

Event Organizers



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URL: 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

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Chinatown Partnership Local Development Corporation

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

Time: 7PM 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



Kossan Matsuri

Kossan, a traveling Zen monk and sanshin player, has performed in the NYC subway system, Japanese bars and restaurants, and was recently featured on the New York Times blog. His ensemble, Kossan Matsuri, performs Okinawan folk songs and includes male and female vocals, sanshin, and chindon.

URL: <http://kossan.zenmonk.jp>



Brian



Kaori



Wynn



Alfa is a songwriter whose idiosyncratic songs about the dynamics of life and love have been described endearingly as "hydraulics for the heart." A self-taught guitarist and classically trained pianist and violinist, Alfa took her talent to various stages in the summer of 2004 and hasn't stopped since, playing venues all over New York City including The Bitter End, The Knitting Factory, CBGBs, Rockwood, The Cutting Room, Arlene's Grocery, Five Points, and the Asian American Heritage Festival in Union Square, as well as in various college campuses throughout the US. Her music has also reached as far as Canada and The Philippines. Alfa has drawn a following in her home states of New Jersey and New York and is prominent in the growing Asian-American and Filipino-American music scenes. A 2007 graduate of NYU's Gallatin School, Alfa has just release her 2nd EP, entitled "Growth" and is working on her first full-length debut with producer Alex Houston (Charlotte Sometimes, Jerzy Jung).

URL: www.alfa-music.com

Screening



Love on a Diet (Hong Kong, 2001)
Running Time: 95 Minutes

In an effort to win back her superstar pianist boyfriend, chubby Mini Mo (Sammi Cheng) vows to lose 200 pounds over six months. Her ally in the impossible task is the equally robust Fatso (Andy Lau), who begins to fall in love with the ever-more-slender Mini. The new-and-improved Mini must now choose between two men -- the one who jilted her years ago and the one who has seen her through this arduous journey.

Book Tables

Mingmei Yip, Peach Blossom Pavilion - At first, life at Peach Blossom Pavilion feels like a dream. Surrounded by exotic flowers, murmuring fountains, colorful fishponds, and bamboo groves, Precious Orchid sees herself thriving. Sweeping in scope and stunning in its evocation of China, Peach Blossom Pavilion is a remarkable novel with an unforgettable heroine at the heart of its powerful story...

Michelle Yu & Blossom Kan, China Dolls: A Novel - From red envelopes to pink slips, Mahjong to speed dating, these twentysomething 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.



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