



ONGOING EVENTS

“Lan Su in Bloom”

Through Apr 30 (daily), 10am-5pm, Lan Su Chinese Garden (NW Third Ave & NW Everett St, Portland). Take in the essence of spring — plants, flowers, and everything green and blooming — at “Lan Su in Bloom.” The garden’s plant collection currently includes more than 90 trees, rare and unusual shrubs and perennials, and magnolia, orchid, and camellia collections. In addition, the event features card-making from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Fridays, talks by local garden experts at 11:00am on Saturdays, flower arranging demonstrations on Sundays at 1:00pm, guided plant walks at 2:00pm on Tuesdays, and more. For info, call (503) 228-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

“Scissors + Paper”

Through May 2 (Tue-Sat), 11am-5:30pm, ArtXchange (512 First Ave S, Seattle). View “Scissors + Paper,” a display by artists Lauren Iida, Alisa Lahti, and Ann Leda Shapiro, who explore storytelling, the cycles of life, and cultural heritage through differing approaches in cut-paper art. For info, call (206) 839-0377 or visit <www.artxchange.org>.

“Hakkodo, Artisans of Kamakura”

Through May 3, noon-7pm (Mon), 10am-7pm (Tue-Sun), Portland Japanese Garden (611 SW Kingston Ave, Portland). View carved, lacquered wood from Hakkodo Kamakura Bori at “Hakkodo, Artisans of Kamakura.” The exhibit showcases the evolution of works by one family over four generations — from the curving robes of a Buddha sculpture to contemporary open designs. For info, call (503) 223-1321 or visit <www.japanesegarden.com>.

“Sakura Sakura”

Through June 14, 11am-3pm (Tue-Sat), noon-3pm (Sun); June 6, 3pm (talk); Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland). View “Sakura Sakura: An Exhibition of Photographs by Motoya Nakamura,” a display of oversize digital prints that explores belonging, identity, and diaspora. Over the course of a year, Motoya Nakamura trained his camera lens on the *sakura* (cherry blossom) trees that frame the Oregon Nikkei Endowment’s Japanese American Historical Plaza and Bill of Rights Memorial at Tom McCall Water-front Park. The exhibit shows how these blossoming gifts from Japan bring the park alive each year. On June 6 at 3:00pm, Nakamura and visiting University of San Francisco professor Brian Komei Dempster showcase the power of poetry, writing, and visual art to express complex issues of identity and the legacy of Japanese Americans. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Minority Retort

Apr 24, 9:30pm, Curious Comedy Theater (5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Attend *Minority Retort*, a comedy showcase featuring Adam Pasi, Neeraj Srinivasan, Alex Rios, and others. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 477-9477 or visit <www.curiouscomedy.org/events/minority-retort>.

Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival

Apr 24-26, 10am-6pm, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Celebrate the beauty of spring at the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival presented by Seattle Center Festál. The event includes taiko drumming, Japanese food, artisan demonstrations, and more. For info, call (206) 684-7200 or visit <www.seattlecenter.com>.

“Cambodia/Lao/Thai New Year in the Park”

Apr 25, 10am-6pm, Glenhaven Park (NE 82nd Ave & NE Siskiyou St, Portland). Attend “Cambodia/Lao/Thai New Year in the Park,” the first event of its kind in Portland. The daylong celebration features traditional music, cultural dance, Asian cuisine, sports, games, and more. *Asian Reporter* columnist Ronault L.S. “Polo” Catalani is the event’s master of ceremonies and former Portland mayor Tom Potter is the keynote speaker. The free celebration includes performers such as the Cambodian Dance Troupe of Oregon, Khana Luke Larn Lao, and the Little Thai Bumblebees School; live music; a Thai boxing show; arts and crafts; games such as Sepak Takraw (a kick-volleyball game); an

CINEMA PACIFIC FILM FESTIVAL



April 27 through May 3
Various locations in Portland & Eugene, Oregon

Attend the University of Oregon’s Cinema Pacific film festival, a weeklong program featuring film screenings, lectures, receptions, a 72-hour film competition, interactive opportunities, and more. Featured films include *A Touch of Zen*, *Once Upon a Time in China*, *Transit*, *Balikkbayan #1*, *Norte*, *the End of History*, and many others. Special events at this year’s festival include “Focus: The Philippines” and “The Arts of Wushu.” For more information, to obtain a complete schedule, or to buy tickets, call (541) 346-4321 or 1-800-824-2714, e-mail <cinemapacific@uoregon.edu>, or visit <cinemapacific.uoregon.edu>.

Pictured is a scene from *Norte*, the End of History. (Photo courtesy of the Cinema Pacific film festival)

inflatable bounce house and slide; and more. For info, call (503) 823-PLAY (7529) or visit <www.portlandparks.org>. To become a sponsor of the festival, call (503) 715-6353, e-mail <chom@momentumalliance.org>, or visit <www.nw.asiansports.com>.

Japanese Festival

Apr 25, 11am-3:30pm, Washougal High School (1201 39th St, Washougal, Wash.). Attend the ninth annual Japanese Festival, a free event featuring food, cultural displays, games, a raffle, and more. Entertainment begins at 1:00pm in the auditorium and features Dance Leo and en Taiko. Okoto, kimono, and kendo (Japanese-style fencing) demonstrations take place from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. For info, call (360) 954-3100 or visit <https://sites.google.com/a/washougalsd.org/japanese/upcoming-event/annualwashougaljapanesefestival>.

“Classical Up Close” blitz performance

Apr 25, 1:30pm, Powell’s City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Attend a “blitz” performance of the “Classical Up Close” series of free chamber music concerts organized and performed by Oregon Symphony musicians. The series, which centers around six informal, full-length concerts, begins April 24 and ends May 3. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>. To learn more, visit <www.classicalupclose.com>.

Portland Thorns FC

Apr 25, 5:30pm, PortlandThorns.com. Watch Portland Thorns FC take on the Chicago Red Stars as part of the National Women’s Soccer League’s 2015 season. The Thorns FC squad features Mana Shim, Christine Sinclair, Alex Morgan, Kendall Johnson, and others. The Red Stars have Rachel Quon, Abby Erceg, Karina LeBlanc, and others. For info, call (503) 553-5555 or visit <www.portlandthorns.com>.

Peony & Bamboo Festival

Apr 25-26, 10am-4pm, Seattle Chinese Garden, South Seattle Community College, near the North Parking Lot (6000 16th Ave SW, Seattle). Attend the Peony & Bamboo Festival at the Seattle Chinese Garden. Highlights of the family-friendly event include entertainment, arts and crafts, activities for children, plant sales, plant-care talks, artist demonstrations, the display of more than 400 plants in the Luoyang Tree Peony Garden, and more. For info, call (206) 934-5219 or visit <www.seattle.chinesegarden.org>.

Mariko Kitakubo

Apr 26, 3pm, Lan Su Chinese Garden (NW Third Ave & NW Everett St, Portland). Attend the Lan Su Chinese Garden’s Peach Blossom Poetry Series, featuring tanka poet, translator, and performer Mariko Kitakubo, whose readings also include Tibetan bells, a rain stick, and a *hamohn* (a Japanese musical instrument). For info, call (503) 228-8131 or visit

<www.lansugarden.org>.

“Classical Up Close”

Apr 26-May 3; Apr 26, 4pm, Maranatha Church (4222 NE 12th Ave, Portland); Apr 28, 7:30pm, St. Michael & All Angels Church (1704 NE 43rd Ave, Portland); Apr 29, 7:30pm, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church (5415 SE Powell Blvd, Portland); Apr 30, 7:30pm, Congregation Beth Israel (1972 NW Flanders St, Portland); May 2, 7:30pm, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church (4040 Sunset Dr, Lake Oswego, Ore.); May 3, 2pm, Bethany Presbyterian Church (15505 NW Springville Rd, Portland). Attend “Classical Up Close,” a series of free chamber music performances produced and performed by Oregon Symphony musicians. The festival includes six informal, full-length concerts at which audiences are encouraged to sit onstage with the performers, use social media, ask questions, and applaud freely. For info, call (503) 228-1353 or visit <www.classicalupclose.com>.

Jillian Tamaki

May 1, 7:30pm, Powell’s City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join Jillian Tamaki, an illustrator for *The New York Times* and *New Yorker*, as she presents *SuperMutant Magic Academy*, a book featuring her webcomic of the same name that has been serializing over the past four years. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

Asian Heritage Month events at Lan Su Chinese Garden

May 1-31, Lan Su Chinese Garden (NW Third Ave & NW Everett St, Portland). Attend events celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander culture throughout May, which is Asian Heritage Month. Performances representing the cultures of India, Singapore, China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Hawai’i, and the Pacific Islands are highlighted on Saturday and Sunday. The schedule includes the Kalabharathi School of Dance (May 2, 2pm), Natya Leela Academy (May 3, 2pm), Portland Chinese Dance Troupe (May 9, 2pm), American West Vancouver Chinese School (May 10, noon), Village Sound of Spring Choir (May 10, 2pm), and others. For info, or to obtain a complete schedule of events, call (503) 228-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

“Classical Up Close”

May 2, 10:30-11:30am & noon-1pm, Vancou-

ver Community Library (901 C St, Vancouver, Wash.). Attend “blitz” performances designed for children and families as part of the “Classical Up Close” series of free chamber music concerts organized and performed by Oregon Symphony musicians. The series, which centers around six informal, full-length concerts, begins April 24 and ends May 3. For info, call (360) 906-5106 or visit <www.fvrl.org>. To learn more, visit <www.classicalupclose.com>.

Asian Kite Festival & Children’s Day

May 2, noon-5pm, Yujin Gakuen Japanese Immersion Elementary School (250 Silver Lane, Eugene, Ore.). Watch a legion of colorful kites take to the skies and enjoy field games, art activities, and more at the Eugene/Springfield Asian Council’s annual Asian Kite Festival and Yujin Gakuen Japanese Immersion Elementary School’s Children’s Day celebration. The free events, which are held together this year, include a kite competition, a kite exhibit, kitemaking, performances, activities for all ages, origami, an obstacle course, and more. For info, call (541) 225-5982 or visit <www.asiancouncil.org>.

Linfield College lu’au

May 2, 5-7pm (dinner), 7:30pm (show), Linfield College, Rutschman Field House & Ted Wilson Gymnasium (900 SE Baker St, McMinnville, Ore.). Attend “Home on the Islands,” the Linfield College Hawaiian Club’s annual lu’au, featuring a showcase of contemporary and traditional performances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Samoa, and New Zealand along with a Hawaiian dinner. Students participate in the gathering, performing the hula and more. For info, call (503) 883-2574 or visit <www.linfield.edu/luau.html>. To buy tickets, visit <www.linfieldtickets.com>.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration in Seattle

May 3, noon-5pm, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Join the festivities at Seattle Center Festál’s Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. The event includes cultural dance groups, youth drill teams, martial arts demonstrations, art, taiko drumming, and more, with entertainment scheduled to start every 15 minutes throughout the day. Performers include the Cambodian Dance Preservation Troupe, the Seattle Chinese Community Girls’ Drill Team, Fraggie Rock Crew, Te’a rama Tahitian Dance, and others. For info, call (206) 684-7200 or visit <www.seattlecenter.com>.

Cirque du Soleil: *Varekai*

May 6-10, 7:30pm (Wed-Sat), 4pm (Fri-Sat), 1:30pm & 5pm (Sun), Veterans Memorial Coliseum (1401 N Wheeler Ave, Portland). Experience *Varekai*, a Cirque du Soleil travelling production that explores the extraordinary world of Varekai, which is found at the summit of a volcano deep in a forest. The extravaganza features acrobatics, music, and drama. For info, or to buy tickets, call 1-800-745-3000 or visit <www.cirquedusoleil.com/varekai>.

Cinderella

May 9, 2pm & 7pm, Portland State University, Lincoln Performance Hall (1620 SW Park Ave, Portland). Watch the love-at-first-sight romance between Cinderella and her Prince Charming in a presentation of the classic tale *Cinderella*. The family-friendly show, which is choreographed by Victor Ursabia of Ballet Philippines, is presented by Portland Festival Ballet and features three Ballet Philippines performers: principal dancer Earl John Arisola and soloists Cyril Aran Fallar and Timothy Paul Cabrera. For info, call (503) 245-5269 or visit <www.portlandfestivalballet.org>. To buy tickets, call (503) 725-3307 or visit <www.pdx.edu/boxoffice/tickets>.

Mt. Tabor Art Walk

May 16-17, 10am-5pm, Southeast Portland. View works by southeast Portland artists at the annual Mt. Tabor Art Walk. Among the 40 participating artists is Fasai Streed, whose mixed-media paintings depict the lives of Thai villagers in the past, when the country was known as Siam. For info, call (503) 232-4393. To download a map of artists and locations, visit <www.mttaborartwalk.com>.

Submit your Asian-related calendar listings to:

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Submission Format: List event title, date, time, location with address, 2 to 3 brief sentences describing the event, and a contact phone number (required) that can be published. High-resolution photos, if available, may also be included.

Submission Deadline: Monday prior to the next issue date.

