

The Finest Asian American Performances at Art **EXPLOSION**

Portland Taiko presents the finest of four region's Asian Pacific American performance at ArtExplosion! Asian Pacific American Performing Arts Festival—celebrating contemporary and traditional dance, music and theater. The first-ever ArtExplosion will feature a dynamic range of beauty, intensity, drama, and the many diverse cultures of Asian/Pacific America.

Portland Taiko has discovered a veritable explosion of Asian American art in our region and will showcase 18 artists and ensembles – over 100 performers in all – at a series of four

events. The first, a Brown Bag Lunch Artists' Dialogue, will be a free public discussion with the evening program artists on Monday, June 18 at noon at the Multnomah County Public Library. The ArtExplosion Evening Concerts on Friday and Saturday nights, June 22 & 23, will present our region's most accomplished Asian/Pacific

spective disciplines. The performers will draw from their roots in Vietnamese, Chinese, Indonesian, Indian, Hawaiian, Japanese, Nepalese and Persian cultures. Sharing excellence in artistic integrity, the performances will span the universe of expressions, ranging from traditional to contemporary, sacred to secular, and folk to classical.

The ArtExplosion Family Matinee on Saturday, June 23, will treat families to the Chinese rod puppetry of Dragon Art Studio and the colorful celebration of youth performers from the Cambodian, Chinese, Hmong, Lao, Samoan, Indian, Japanese and other Asian American communities.

The Matinee will also feature performers from: The Cambodian Dance Troupe of Oregon, Hmong Cultural Dance from the Asian Family Center, Pacific Island Council of

American dancers, musicians, and actors. Many of the performers on these evening programs are masters of their art forms and leaders in their re-

Oregon's Samoan Dancers, and United Voices of the American Friends Service Committee Latin/Asian Pacific Program.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND - 6:30 TO 10:00 PM
BILLY REEDS ON MLK 503-493-8127

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FRIDAY, JULY 6th
STERNWHEELER CRUISE - 6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 7th - 9:30 PM TO 1:30 AM
Candlelight Room - 5th & Lincoln - 503-222-3378

FRIDAY, JULY 13th - 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM
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360-735-0600

SATURDAY, JULY 14th - 7:30 TO 11:00 PM
BILLY REEDS ON MLK 503-493-8127

SATURDAY, JULY 21
RED LION INN COLISEUM, EDGEWATER LOUNGE

AUGUST
FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD & FRIDAY AUGUST 10TH
STERNWHEELER CRUISE - 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH
RIVER CITY SALOON, HOOD RIVER, OR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH - 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM
MIRACLES STREET CELEBRATION - MLK & MASON ST.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH & SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH
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