

# Oregon Asian Celebration to hold its 34th annual event highlighting Asian cultural heritage

The Eugene/Springfield Asian Council is ringing in the Year of the Pig with its 34th annual Oregon Asian Celebration. The event, themed “Year of the Pig — Get Spirited Away,” takes place February 16 and 17 at the Lane Events Center. Doors open at 10:00am on both days with a roaring welcome of Chinese lion dancers and taiko drummers to usher in a day of good fortune and ward off evil spirits.

The weekend features colorful nonstop entertainment and dance on multiple stages, a fine arts exhibit, an Asian food court, craft and cooking demonstrations, a marketplace of more than 60 vendors, children’s activities, carnival games for kids, demonstrations of various martial arts, and Kumoricon and cosplay for teens.

For young attendees, the festival offers a “Treasure Map to Adventure,” which allows children to ask questions and learn about the diversity of Asian cultures. Treasure seekers visit various locations throughout the festival to have their map stamped. Once the map is completely stamped, children can turn it in at the Asian American Foundation of Oregon booth to collect their treasure.

Young people may also visit the Youth Room to make their own artistic creations such as masks, origami, fish prints, and Tibetan woodblock prints. Youth also may



**34TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION.** The Eugene/Springfield Asian Council is ringing in the Year of the Pig with its 34th annual Oregon Asian Celebration. The event features entertainment and dance (pictured), an Asian food court, cooking demonstrations, and more. (Photos/Matt Koenig, courtesy of the Oregon Asian Celebration)



participate in various activities presented by the International School of Modern Technology and enjoy a Japanese Carnival hosted by the Yujin Gakuen Public Japanese Immersion School.

In the crafts demonstration area, festival-goers can watch artist Aimee Yogi spin local plant fibers using a

Mahatma Gandhi-style bamboo spinning wheel in a box, Barbara Setsu demonstrate traditional Japanese book-binding, and more.

When the aroma of Asian delicacies call, hungry attendees can head over to the Asian Food Court where  
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