

## Event Organizers



**Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI)** was established under the aegis of Queens College on November 19, 2001, by The City University of New York (CUNY) Board of Trustees, in a resolution introduced by Chancellor Matthew Goldstein. The Institute is a university-wide scholarly research and resource center that focuses on policies and issues that affect Asians and Asian Americans. It covers four areas: Asian American Studies; East Asian Studies; South Asian Studies; and Trade & Technology Studies.

**URL:** [www.aaari.info](http://www.aaari.info)



**Chinatown Partnership Local Development Corporation (CPLDC)** was formed to bring residents, business owners and community groups together to rebuild Chinatown following 9/11, and to preserve the neighborhood's unique culture while ensuring its vitality in the future.

Neighborhood improvement programs like **Clean Streets** are taking on Chinatown's toughest and most-cited challenges. Innovative arts and cultural events like **Taste of Chinatown** and **Lunar Stages** are instilling pride in the community while drawing new generations of visitors from near and far. **Explore Chinatown**, an award-winning communications and marketing campaign, is connecting Chinatown to the world through the Web and welcoming the world to Chinatown by shining a spotlight on the neighborhood's cultural riches and myriad attractions.

**URL:** [www.chinatownpartnership.org](http://www.chinatownpartnership.org)

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Presented by  
**Asian American / Asian Research Institute, CUNY**  
**Chinatown Partnership Local Development Corporation**

**Date:** Saturdays, May 31;  
June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2008

**Time:** 6:30PM to 8PM, Cultural & Family Activities  
Sunset, Movie Screening

**Place:** Columbus Park Pavilion Grounds  
67 Mulberry Street, Manhattan

### Movie Lineup

May 31	Nana (Japan)
June 7	Hooked on You (Hong Kong)
June 14	Train Man (Japan)
June 21	My Mother, the Mermaid (South Korea)
June 28	Love on a Diet (Hong Kong)

**Note:** All films shown in their native language with English subtitles.

**Warning:** Some films may contain content not suitable for children.

## Performances

### Tai Chi Chih

Tonight you will have the opportunity to learn or just observe the gentle, yet powerful movements of Qigong. Qigong circulates and balances the vital force called Qi, to strengthen the body internally. The benefits include better balance, greater flexibility, creativity and awareness.

Certified Instructors Sokie Lee and Ken Gray will be demonstrating an easy-to-learn form of Qigong called T'ai Chi Chih. T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art— it is a series of gentle, meditative movements to improve health and well-being.

Forms: Bird Flaps Its Wings, Bass Drum, Daughter on the Mountaintop and Daughter in the Valley

URL: [www.taichichih.org](http://www.taichichih.org)

### Teachers College Taiko Society

Drummers: Peter Brown, Akiyo Furukawa-Liberson, Rie Taniguchi, Kyoko Toyama-Baruah and Janet Youngblood

Songs: Hachijo, Matsuri, Avalanche, Tonbane Daiko, Isamigoma and Engin Diako

Founded by Janet Youngblood in 1999, two Taiko groups practice and perform under Teachers College Taiko Society: Manhattan Taiko and New York Taiko Aiko Kai. While Manhattan Taiko is for adults (people 16 years and up) and builds physical strength and endurance as well as taiko skills, New York Taiko Aiko Kai has always been family oriented, but many adults have also joined the group over the years. Those teaching and practicing with the TC Taiko Society explore kumidaiko, or playing taiko as an ensemble instrument, with great respect for the tradition of taiko drumming in Japan.

Teachers College Taiko Society's performances include: Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty, the Stony Brook Village Festival, Sounds of Brazil, Sakura Matsuri at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Japan Heritage Day at the Staten Island Yankees, and public and private schools in the New York area.

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## Screening



Train Man (Japan, 2005)  
Running Time: 101 Minutes

While riding the train, a desperate geek meets the girl of his dreams, prompting the socially deprived but brave young nerd to start a chat room thread asking his faceless Internet compatriots, "How do you talk to girls?" The courtship advice he receives from his online pals -- and what he does with their expert counsel -- form the basis for this charming romantic comedy, a love story for the 21st century.

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### Book Tables

*Michelle Yu & Blossom Kan, China Dolls: A Novel* - From red envelopes to pink slips, Mahjong to speed dating, these twenty-something women can always find time to bridge their worlds and come together to dish, dine, whine, and have dim sum as they journey through the ups and downs of life and love.