breast examination.

See related flyer in this issue of the Filipino Star News.

For more details about the fair, interested persons are urged to call or email any one of the following:



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APIA Vote to present 'ground-breaking report'

APIA Vote-Michigan will present its "ground-breaking report" entitled "Rising Voices, Revealing Truths" at a program which will be held in the evening of April 16, 2013 at the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan in Southfield.

The officers of APIA Vote-Michigan said "Rising Voices, Revealing Truths" is the first report of its kind that focuses on Asian Americans in Southeast Michigan

Covered by the report are five issues that affect Asian Pacific Americans. These issues are education, employment, immigration/citizenship, civic participation and family services.

The report takes an "inside look" into the issues affecting Asian Americans in Metro Detroit, APIA Vote-Michigan said.

The event will serve as a community dialogue to develop plans of action on education, employment, immigration/citizenship, civic participation, and family services

The report also discloses findings on Asian-American voting patterns in Michigan in the 2012 election,

APIA Vote will present the report together with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

CAPA spring workshop

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) announced its spring workshop is scheduled at 3-5 p.m. on May 16, 2013 at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

The proposed theme of the workshop is "Moving UP! Asian/Pacific American Leadership and Career Advancement."

Adrine Lim, chair of CAPA's education committee, suggested the workshop could focus on the "bamboo ceiling," cultural advantages and barriers to leadership.

Other subjects proposed to be discussed in the workshop are "social norms about cultural identity" and "body image/beauty as it affects leaders in society, business."

These are still tentative topics, and CAPA members are urged to suggest topics to be tackled in the workshop, CAPA President Robert Riparip said.

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