



ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2007

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May is Asian Heritage Month

Asian Heritage Month (AHM) provides an opportunity for all Canadians to experience many unique aspects of Asian culture and showcases the history and contributions of Asian Canadians. In the National Capital Region, AHM 2007 opens with The 5th Annual Gala Concert on April 28 at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Throughout May, there will be dozens of events including dance, music, films, exhibitions, literary readings, seminars, cooking demonstrations and much, much, more!

About Asian Heritage Month

In December 2001, the Senate adopted a motion by Senator Vivienne Poy and proclaimed May as Asian Heritage Month. In July 2004, the non-profit, all-volunteer, Ottawa Asian Heritage Month Society (OAHMS) was established to organize and co-ordinate AHM within the National Capital Region.

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**For more information on Asian Heritage events, visit:
www.asianheritagemonth.net**



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5th Annual Gala Concert

Sponsored by Canadian Museum of Civilization

April 28, 7:30 pm • Admission: \$20

Grand Hall, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau
Tickets available at the Museum, Zenteriors Gallery (459 Sussex Dr.), East Wind (802 Bank St., 361 Richmond Rd.), Hot Peppers (495 Somerset St. W., 201 Queen St.)
Join us for a special Gala Concert with Ana Miura (winner of the 2006 Songs from the Heart Award), Minister Tarahara of the Japanese Embassy, Ottawa's Vietnamese traditional music group, Toronto's Fiesta Filipina Dance Troup, a Whirling Dervish from Turkey, Indonesian folk dancers, Bangladeshi classical dancers, and Chinese Pipa Player, Ms. Guang Ya-Dong.

* Performers and/or food sampling provided by the High Commissions of Bangladesh and Pakistan, Embassies of China and Indonesia, Yangtze Dining Lounge, Hot Peppers Restaurant, Camellia Teas of Ottawa, and the Vietnamese community.

Era 21 Networking Breakfast for Young Canadians

Sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada

May 3, 7:00 – 9:30 am • Admission: Invitation only

The breakfast meeting, hosted by Honorary Patron Senator Vivienne Poy, will bring a diverse group of high school students to meet with Parliamentarians and leading community members. They will participate in a seminar on self-motivation, networking, leadership and cultural fluency in Canada's multicultural reality, led by an inspirational panel.

Asian Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration

Sponsored by Canadian Heritage Host: Hon. John Baird

**May 3, 4:30 – 6:30 pm • Admission: free, registration required
Info: 613-739-4649 to reserve**

Room 200, West Block, Parliament Buildings
Parliamentarians, government officials, community leaders, and the general public celebrate the beginning of Asian Heritage Month. The Ambassador of Indonesia will perform with a traditional orchestra along with other performers from Ottawa's Asian communities.

"Lady of Fragrance": Statue Unveiling and Tsin Van Recognition

Host: H.E. Ambassador Lu Shumin

May 24, 6:30 – 8:30 pm • Admission: By Invitation

Info: Info@CanadaChinaNews.com Tel: 613-233-1034

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Canada, Canada China News and the Ottawa Asian Heritage Month Society jointly present the unveiling of a statue named "Lady of Fragrance" presented to Mr. Tsin Van, in recognition of his life-long achievements. Mr. Van is a Canadian photographer of Chinese descent who served all the Chinese ambassadors in Canada, Canadian governments, royalties, celebrities, corporate and community leaders. "Lady of Fragrance" was created by Master ZHENG Yuhe, an acclaimed sculptor in Beijing, China. The event is one of the key cultural activities of 2007 Ottawa Asian Heritage Month celebrating Canada's cultural diversity.

ASIANNETWORK Senator Vivienne Poy Asian of the Year Award

May 28, 7:00 – 8:30 pm • Admission: By invitation

Info: Info@AsiaNetwork.ca Tel: 613-688-1228

AsiaNetwork proudly presents the Senator Vivienne Poy Asian of the Year Award, giving recognition to one of the unsung heroes from the Asian community in the capital region. A key note speech titled "The Changing Role of Asian Canadians" by Senator Poy will be followed by the award presentation and reception with Kathleen Petty, Host of Ottawa Morning and The House, on CBC Radio One 91.5.

Asian Heritage Month Appreciation Reception

May 30, 6:30 – 9:30 pm • Admission: Invitation only

Organizers of Asian Heritage Month events join local artists to review and strengthen ties for the 2008 programme in this networking event.

EVENTS LISTING

Ottawa Police Service and Asian Heritage Month Partnership: banner unveiling and open house

May 1, 4:00 – 5:00 pm • Admission: free

Ottawa Police Headquarters, 474 Elgin Street, Ottawa
Join the Ottawa Police Services as they unveil a banner in celebration of Asian Heritage Month. Cambridge Street Public School will perform a Lion Dance.

Language Class: An Introduction to the Korean Language

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:00 – 7:00 pm • Admission: free, registration required

Embassy of the Republic of Korea, 150 Boteler St, Ottawa

Info: Dean Foster at 613-244-5044 to register

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea has opened 5 seats for those interested in taking introductory Korean lessons during Asian Heritage Month. On May 22, a special cultural class on the Hanbok and etiquette will be held with a film.

Dr. Xiao-Chun Wu presents the Talisman Energy Fossil Gallery

May 8, 7:00 – 9:00 pm • Admission: free

Canadian Museum of Nature, 240 MacLeod Street, Ottawa

Dr. Xiao-Chun Wu, paleontologist at the Canadian Museum of Nature, will present a slide lecture about the Museum's new Talisman Energy Fossil Gallery. The lecture is in Mandarin with English commentary, followed by a guided tour of the gallery.

Galitcha in Concert!

May 11, 8:00 pm • Admission: \$15 students, \$20 adults

Salle de la Basoche, 120, rue Principale, Gatineau

Info: www.galitcha.com Tickets: 819-243-8000

Enjoy the traditional sounds of North Indian with **Galitcha**, an award-winning group supported by the Canada Council.

Canadian Tulip Festival – Japan and other Asian nations

May 11 – 21, Time: TBD • Admission: free

Major's Hill Park, Ottawa

Info: www.tulipfestival.ca

Visit the Asian Heritage Month pavilion along with other Asian nations showcased, including Japan with presentations on culture, dance, lectures, food and more.

Demonstration: Japanese Tea Ceremony Lecture (French)

May 15, 7:00 – 9:00 pm • Admission: free

Library, Maison du Citoyen, City of Gatineau, Gatineau

Info: info@camelliateas.net Tel: 613-739-4649.

Camellia Teas of Ottawa (www.camelliateas.net) founder Rebecca Lyn Benoit will perform a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony and provide a short lecture.

Concert: Music of Japan and the World with Mr. Tarahara

May 16, 7:30 pm • Admission: free, registration required

National Arts Centre, 4th Stage, Elgin Street, Ottawa

Info: Call Mrs. Lynn Lee at 613-241-8541 to reserve.

Minister Tarahara of the Embassy of Japan sings in five languages with a distinguished pianist and singer from Tokyo, Japan with Special Guests, Ana Miura (www.anamiura.com) and H.E. Ambassador Valle of Honduras. Camellia Teas of Ottawa (www.camelliateas.net) serves Japanese Tea and Sweets.

Inaugural Concert for the Canadian Society for Indian Classical Music (CSICM): featuring Adam Duncan, Pandit Samir Chatterjee, Kanika Thakar, Vinay Bhide Music Group

May 18, 7:00 pm • Admission: \$15 students; \$20 adults

Alumni Auditorium, University of Ottawa

Info: canadiansocietyforicm@yahoo.ca or call 613-237-4520

Indian Classical Music on sitar, guitar by Adam Duncan, accompanied by the world renowned tabla player Pandit Samir Chatterjee. Dr. Raywat Deonandan will be the emcee. Kathak dance by Ms. Kanika Thakar.

Blossoming: Haiku Canada's 30th Anniversary Weekend Conference

May 18 - 20, all day • Admission: before April 15 - \$25.00, after \$30.00
Carleton University (Room 124 Leeds House)

Info: www.haikucanada.org or tacarter@rogers.com

Workshops, book launches, haiku readings, lectures and renku party. Learn more about haiku poetry and other Japanese poetic forms in a relaxing forum with discussion.

Ottawa Martial Arts Show organized by Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre

May 19, 2:00 – 4:00 pm • Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 students

The Chamber, Ben Franklin Pl., Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Dr., Ottawa

Info: 613-235-4875 www.ottawachineseservice.org

Various Martial Arts such as Tai Chi, Shaolin, Karate, Judo, Tae Kwon Do and Jujitsu will be showcased by various local groups sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion.

Cathedral Arts Asian Dinner and Concert with Soprano, Nicole Cabell

May 19, 5:30 pm

Cathedral Hall, Christ Church Cathedral, 420 Sparks Street (at Bronson)
Tickets: Dinner & Platinum Ticket - \$100.00; Concert only - \$40, \$25, Students \$15 or 2 for \$25; Dinner includes cocktails, a sumptuous multi-course Asian Dinner!

Info: 613-567-1787 www.cathedralarts.com

Nicole Cabell (of Korean, African American and European background) is the winner of the coveted and prestigious 2005 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World.

Her wide repertoire ranges from operatic arias to Gershwin.

Ikebana (Flower Arranging) Class: Zentiors Gallery

May 23, 6:30 – 8:30 pm • Admission: free, registration required

Zentiors Gallery, 459 Sussex Drive, Ottawa

Info: 613-241-0699 to reserve. www.zentiors.ca

Participants are invited to discover the beauty of Japanese Ikebana with Sogetsu School of Ikebana instructor Ms. Yumiko Tsunakawa.

Traditional Dress and Tea Presentation of Africa and Asia

May 26, 2:00 – 5:00 pm • Admission: \$5/person, \$10/family (includes Tea)

1st Unitarian Church, 30 Cleary Avenue, Ottawa

Info: executivedirector@asianheritagemonth.net

Presentations on the history and wearing of the traditional dress of Japan, Nepal, India and Ethiopia. Debbie Danbrook, Master Shakuhachi player (www.healingmusic.com) performs, and all sample teas of Asia and Africa. A silent auction of textiles will support Child Haven (childhaven.ca), supporting Asian Orphanages.

Turkish Language Class: Tulu Academy

May 26, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm • Admission: free, registration required

Tulu Academy, 26 Thorncliff Place, Ottawa

Info: asanli@ciid.ca • Tel: 613-255-2133 to register

Enjoy an introduction to the Turkish language with instructors from Tulu Academy.

Basic greetings will be taught and students will enjoy learning about Turkish culture.

Health is Wealth Fair at the Bronson Centre

May 26, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm • Admission: free

Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa

Info: Sally Zhang Tel: 613-580-2424 ext. 26144

Find out how to lead a healthy lifestyle in the Eastern way. Activities include health displays; chances to try massage, reflexology; have blood pressure and dental screening done at no charge. Learn of services in your community; enjoy entertainment from different Asian cultures such as dancing, Chinese martial arts, Tai Chi and more. Children's activities, free food and draws are also available!

Food, Fashion and Music in the Park

May 26, 11:00 am - 11 pm, May 27, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm • Admission: free

Info: 613-324-7667 sblap@sympatico.ca

Come and celebrate Spring with food, fashion and music from a variety of Asian cultures in the heart of Chinatown. Join local businesses and community groups, along with special musical performance on Saturday evening with joSH and fashion show with Melanie Robinson.

Turkish Cuisine Demonstration and Talk

May 27, 2:00 – 5:00 pm • Admission: free, registration required

Efes Restaurant, 484 Preston Street, Ottawa

Info: executivedirector@asianheritage.net 613-739-4649 to reserve

Master Chef and owner of Efes Restaurant will introduce Turkish cuisine, followed by a demonstration of several simple dishes. Participants receive recipes, Turkish Tea service, sweets and view a short film.

Chinese Canadian Heritage Centre Cultural Evening

May 27, 7:00 – 9:30 pm • Admission: free

Chinese-Canadian Heritage Centre, 397 Kent Street, Ottawa

Info: Xing Zhong Huang: Xing-Zhong.Huang@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

Several Chinese Arts Groups celebrate Asian Heritage Month with performances.

Seminar: Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Ottawa Section) Breakfast Seminar

Date: TBD, Time: TBD • Admission: TBD

Info: www.hkcba.com/ottawa

Sheraton Hotel, 150 Albert Street, Ottawa

The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Ottawa Section) presents seminars about purchasing trends in Asia and how Asian consumers are affecting technology.

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION

100 Laurier Street, Gatineau

Treasures from China

May 11 to October 28

Info: Visit www.civilization.ca for more events

More than 120 magnificent and rare treasures from the National Museum of China will be on display in the exhibition Treasures from China. There will be various associated lectures and other events held in conjunction with this exhibition.

EMBASSY OF INDONESIA

Embassy of Indonesia, 55 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa

Info: 613-724-1100 info@indonesia-ottawa.org

Seminar: Islam in Indonesia: Road to Democracy

May 6, 2:00 – 4:00 pm • Admission: free

All aspects of Indonesia's approach to democracy will be presented and discussed.

Bali and Javanese Dance Workshop (children & adults)

May 13, 2:00 – 4:00 pm • Admission: free

Learn graceful exotic dance movements from professional dancers.

Wood and bamboo musical instruments workshop

May 20, 2:00 – 4:00 pm • Admission: free

An entertaining and fun way to learn to play unique and ancient instruments.

Wayang (Shadow Puppet) Workshop for Children

May 27, 2:00 – 5:00 pm • Admission: free

Make your own shadow puppet and perform your creation in a shadow puppet play.

REAL CANADIAN SUPERSTORE

190 Richmond Road, Ottawa • Admission: free

Info: Ms. Pat Wilson freshstwist@rogers.com Tel: 613-722-9599

Join us for an hour of Asian cuisine with chefs who will demonstrate how to prepare several simple dishes which participants will be able to taste. Recipes will be given.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

May 2 – (noon – 1:00 pm) **Indonesian** cuisine with Mrs. Panji

May 2 – (5:00 – 6:00 pm) **Nepali** cuisine with Mrs. Ghimire

May 9 – (noon – 1:00 pm) **Indian** cuisine with Ms. Verma

May 16 – (noon – 1:00 pm) **Thai** cuisine with Mr. Tongsa

May 23 – (noon – 1:00 pm) **Vietnamese** cuisine with Ms. Nguyen

May 30 – (noon – 1:00 pm) **Korean** cuisine with Mrs. Park

May 31 – (7:00 – 9:00 pm) **Oriental Evening** cuisine with Ms. Nguyen

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

Auditorium, Library and Archives Canada,

395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

Indonesian Film Night

May 7, 6:00 – 9:00 pm • Admission: free

The Embassy of Indonesia will screen two films: **“Brotherhood”**

and **“Nine Dragons”**, a crime drama with reception at intermission.

CCNC Film Night in partnership with Canadian Heritage and LAC

May 14, 7:30 pm • 613-992-2618 to reserve

“I Am the Canadian Delegate” is a documentary film on Douglas Jung (1924-2002), decorated WWII veteran, Canada's first Chinese Canadian Member of Parliament and Canada's delegate to the UN. His story of personal triumph over adversity is a metaphor for the struggle of all Chinese Canadians in a land that didn't want them. Producer/Director, Wesley Lowe, will be in attendance.

Explore Chinese culture, arts and music with the experts!

May 15, 6:00 – 9:00 pm • Admission: free

Join Elizabeth Yeh, Host of East Meets West, CHIN Radio 97.9 FM as she presents Mr. ZHAO Haisheng, Cultural Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on a culinary journey from the traditions and cultural significance to food as a medium for communications. Professor ZHONG Jian, compares and contrast Eastern and Western art and Pipa virtuoso Ms. GUANG Yadong performs both Chinese and Western melodies.

The Writers Festival presents Michael Ondaatje

May 16, 7:30 pm, \$12 General Admission/ \$10 Student or Senior/

\$8 Festival Member

Award-winning Sri Lankan/Canadian author, Michael Ondaatje will read from his latest novel **“Divisadero”**, and take questions from the audience. Contact Leslie Wilson at leslie@writersfest.com or call 613-562-1243 for tickets or information.

Mushfiq Ensemble Concert (Afghani traditional music):

May 18, 7:30 pm • Admission \$20 door; \$15 in advance

Info: Tickets at mushfiq.ca or 613-521-2736

Host: Alan Neal, Ottawa host of Canada Live on CBC Radio 2, 103.3

Enjoy captivating and participative music from Afghanistan and India.

Powerful vocals, colours and rhythms of the Mushfiq Ensemble (www.mushfiq.ca).

Asian-Canadian Youth Talent Show

May 19, 3:00 – 5:00 pm • Admission: \$5

Info: www.ottawaccnc.com

Come out to support Ottawa's talented youth as they compete to be top performer at this event organized by the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC) with judges from CBC Radio-Canada, Ottawa Police Services and CCNC.

Broken English Writing Competition 2007 Awards Night

May 28, 7:30 – 9:00 pm • Admission: free

Info: www.brokenenglishtheatre.com

The Broken English Theatre hosts its annual awards ceremony.

This event honours the winners of the 2007 Broken English Writing Competition, authors of multicultural stories and poems by first generation Canadian adults and teens in the National Capital Region. Highlights of the evening will be live theatre performances, music, prizes, multicultural displays and much more.

HOT PEPPERS RESTAURANT - CONCERTS with Asian Bands

201 Queen Street, Ottawa. Tickets limited to 100 per concert;

tickets at both Hot Peppers locations 613-232-4687 to reserve

May 4, **Ana Miura** (www.anamiura.com) Tickets \$20, fundraiser for OAHMS.

May 5, 11, 12, 19. **See www.hot-peppers.ca for more listings!**

May 25, 26, **joSH** (www.planetjosh.com)

May 29, **President of OAHMS Frank Ling, C.M., H.E.Ambassador Beatrix Valle**

(Honduras), accompanied by Ken Finley.

Tickets \$45; fundraiser for AsiaNetwork Young Writer's Award.

OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Auditorium, Ottawa Public Library, Main Branch

120 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa

An Evening of Asian Architecture

May 3, 6:00 – 8:00 pm • Admission: free

Join Ha Nguyen (Vietnam) and Yousef Ghasemi (Azerbaijan) and Sait Aynaci (Turkey) for presentations and discussion on the Architecture of Vietnam, Azerbaijan, Iran, Japan and Turkey. Speakers will discuss notions of home and its impact on identity. Session to be chaired by architect and OAHMS President, Mr. Frank Ling, C.M.

Indian Community of Ottawa Film Screening

May 10, 6:00 pm • Admission: free

Info: 613-726-1686 varmanitya@hotmail.com

Enjoy the traditional sights and sounds of Indian with a film showcasing this ancient and remarkable culture.

An evening with the Vietnamese community - Exhibition, Folk Arts

Performance; Presentation on the Vietnamese Boat People Project

May 17, 6:00 – 9:00 pm Admission: free, donations welcome

Info: vietfederation@bellnet.ca Tel: 613-230-8282

Join us for an exhibition on the recent activities of the Vietnamese community, with musical performances, and a presentation on the Vietnamese Boat People Museum Project.

The Diversity of Indonesia - Organized by the Indonesia Community

May 24, 6:00 – 9:00 pm • Admission: free

An exciting evening presentation about Indonesian's landscape, people, culture, attractions and food. Enjoy Indonesian tea and coffee and a display of art and handicrafts.

In celebration of Asian Teas

May 31, 6:30 – 8:30 pm • Admission: free

Susan Venables (Nectar Teas), Yumiko Tsunakawa (Zentiors), Sharon Fernandez (Tea and Ginseng) and Nathan Kim, a Korean-Canadian researcher from Carleton University give a presentation on the varieties of Asian teas. Session to be chaired by Camellia Teas of Ottawa Founder, Rebecca Lyn Benoit (www.camelliateas.net).

STEPPING STONES ART GALLERY

849 Nicholson Avenue, Ottawa

Admission: registration required for all events

Info: info@steppingstonesgallery.net Tel: 613-739-4649

www.steppingstonesgallery.net www.camelliateas.net

Japanese Tea Ceremony and Scripts of Asia Exhibition

May 5 - 6, 2:00 – 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm, \$5

Asian Knot-Tying Workshop with Samantha Lee

May 5, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, \$10 (including material)

Japanese Calligraphy Workshop with Peter V. Quenter

May 5, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, \$10 (including material)

Turkish Ebru Paper Marbling with Dr. Salim Sahin

May 6, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, \$10 (includes all materials)

Henna Workshop from Afghanistan with Mushfiq Hashimi

May 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, \$20

Join Master artist Mushfiq Hashimi as he designs and applies Henna to your hand.

Participants are encouraged to create their own designs. www.mushfiq.ca

Afghani Calligraphy with Master Calligrapher Mushfiq Hashimi

May 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, \$10 (includes all materials) www.mushfiq.ca

The Ancient Art of Korean Calligraphy with Mrs. Leesun Kim

May 12, 1:00 – 2:30 pm and 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Admission: \$5 (includes all materials and small mat)

Note: all admission fees go directly to the artists.