

Celebrating Asian Heritage

The Asian Reporter celebrates Asian Heritage Month with this special expanded issue and with our May 15 issue covering The Asian Reporter Foundation's 19th Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet. In this edition, we mark heritage month with a look at *Mele Murals*, a documentary about the transformative power of art through the unlikely union of graffiti and ancient Hawaiian culture. The film follows the stories of two renowned street artists, a group of Native Hawaiian youth, and the rural community of Waimea, and shows how public art and Native Hawaiian traditions affect the artists, students, and community. The issue also highlights *Forever, Chinatown*, a short film that tells the story of unknown, self-taught 81-year-old artist Frank Wong, who has spent the past four decades re-creating his fading memories by building romantic, extraordinarily detailed miniature models of the San Francisco Chinatown rooms of his youth. Finally, our expanded events calendar provides a monthlong guide to Asian art, history, culture, and entertainment, including the "Asian and Pacific Islander Day at the Capitol" celebration on May 20 in Salem, Oregon; activities scheduled at the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland and the Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River, Oregon during the month of May; and more. Enjoy!





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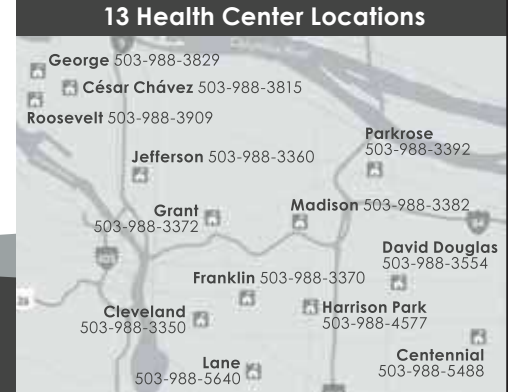
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