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## **Council of Asian Pacific Americans Proudly Presents “Splendor of the East 2017”**

Northville, MI – On Saturday, May 13, 2017, the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) hosted its popular annual signature event, the “Splendor of the East 2017” (SOE 2017) at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126. On behalf of the Council of Asian Pacific Americans, we would like to thank you for attending and this is the 16<sup>th</sup> year that CAPA fulfilled its mission, to unite all Asian Pacific Americans through culture, education and community service.

In celebration of Asian American Heritage Month and in honor of Mother’s Day, it was an evening filled with a delectable 12-course meal, beautiful traditional attire and costumes as well as amazing theatrical performances from around the world! We had over 400 dinner guests, close to one hundred dedicated young volunteers, over 200 performances and 1,000 audiences enjoyed the amazing show. The 2017 SOE Show production is a new collaboration between professional creative teams and community cultural groups. CAPA has joined together with visiting group Formosa Circus Art (from Taiwan), ArtLab J (Metro Detroit), and our 13 selected community cultural groups (including China, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Polynesia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam) to illuminate the beauty of Asian heritage. With such a strong pool of talent performing, this year’s SOE show promises to be an unforgettable experience.

The success of an event of this magnitude depends on many volunteers and all the participants. **We** would like to express **our** sincere gratitude to the CAPA Board members, Advisory Boards, SOE committees, production staff, program participants, media, partner organizations, VIP guests, families and friends who have helped make the 2017 SOE another spectacular event.

We would like to thank the Governor Snyder, US senator Debbie Stabenow and other dignitaries and VIP guests for supporting our event. We also like to express our sincere gratitude to our corporate sponsors: **GM, DTE, Toyota, JBSD, Fuji Buffet, 168 Asian Market, Marriott Ann Arbor Ypsilanti Eagle Crest, PAGE Automotive, Dominic Design, Chrysan Industries, Comerica Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shields Michigan and Vibe Credit Union.** Thank you for your unwavering support to our endeavors over the years. We would also like to thank our partner organizations and individuals: **ACA, PACCM, Filamcco, KACMD, KACCM, MAPAAC, CAGD, AIAA, NAAAP Detroit, TECO, UM Dearborn, Dr. Ernie Mac, Mrs. Katherine Lee, JEV CPA, IPP, Faber Piano Adventures, Global Bridges Network, FortGroup, D Asian Media, WeAct Inc. New Detroit, Delta Product, Everprosper, Optimal, GTT, Noble Fish, New Seoul Garden, Bangkok 96, Krishna Catering 168 KTV Bistro, Angelina & Frank Chin, Karen Messineo, Ricky Dong, Peini Spinazzola, Jieyu Alatchanian, Arcie Gemino, Sharon Dow, Ngoc Do, Gongju Baek, Billie Belen, Lavinia Mateo, Mi Dong, Aneesa**

**Rashid, Ph.D.** We are very grateful for your generosity and contribution. Your loyalty and commitment to CAPA are truly appreciated.

To our young generation, **we** applaud you for being there and be part of our APA community. You are the future. Simply be who you are, become the best you can be, there is no bamboo or glass ceiling. Define success on your own terms, stick with what you love to do, be happy, be proud of your achievement and your legacy. CAPA and this APA community is a big family outside your home, you can count on our support.

Thank you again for supporting CAPA's mission and we hope you had a great evening with your families and friends while celebrating the Asian Heritage and the Mother's day.

Please stay connected with CAPA website, Facebook, email, WeChat and **we** look forward to seeing you at our next event, Simply the Best Education Series, to be held on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017! Please visit our website [www.capa-mi.org](http://www.capa-mi.org) for more details.

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*CAPA is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization that works to unify all Asian Pacific American communities throughout the State of Michigan. With a guiding motto of "diversity is our strength," its mission is to unite Asian Pacific Americans and the community at large through culture, education, and community service.*