

**11th Annual Lunar New Year
Celebration and Other
Asian Traditions
Sunday, January 29, 2012
12–4:30 pm**

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Enjoy the sights and sounds of Lunar New Year—a time for families to sweep out the past year and cast out negative influences, and to rejoice and give thanks for the coming New Year.

Today's performances, hands-on art activities, and demonstrations explore some of the Asian traditions celebrated in Bay Area communities during the New Year and other special occasions.

PROGRAM

- 11:30 & 1 pm Greetings! New Year songs performed by Dharma Realm Chinese Orchestra of the Berkeley Buddhist Monastery (Level 3, Oak Street Plaza)
- 12 pm **Opening Celebration**
Welcome in the New Year with an auspicious **lion dance** to chase away evil spirits by Developing Virtue Secondary School (Level 1, 10th Street entrance)
- 12:30 pm **Chinese yo-yo** performance by Foothill High School Chinese Yo-Yo Club (Level 1, 10th Street entrance. If raining, performance will be by the Koi pond)
- 1 & 3 pm **Traditional Performances**
(Level 1, James Moore Theater. Limited seating. Doors open 15 minutes before each performance.)
- Sam-go-mu*, **Korean three drum dance** performed by OngDance Company and OngDance School
- Storytelling** by Nancy Wang of Eth-Noh-Tec
- Bian Lian*, **face changing** performed by Dan Chan Magic Man (1 pm only)
Magic show by Jaden Huang (3 pm only)
- Red Panda Acrobats**
- 1:15 & 3:15 pm **Contemporary Performances**
(Level 2, Pavilion. Limited seating. Doors open 15 minutes before each performance.)
- Magic** by Jaden Huang (1:15 pm only)
Magic by Dan Chan Magic Man (3:15 pm only)
- Chaul Chhnaim (Cambodian New Year): Cambodian rapper** RJ Sin

Poetry and Spoken Word with Maurice Seaty

1:30 & 3:30 pm

Chinese yo-yo performance by Foothill High School Chinese Yo-Yo Club
(Level 1, 10th Street entrance. If raining, performance will be by the Koi pond.)

2 pm

24 Festive Drum performance by Developing Virtue Secondary School
(Museum Gardens. If raining, performance will be canceled.)

2:15 pm

Mochi pounding and tasting with Kagami Kai
(Level 1, 10th Street entrance. If raining, performance will be by the Koi pond.)

12–4 pm

Demonstrations and Activities

Cun Jie (Chinese New Year): Chinese calligraphy with Aiqin Zhou
(Level 1, Koi pond)

Chinese opera face makeovers with Helen Chou

Children will have a chance to wear costumes to take pictures. Space is limited. Sign up to reserve a time. Please meet artists 10 minutes before your reservation.
(Level 1, Redwood Burl area)

Chinese paper-cutting with Lily Zong (Level 1, Redwood Burl area)

Fruit and vegetable carving by “art chef” Jimmy Zhang (Level 1, Koi pond)

Solnal (Korean New Year): Bojagi, Korean traditional textile art with Youngmin Lee (Level 1, Redwood Burl area)

Oshogatsu (Japanese New Year): Japanese spirit-carving by Zoshi Takayuki
(Level 1, Redwood Burl area)

Japanese handmade dolls by Mikio Sakuma (Level 1, Redwood Burl area)

Losar (Tibetan New Year): In honor of *Losar*, **print your own Tibetan prayer** flag with Jamyong Singye (Level 1, Redwood Burl area)

Tet (Vietnamese New Year): Vietnamese spring-roll making with Berkeley Buddhist Monastery (Level 1, California Room)

12–4 pm

Demonstrations

Feng Shui with Marsha Cheung Golangco

I Ching with the School of Yimutology (Level 2, across from OMCA Store)

12–4:30 pm

Hands-on Family Art Activities

Year-of-the-Dragon ornaments with DEAF Media, led by Amelia Wong, Ron Trumble, and members of the Bay Area Asian Deaf Association (BAADA) (Level 1, Art Studio)

Paper-cut dragons with Anna Wong (Level 1, Art Studio)

Dragon mobiles with Chevron staff and Amina Yee (Level 1, Koi pond)

Face painting by buildOn—students from East Bay high schools (Level 1, Koi pond)

12:30 pm

Readings and Storytelling

Storytelling with Nan Zhou from DEAF Media. Voice interpretation provided.
(Level 1, Lecture Hall)

1:30 pm

Stories and songs with Dayni Kuo, librarian from Oakland Public Library Asian Branch.

Reading of *The Year of the Dragon* and book signing with author Oliver Chin.
(Level 1, Lecture Hall)

3–4 pm

Special Presentation for Fred Korematsu Day (Level 1, Lecture Hall)

Join the Korematsu Institute in celebrating Fred Korematsu Day

- Welcome by emcee Ling Woo Liu, Director of Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education at the Asian Law Caucus.
- Screening of film trailer (4 min)
- Performance of *Manzanar* by Tom Russell, with vocals by Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto and koto by Brian Mitsuhiro.
- Overview of Korematsu curriculum.
- Korematsu PSA (3 min)
- Remarks by Oakland Mayor Jean Quan.
- Talk by honoree's daughter Karen Korematsu.
- Chants by students from Korematsu Discovery Academy.

Fred T. Korematsu was an American civil rights hero. In 1942, the Oakland native refused to go to the government's incarceration camps for Japanese Americans. After he was arrested and convicted of defying the government's order, he appealed his case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled against him. After living with a disloyalty conviction on his record for 40 years, Korematsu was able to re-open his case and have his conviction overturned in 1983. In 2010, California passed the Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution bill— the first day in U.S. history named after an Asian American. The bill encourages schools across California to teach students about Fred Korematsu's story and its relevance today. Fred Korematsu Day is celebrated every year on his birthday, January 30.

4: 30 pm

Closing Celebration

Thank you for coming to OMCA's Lunar New Year Celebration. We wish you and your family the very best in the Lunar New Year! **Our celebration ends with a dragon dance** by Developing Virtue Secondary School!
(Museum Gardens)

Around the Museum

12–4:30 pm

Record the stories of families and communities with staff from StoryCorps. **StoryCorps** is a national oral history project. Participation is free. Participants receive a copy of their recording. Interviews can be recorded in any language. With participant's permission, interviews are archived at the Library of Congress. (Level 2, across from OMCA Store)

Sogetsu Ikebana arrangements by Soho Study Group members: Scott Job, Irene LaChance, Pam Marquardt, Ruth Sootaru, and Barbara Strauss.

Stilt walking by students and alumni from West Portal Elementary School, Chinese Performing Arts Program.

OMCA Store: Meet local artist Ophelia Ho and view her work depicting traditional scenes of Chinese culture and daily life.

The Year of the Dragon

1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024

People born in the Year of the Dragon are healthy, energetic, excitable, short-tempered, and stubborn. They are also honest, sensitive, brave, and inspire confidence and trust. Dragon people are the most eccentric in the eastern zodiac. They don't make flowery speeches but they tend to be soft-hearted, which sometimes gives others an advantage over them. Dragons are compatible with Rats, Snakes, Monkeys, and Roosters.

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We wish you and your family the very best in the
YEAR OF THE DRAGON!

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