



17th Annual Asian American Cultural and Heritage Festival

Program Guide

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11:00 AM	Welcome Announcement	Feroz Alpaiwalla (Chairperson) and Nasima Chowdhury (President)		LIVE The Celebrating Asian American Heritage Foundation and AsiaFest organizing committee welcome you to AsiaFest 2021.
	Lion Dance		East Asia	Enjoy a blast to the past, a lion dance from the 2006 AsiaFest DVD!
	Plano Proclamation	Mayor Harry LaRosiliere		Mayor Harry LaRosiliere will welcome you to AsiaFest and proclaim May 8 as AsiaFest Day in Plano.
	Silambam	Payil Online School	India	Silambam is a traditional Tamil martial art from South India.
	Chinese Fashion Show	DFW Senior Citizen Art Troupe @ The Grove at Frisco Commons	China	A fashion show from a group of eleven senior citizens whose average age is 68. This show features qipao, a traditional Chinese dress.
	Making a Bangladeshi Dish	Nasima Chowdhury	Bangladesh	Learn how to make a Bangladeshi dish: fish dopiyaji, lentils, and rice.
	Odissi	Debkonya Banerjee	India	Enjoy this Odissi dance "Megh Pallavi". Odissi is a traditional Indian dance from the Indian state of Odisha.
11:30 AM	South Asian Fashion Show	Nasima Chowdhury and Family	Bangladesh, India, Pakistan	LIVE Explore the fashion of Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan.
	Shaolin Kung Fu	Merit Chinese School - Nathaniel Eng	Chinese culture	A demonstration of Shaolin kung fu.
11:45 AM	PSA: Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar	Frances Leung (Asian Breast Health Outreach Project)		Frances Leung will talk about breast cancer awareness, an often missed topic among Asian Americans.
	JS Chen's	JS Chen's	Chinese culture	Learn about JS Chen's, a famous dim sum restaurant in Plano and a longtime food vendor at Plano AsiaFest. Order in or go eat at JS Chen's Chinese Restaurant! Thanks for your longtime support, JS Chen's!
12:00 PM	Joshua Hough Calligraphy	Joshua Hough	Chinese culture	View a demonstration of calligraphy filmed at a previous AsiaFest from Master Joshua Hough.
	Calligraphy Demonstration	May Lee	Chinese culture	LIVE Watch May Lee, Master Hough's student, give a live demonstration of calligraphy.





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	Golden Tiger Taekwondo	Golden Tiger Taekwondo	Vietnam	The students at Golden Tiger Taekwondo, a Vietnamese taekwondo school, present their taekwondo skills.
	Natyasthalam	Disciples of Krithika Subramanian Mukund	India	This performance will be a bharatanayam dance, a form of Indian classical dance originating from Tamil Nadu in South India.
	Kodomo no Hi - Let's make Koinobori	Japan-America Society of DFW	Japan	Kodomo no Hi is Children's Day in Japan. Learn how to craft your own mini Koinobori (carp streamer)!
	Meet the Artist	James Wendow Lee	Chinese culture	James Lee, an artist from our 2021 Asian Art Exhibition, discusses his calligraphy and its historical connection to one of the most historically significant calligraphers from 1,600 years ago.
12:30 PM	Parai	Payil Online School	India	Enjoy a performance of the parai, the oldest percussion instrument played in rural villages in South India.
	Korean Fan Dance	SUN Korean Fan Dance	Korean culture	Traditional Korean fan dancing expresses the flowers, butterflies, waves, mountains and other symbolism of nature and continues to remain an integral part of Korean culture.
	Chinese Magic Show	Mr. "Monkey King" Yang	China	LIVE Mr. Yang the Magician will present a magic show with many tricks!
	Veena	Payil Online School	India	Listen to a song played on three veenas. The veena is a traditional Indian string instrument.
	Lee's Taekwondo	Lee's U.S. Taekwondo Academy	South Korea	Master Lee and his students present their taekwondo skills.
1:00 PM	PSA: Plano Police and FBI Presentation and Q&A	Plano Police FBI		LIVE Officer Bianez (Plano PD) and Agent Manson (FBI) will talk about property safety and how to report hate crimes against AAPIs (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders).
	Guzheng	Yitong Guzheng - Huitong Wang	China	The guzheng is a traditional Chinese instrument. Hear it played in a traditional Chinese song.
1:30 PM	Soc So Bay Soc Trang	Cindy Dancers	Vietnam	Enjoy this traditional Vietnamese dance.
	Tagore on Strings	Devkumar Banerjee	India	Enjoy a traditional Indian song set on a violin.
	Delish Bubble Tea	Luchie Ibarra		Learn about one of our longtime food vendors at Plano AsiaFest, serving delicious bubble tea to our local community!





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	Joys in Raining Alley	Golden Autumn Dance Group	Chinese culture	Enjoy this Chinese folk dance that represents little town girls dancing in and enjoying the rain.
	Cantonese Kid Song, "Welcoming Spring Flowers"	Merit Chinese School - Alia and Jonathan Yau	Chinese culture	Listen to two Merit Chinese School students sing a traditional Lunar New Year song in Cantonese!
	Xinjiang Dance	Carroll High School Chinese Club	Chinese culture	Watch a traditional dance from the Xinjiang region of Asia.
	Meet the Artist	Farzana Razzaque	Bangladesh	Farzana Razzaque, an artist from our 2021 Asian Art Exhibition, is a Bangladeshi American artist, presenting her artwork <i>Into The Village on a Red Earthed Path</i> and discussing its connection to her childhood.
	K-pop FANCY by TWICE	TAMS - VIBE	Korean culture	Enjoy a dance set to FANCY by TWICE, performed by students from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science in Denton, TX.
	Making Dumplings	Mrs. Tsai	Chinese culture	Learn how to make a staple of Chinese cuisine, dumplings!
	Express Kabob	Express Kabob		Learn about one of our longtime food vendors at Plano AsiaFest, serving delicious, authentic kabobs and Afghan cuisine.
2:00 PM	PSA: Mental Health Roundtable	Mental Health Professionals		Trigger warning: Mental health. LIVE In light of recent events in our community, and since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a roundtable of mental health professionals (licensed therapists and licensed counselors) will answer your questions and discuss how to take care of your loved ones so recent tragedies will never repeat themselves again. Content warning: This segment contains content that may be uncomfortable to some. Parental advisory: Viewer discretion is advised.

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