

THE APPA Newsletter  
December 8, 2009

See This Weekend

MISSION STATEMENT:

Promote full utilization of the capabilities of the Enterprise's employees and champion the betterment of the company and community. Promote interest in Asian Pacific issues and culture and act as a bridge to all groups within our community. (substitute in your Enterprise and company, etc...)

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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 are available at  
<http://www.ikemi.info/APPA/newsletters>.

if you want to look up some past event.

This newsletter was originally published under the auspices of the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (no longer extant). It currently has no affiliation and is available to anyone who is interested in downloading it.

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Please send in information on cultural events and news items to [dkikemi@pacbell.net](mailto:dkikemi@pacbell.net). The mac.com address will be shut down soon. Thanks to those who have.

Long range calendar items:

Chinatown Farmers Market EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2-6PM, the Chinatown Farmers' Market takes place at Hill & Alpine bringing fresh fruits and produce by California Farmers to the Chinatown Community. FRIED BANANA, FRIED YAM, HAWAIIAN CHICKEN. We invite you to come and experience the Chinatown Farmers' Market. Free parking with purchase.

The Downtown Arts District/Little Tokyo Farmers' Market  
Weller Court 2nd & San Pedro in Little Tokyo Summer Hours 10-3pm  
Features fresh produce, Hawaiian Chicken, more food gifts...and live jazz band.  
Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The weekly market is held every Tuesday from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m year round, rain or shine. Sponsored by LARABA the market will include farm-fresh produce, Asian produce, organic produce, eggs, seafood, cheese, olives, olive oils, flowers, plants, bread and prepared foods and more. Hawaiian Chicken, Roasted corn on the cobb Local businesses interested in having a prepared food booth at the market or individuals interested in volunteering at this non-profit event, please contact Susan Hutchinson at 323-660-8660 for more information

Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity  
<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

### 2009-2010 International Human Rights Film Series

The UCLA International Institute is proud to present the second annual Human Rights Film Series, featuring monthly presentations of recent documentaries and feature films, on human rights issues that receive little attention in the United States. These films stand out for their depiction of issues on terms dictated from within the countries and cultures that they examine. Featuring commentary from filmmakers and scholars, each screening will also be an opportunity for public discussion about the issues.

All films screened at James Bridges Theater, 1409 Melnitz, UCLA  
Sponsored by the International Institute, African Studies Center, Asia Institute, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, Latin American Institute, Center for Near Eastern Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and the UCLA School of Law International Human Rights Program, and Human Rights Watch

**The Bitter Taste of Tea: A Journey into the World of Fair Trade**  
Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 6:30 pm

A film by Tom Heinemann and Erling Borgen, Denmark, 2008.  
Reception at 6:00. Screening followed by a forum on tea and fair trade.  
Co-sponsored by the Asia Institute

**Burma VJ: Reporting from a Closed Country**  
Friday, November 20, 7:00 pm

A film by Anders Østergaard, Norway/Sweden/Denmark/UK, 2008.  
Reception at 6:30

Co-sponsored by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Asia Institute, and Human Rights Watch

**The Reckoning: The Epic Story of the Battle for the International Criminal Court**  
Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 pm

A film by Paco de Onís, Peter Kinoy, and Pamela Yates, USA, 2009.  
Wednesday, February 24: (Film TBA)

Co-sponsored by the Center for European and Eurasian Studies  
Wednesday, March 31: (Film TBA)

Co-sponsored by the Latin American Institute  
Reception at 6:00 pm. Screening at 6:30 pm followed by a discussion with Maximo Langer, UCLA School of Law, and Cesare Romano, Loyola Law School.

Co-sponsored by the UCLA School of Law International Human Rights Program and Human Rights Watch.

For more info visit [www.international.ucla.edu/humanrights](http://www.international.ucla.edu/humanrights)

10-31-2008 - 12-31-2009 The Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles will be open the Korean Folk Art Museum at the first floor. The new exhibition title is " Emerging Country in East Asia - Elegant Life of Noble Class in Joseon Period".

The Joseon period (1392-1910) was the closest time period to present day Korea and a crucial element for understanding Korean heritage.

Visitor will experience the Joseon period at KCCLA

5505 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.

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

Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Collection Exhibition / October 23, 2009 – May 31, 2010

Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Documentary Collection presents selections from over 800 pieces of movie memorabilia that was collected during the ten-year research for Arthur Dong's groundbreaking film, Hollywood Chinese. Through posters, lobby cards, film stills, and scripts and documents dating from 1912, visitors journey into a vivid and graphic study of how Chinese have been imagined in the movies, reflecting the social and cultural history of the Chinese in America during the last century.

In addition to iconic depictions evidenced by material from films such as The Good Earth, The Vengeance of Fu Manchu, Charlie Chan in Honolulu, and Flower Drum Song, highlights of the collection include the surviving archive of pioneer Chinese American filmmaker James B. Leong, who produced the 1921 film, Lotus Blossom, in Los Angeles.

Filmmaker Arthur Dong is the Guest Curator for this exhibition.

The Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(The cross street is Arcadia)

[camla.org](http://camla.org)

Dec 20 Katsudo Shashin

11AM, 2PM, 4PM

Rare Japanese movies

Appearance by Yuko Sugi

Japanese American Cultural and  
Community Center

244 South San Pedro Street

(between 2nd and 3rd Streets)

Los Angeles (Little Tokyo), CA 90012

(213) 628-2725

Aratani/Japan America Theatre Box Office Info:

(213) 680-3700

[jacc.org](http://jacc.org)

The World Premiere of

## GRACE KIM & THE SPIDERS FROM MARS

A new comedy for anyone who's ever felt like they were born on the wrong planet...

Written by Philip W. Chung

Directed by Jeff Liu

Produced by Stephanie Chang, Michael Chih Ming Hornbuckle & Peter J. Wong

Starring: Feodor Chin, Elizabeth Ho, Elaine Kao, Jully Lee, Rachel Morihoro, Hanson Tse, Kelvin Han Yee, Junko Goda, Dan Jyung, Christopher Takemoto-Gentile and Tina Tong.

Inspired by classic screwball comedies, GRACE KIM & THE SPIDERS FROM MARS tells the story of Grace, a young Korean American woman, who has withdrawn from the world after the death of her mother ten years ago. But Grace's life is thrown upside down when she meets her sister's fiancé and falls in love with him. This play was written to be Lodestone's last show of its tenth and final "Beginnings and Endings" season and will be permanently retired after this run.

November 14-December 20, 2009

Thursday-Saturday 8pm, Sunday 2pm (NO SHOW THANKSGIVING, NOV. 26)

ALL THURS. SHOWS: 2-for-1 general admission tickets if you say the codeword "Ziggy Stardust" at box office

Low-Priced \$8 Previews: Nov. 12-13, 8pm

\$12 general admission (Special Low 1999 Ticket Price)

\$10 (groups of 10+)

\$25 Opening Night Gala (Nov. 14)--SOLD-OUT

All Sunday matinees (except Dec. 20) are pay-what-you-can (\$1 minimum)

GTC Burbank

1111-B W. Olive Ave.

Burbank, CA 91506

The theatre is in George Izay Park between S. Victory Bl. and N. Griffith Park Bl. Park near the jet plane at 1111 W. Olive and walk past the Olive Recreation Center. The theatre is behind the rec center; the entrance faces the softball fields.

To RSVP: (323) 993-7245

For more information, go to:

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

<http://www.facebook.com/lodestonetheatre>

Please support our community partners for this production: Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches, K.W. Lee Center for Leadership, Visual Communications, East West Players.

Lodestone Theatre Ensemble

based on 3 reviews

Category: [Performing Arts](#) [\[Edit\]](#)

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

Dec 29 Oshogatsu Workshop  
10AM-3PM  
\$30 per child, call 213-628-2725  
Japanese American Cultural and  
Community Center  
244 South San Pedro Street  
(between 2nd and 3rd Streets)  
Los Angeles (Little Tokyo), CA 90012  
(213) 628-272

Jan 3 Kotohajime  
1PM  
\$20  
Japanese American Cultural and  
Community Center  
244 South San Pedro Street  
(between 2nd and 3rd Streets)  
Los Angeles (Little Tokyo), CA 90012  
(213) 628-2725

Jan 3 - Feb 28, 2010 12th Annual Shikishi Exhibition  
Japanese American Cultural and  
Community Center  
Doizaki Gallery  
244 South San Pedro Street  
(between 2nd and 3rd Streets)  
Los Angeles (Little Tokyo), CA 90012  
(213) 628-2725

Jan 31 Today's Entertainment of Okinawa  
2PM  
Marsee Auditorium at El Camino College in Torrance

See LA Library DiverseCity events at <http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

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This Weekend (and earlier/later)

Dec 12 On Ensemble concert at Miles Playhouse,  
**Works in Progress!**  
At the Miles Playhouse in Santa Monica, Dec 12 at 8 pm, we'll be debuting all-new music, from Shoji's brand-new gamelan-inspired, rock-out piece, to Maz' brooding flute/koto/taiko song.

Kelvin is singing the blues (!), and we'll all be playing my newest taiko game: traditional-taiko-meets-tic-tac-toe.

**Works in Progress** is On Ensemble's most interactive performance...

Come help us shape the direction of these brand-new works!

Only 50 tickets remaining. Reserve yours today at --

<http://onensemble.org/2009/10/works-in-progress-09/>

The FoundatiOn Team fund drive is also underway and we are now accepting online donations!

For every \$1000 we raise, On Ensemble is providing a hands-on taiko workshop to a local, public school.

Help us reach our goal (we're halfway there!) and check out the amazing thank-you gifts we have available!

<http://onensemble.org/2009/12/2009-foundation-team-fund-drive-now-underway/>

From Cultural News

#### Dec 12 Family Tour

11AM

Enjoy a docent-led tour of collection highlights in a family-friendly format. Best for ages 4 and up, adult participation required.

Free, but reservations required; call (626) 449-2742 ext. 31.

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742

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<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/>

#### Tuesday Dec 15 Performance

8AM

The inventive Asian-American performance group behind this spring's hit "Show of Hands" is back with "The Snow Show" - fantastic tales to take your mind off the wintry weather.

\$10 for non-members, free for members. RSVP to ext. 31

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#### December 13 Art Conversation

2pm

Gronk, creator of [Calligraffiti's](#) site specific mural, joins moderator Chip Tom for what promises to be an entertaining discussion.

Free for members, included with museum admission for non-members. RSVP to ext. 31.

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<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/>

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):  
See [dkikemi.blogspot.com](http://dkikemi.blogspot.com)

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Resources:

LACMA calendar:

<http://www.lacma.org/events/Calendar.aspx>

UCLA Asia Institute calendar:

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/events/index.asp?action=monthview>

Japanese American National Museum

<http://www.janm.org/events/>

Chinese American Museum

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Korean Cultural Center

<http://www.kccla.org/>

Japanese American Community Cultural Center

<http://jaccc.org/>

Pacifica Asian Museum

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm>

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Links to selected articles from the LA Times and other papers. To actually access the articles, you may have to sign up for a free account.

One of a kind in Boyle Heights

When Eddie Goldstein was a boy, the neighborhood was the center of Jewish life in Los Angeles. As it has changed, he's stayed, evolving with it.

By Hector Becerra

December 8, 2009 7:45 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-goldstein9-2009dec09.0.1029064.story>

China turns to Madison Avenue for an image makeover

The nation plagued by product recalls has hired a Manhattan ad agency to wage a global PR campaign. It's now running a TV spot seeking to boost the reputation of the ubiquitous 'Made in China' label.

By David Pierson

December 7, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-china-ad7-2009dec07.0.720778.story>

Indonesia bans film about 1975 killings

'Balibo' depicts the Indonesian military's reported execution of six foreign journalists in East Timor.

By Karima Anjani

December 7, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-indonesia-filmban7-2009dec07.0.3426428.story>

[State Senate will not reconfirm controversial regulator](#)

December 8, 2009 | 5:38 pm  
Michael Rothfeld in Sacramento

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/12/state-senate-will-not-reappoint-controversial-regulator.html>

Danica Patrick announces NASCAR Nationwide Series plans

The IndyCar series driver will take part in a limited number of events in a car owned by JR Motorsports. Her arrival is expected to be a boon to NASCAR.

By Jim Peltz

December 9, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-nascar-danica9-2009dec09.0.5645313.story>

Zhu Zhu Pets are safe, U.S. agency says

The Consumer Product Safety Commission's statement comes after consumer website GoodGuide said its tests found high antimony levels in one model of the toy hamster.

By Andrea Chang

December 8, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-zhuzhu-pets8-2009dec08.0.7448175.story>

Art review: Arthur Ou and Alice Konitz at LAXART

Sharon Mizota

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/12/art-review-arthur-ou-and-alice-and-alice-könitz-at-laxart.html>