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The celebration should be appealing to a lot of people because it uses all five senses. You will have the chance to see dances you otherwise wouldn't see, you can taste foods you otherwise wouldn't get to taste and you can hear music you otherwise wouldn't hear.

— **Carrie Matsushita**
Publicity chairwoman

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RIGHT: Dancers perform a traditional Cambodian dance. **BELOW:** A child participates in paper-making in the Asian crafts area.



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A TASTE OF ASIA

The two-day Oregon Asian Celebration will provide the opportunity to learn about the cultures of a variety of Asian countries

By **Jesse Stephenson**
Entertainment Reporter

Looking for a unique way to please all five senses this weekend? Maybe a chance to learn? How about just having a good time? If so, perhaps you should attend the Oregon Asian Celebration.

"The Asian Celebration is a two-day festival that celebrates the culture of Asians and Asian-Americans through a series of continuous entertainment, crafts, cooking skills, martial arts and children activities," said Carrie Matsushita, publicity chairwoman of the celebration.

The event, which will take place Feb. 15 and 16 at the Lane County Convention Center, is known for attracting visitors who have a desire to learn about the culture of a variety of Asian countries. Last year more than 20,000



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people attended the event.

"The Asian Celebration is a wonderful learning opportunity for anyone who attends," Matsushita said. "Asians have a chance to learn more about their heritage and pass it along to their chil-

dren, while others will be able to learn about those in their community. It's a great chance to promote awareness."

Countries that will be represented include China, Japan, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia.

"This is really a unique event — the only one of its kind in the nation," Matsushita said. "Other areas will have a Japanese cultural fair or a Chinese cultural fair, but no one has an event for the Asian continent as a whole."

The event include an Asian marketplace of 70 vendors with cooking demonstrations and arts and crafts. Watercolors, brush painting, sculpting, basketry and pottery exhibits will be on display.

Participants will be able to learn the crafts of origami and Thai carved veg-

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Pacific Rim Gamelan

The Pacific Rim Gamelan, a Balinese Percussion orchestra, will perform Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall.

Associate Professor Robert Kyr will direct approximately 12 student musicians, who will perform works that were either collectively or individually composed by students.

Tickets are \$2 for students and seniors, \$4 general admission.



Peter Wilde Band

The Peter Wilde Band will perform Feb. 14 with The Laura Kemp Band and Scotty in a Valentine's Day celebration at WOW Hall.

The show will begin at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door.

Jazz

San Francisco jazz band Oranji Symphonette will perform with Dave Ellis Feb. 18 at the Wild Duck Music Hall.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$9 for the general public.

"Be There" is a weekly column highlighting the week's top local entertainment events.

Celebrate love at Psychedelic Ball

Music group Stone Biscuit and tribal alchemist Nicki Scully will perform at the Psychedelic Sweet Hearts Ball Feb. 15 at WOW Hall.

The event will feature the Phantasmagoria Liquid Light Show, which is created with strobe discs, bubble plates, film and projectors.

The show will begin at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.



Flick follows blockbuster formula

By **Dennis Bolt**
Oregon Daily Emerald

Did you like "Twister"? How about "Jurassic Park"? "The Terminator"? If you did, then you should like the new Pierce Brosnan movie, "Dante's Peak."

The filmmakers were probably betting on this movie turning out like those past blockbusters, but instead it sometimes looks like "Joe Versus the Volcano."

I am not saying this is a bad movie. Even with the usual ex-

plosions, cars outrunning balls of fire and screaming townsfolk, it does manage to sustain some chemistry between Brosnan and Linda Hamilton.

Like Sam Neil in "Jurassic Park," Brosnan plays a bachelor scientist (with an accent) who is thrown into working with a town mayor played by Hamilton. Other characters include two spunky kids, an even spunkier dog and a stubborn grandma. This cast could have been interchanged with that of

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REVIEW

Dante's Peak

★★
(natural disaster)

■ **WHERE:** Movieland, Movies 12

■ **STARRING:** Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton

■ **DIRECTOR:** Roger Donaldson

■ **RATED:** PG-13