



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Mike Masaoka Fellowship

Applications are being accepted for the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship to serve in the office of a US Senator or a member of the House of Representatives for six to eight months. The Masaoka fellow will receive a stipend for living expenses and roundtrip airfare. Deadline for application is April 15.

The fellowship is open to students who are college seniors or enrolled in graduate school or a professional program. Applicants must be United States citizens and preference will be given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community. Membership in JACL is required. More information and application forms are available at the JACL web site, www.jacl.org.

Takayanagi Speaker Series on Immigration, April 1

Ali Noorani, Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum in Washington, DC, will discuss *The Status of Immigration Reform: Congress, the Administration, and Immigrant Advocacy*, on Thursday, April 1 at 2:30pm at UMass Boston, Campus Center, 3rd floor, Ballroom C. Noorani will cover developments in the struggle for immigration reform including legislative and administrative opportunities, advocacy and activism. Before joining the Forum in 2008, Noorani was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition in Boston. His talk is part of the Takayanagi Speaker Series from The Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass Boston. For more information contact the Institute at 617-287-5650 or go to www.iaas.umb.edu.

Kyogen comes to Boston, March 17

An Evening of Kyogen Japanese Comedies (with English subtitles) will be performed in the Jewett Auditorium, Wellesley College, 106 Central St., Wellesley on Wednesday, March 17 from 7 to 9 pm. The Yamamoto Kyōgen Company, one of Japan's top kyōgen troupes will perform two traditional comedies; *Tsukimizato* (blind moon-gazing), unique to the Yamamoto School, and *Shidohōgaku* (a horse and a magic spell). Tickets are \$25, \$15 for Japan Society members. For reservations contact the Japan Society through their web site: www.us-japan/boston/.

TAO: The Martial Art of Drumming, March 18

Taiko drumming and innovative, acrobatic choreography will meld to offer a modern twist on a traditional art form presented by a troupe from Japan. The program starts at 7:30 pm at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. Tickets are \$42, \$37 and \$30. Presented by World Music/CRASHarts. For information call 617-876-4275 or go to www.worldmusic.org.

The Hapa Project at Northeastern through March 26

The Hapa Project is an exhibit by artist Kip Fulbeck that explores answers to the question "What are you?" In 2001 Fulbeck photographed more than 1,200 volunteers and gave them the opportunity to answer that question and describe their ethnic heritage. This traveling exhibit contains 30 photographs. You can see it at Northeastern University's Gallery 360, located in the Ell Building, also with access from the Curry Student Center. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm. A downloadable campus map at www.northeastern.edu/campusmap/. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Odaiko New England survey on youth taiko

Odaiko New England (ONE) hopes to offer a new youth program this spring and would like to determine the best program for potential participants. Families with children and teens (ages 8 to 18) who are interested in learning taiko may fill out the survey at www.onetaiko.org. For information, contact Karen Young by email, Karen@onetaiko.org, or phone 617-308-4900.

AARW's A Little Peace, Dessert Tasting Fundraiser, April 24

The Asian American Resource Workshop's annual fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 24 from 7 to 10 pm at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St., Dorchester. For information www.aarw.org/dessert2010.

AARW is still seeking volunteer bakers to create sweet or savory tidbits for this event. All bakers will receive a free ticket to this event but need to register in advance. For information or to sign up, contact AARW at 617-426-5313 or email dessert@aarw.org.