



## *New England Chapter News* *Japanese American Citizens League*

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### **Day of Remembrance 2011 at Tufts**

This year, the New England JACL joins with the Asian American Center at Tufts University to present a program featuring a screening of the documentary by Junichi Suzuki, *442<sup>nd</sup>: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity*. The film will be followed by comments from Susumu Ito, a veteran of the 442<sup>nd</sup>. This free program will be held on **Saturday, February 12** from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Tufts University's Sophia Gordon Hall, 15 Talbot Ave., Medford. Gordon Hall is located across from Granoff Music Center and Aidekman Arts Center. Refreshments will be served. This event is co-sponsored by Tufts' Japanese Culture Club and the Asian American Alliance. For more information contact Tufts Asian American Center at 617-627-3056.

### **The Genki Spark Taiko opportunities for Women**

The Genki Spark is seeking Asian American women to join its all women performance troupe. According to The Genki Spark founder Karen Young, "We're fierce, community minded and committed to promoting a more complete picture of who we are as strong, proud Asian American women. No experience is necessary. A positive community minded attitude is critical. All ages are welcome. Shy but passionate women are encouraged to apply. The recruitment period is open through February 2011. "

The Genki Spark also offers Friday night taiko drop-in recreational classes from 7:45-9 pm. It's designed as an engaging Friday night social activity. The class focuses on rhythm, voice, movement and having fun. Sessions are held at Brookline Ballet, Coolidge Corner in Brookline. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Cost is \$15 per class, paid on site.

For more information on all of The Genki Spark's programs go to:

[www.thegenkispark.org/](http://www.thegenkispark.org/)

### **Kurosawa documentary at Northeastern**

*Kurosawa*, a biographic documentary on the Japanese film director will be screened on **Saturday, Feb. 5** at 1 pm at the Snell Library of Northeastern University. The film will be followed by a question and answer session with the film's co-producer Peter Grilli and a reception. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For more information and to rsvp, go to: [www.japansocietyboston.shuttlepod.org/](http://www.japansocietyboston.shuttlepod.org/)

## ***Kamishibai* and masks at the Boston Children's Museum**

The art of *Kamishibai*, Japanese storytelling will be presented at the Boston Children's Museum on **Saturday, Feb. 12** at 11 am, noon and 1 pm. The stories include *The One-Inch Boy*, *Buying Mittens*, and *The Wife with an Unusual Talent*. Also, at the Japanese House of the museum, visitors can create an *oni* monster mask for *Setsubun*, a day celebrating the coming of spring. Contact the museum for information about admission and the programs. Go to: [www.BostonKids.org](http://www.BostonKids.org)

## **Chinese New Year Events**

**Friday, Feb. 4**, 11 am to 2 pm. **Boston City Hall Lobby**. Boston Public School students will perform, display their artwork, and present a hands-on demonstration of Chinese arts.

**Saturday, Feb. 12**, 10 am to 5 pm. **Peabody Essex Museum**, East India Square, 161 Essex St., Salem, MA. Performance by the Gund Kwok Asian Women Lion Dance Troupe, Ribbon Dance and *Diabolo*, storytelling, art demonstrations and drop-in art activities. For admission and program details go to: [www.pem.org/](http://www.pem.org/)

**Sunday, Feb. 13**, 10 am to 5 pm. Lion Dance Parade in **Boston's Chinatown**. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino kicks off the activities at 10 am in Phillips Square, at Essex St. and Harrison Ave. Lion dances and firecrackers throughout the day. For more information go to: <http://www.chinatownmainstreet.org/>

**Sunday, Feb. 13**, 10:30 am to 4 pm, at **North Quincy High School**, 316 Hancock St., Quincy, MA. Featured this year are live performances, food from local vendors, exhibits, crafts, games and demonstrations. For more information go to: <http://www.quincyasianresources.org/en/2011-LNY>

**Sunday, Feb. 13**, 11 am to 4 pm, **Boston Children's Museum**. Activities include art demonstrations, Lion Dances, martial arts demonstrations, Cantonese Opera, games and live rabbits celebrating the Year of the Rabbit. For more information go to: [http://www.bostonkids.org/calendar/11\\_feb.html](http://www.bostonkids.org/calendar/11_feb.html)

## **Martial Arts demo in Vermont**

The Way of the Peaceful Warrior: A Demonstration of Japanese Martial Arts will be presented by Benjamin Pincus, chief instructor at Aikido of Champlain Valley. This event is presented by the Japan American Society of Vermont and will be held on **Friday, Feb. 18** from 6 to 8 pm at The Fleming Museum, University of Vermont Campus, Burlington, Vermont. For more information go to: <http://www.uvm.edu/~fleming/>

## **Kodo Drummers coming to Boston**

The Kodo Drummers from Japan will be performing at Symphony Hall in Boston on **Sunday, March 13** at 4 pm. Presented by the Celebrity Series of Boston. Tickets: \$37, \$47, \$55, \$60. For program details and to order tickets, go to: [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org)

## **A Day About Japanese Tea at the MFA**

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston is offering a day with leading authorities learning the history of traditional and contemporary Japanese tea wares. The experts include a Japanese historian, potters, a collector and a curator. Then enjoy a performance and explanation of the traditional Japanese tea ceremony. This event will be held on **Sunday, March 13** from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at the MFA. For more information on this event and ticket prices go to: <http://www.mfa.org/programs/lecture/day-about-japanese-tea>

## **Scholarship/internship Applications Available**

Applications are available for national JAACL Scholarships for incoming freshmen and for undergraduate, graduate, law, and creative and performing arts law students. Deadlines for application are March 1 and April 1, depending on the type of scholarship. For application forms and details go to: <http://www.jacl.org/edu/scholar.htm>

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) is accepting applications for its spring and Summer 2011 Internships. The AALDEF is located in New York City. It was founded in 1974 and as the first East Coast organization to protect and promote the legal rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy and community education. For more information go to: [www.aaldef.org](http://www.aaldef.org)

## **Calligraphy classes offered**

Master Calligrapher Michiko Imai is offering a special 8-week class for beginners and intermediate calligraphers beginning February 9. Beginner classes meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 5pm. Tuition is \$100 plus a \$5 materials fee. Intermediate classes meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30. Tuition is \$200. To register or for more information contact Kanji Also Studio, 40 St. Stephen St., Boston. Phone: 617-247-1719. Go to: [www.kajiasostudio.com](http://www.kajiasostudio.com).

## **Tiger Mother Book Talk**

Amy Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* will present a book talk on Tuesday February 22 at 7 pm at the Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Phone: 617-661-1515. Go to: [www.harvard.com](http://www.harvard.com)

## **“A Spoonful of Ginger” at the MFA**

The Joslin Diabetes Center’s Asian American Diabetes Initiative is hosting its annual fundraiser “A Spoonful of Ginger” on Monday, March 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. The evening will feature a food tasting prepared by Boston chefs including Ming Tsai, Jasper White and Joanne Chang. Tickets are \$250. For more information and tickets call Joslin Development at 617-309-2531 or go to: <http://www.aadi.joslin.org/content/a-spoonful-ginger>

## Update on local Asian American Jazz Musicians

Here's a handy list prepared by the Asian American Resource Workshop on the area's Asian American jazz musicians.

- **A-NO-NE Music** performs original jazz every Sunday afternoon, 3 to 6 pm at Café Luna, Cambridge. Go to: [www.anonemusic.com](http://www.anonemusic.com)
- Jazz vocalist **Kaoruko** Yoshida is one of the hosts of Jazz Jam on Tuesdays, 8 to 11 pm at Amazing Things Art Center, Natick. Go to: [www.amazingthings.org](http://www.amazingthings.org) or [www.kaorukojazz.com](http://www.kaorukojazz.com)
- **Grace Kelly**, jazz saxophone. Go to: [www.gracekellymusic.com](http://www.gracekellymusic.com)
- **The Kosana Quartet**. Go to: [www.myspace.com/thekosanaquartet](http://www.myspace.com/thekosanaquartet)
- **The Kubota Power Jazz Unit** performs the third Friday of each month at the Yangtze Inn, West Bridgewater. Go to: [www.powerjazz.net](http://www.powerjazz.net)
- **The Yoko Miwa Trio**. Performing in Boston and Cambridge in February and March  
Go to: [www.yokomiwa.com](http://www.yokomiwa.com)