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Time range	Performance title	Performing organization	Culture	Description
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Traditional Lion Dance Opening	Chinese Cultural Center	Chinese	Enjoy our annual festival opener: a traditional lion dance by the Chinese Cultural Center!
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Festival Opening Announcements	Celebrating Asian American Heritage (CAAHF)		
11:20 AM - 12:00 PM	Vasant Pallavi	Paisley Theater and Dance Academy	Indian	"Arabhi Pallavi" is a staple of the Odissi repertoire, highlighting the grace, precision, and lyricism of the dance form. This dance is choreographed by the legendary Maestro Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra.
	Indian Classical Dance - Bharatanatyam	Natyasthalam Vidyalaya	Indian	These verses praise Lord Krishna as the divine son, protector, and destroyer of evil, celebrating His love, strength, and grace. Through this dance, the performers express deep devotion, surrender, and gratitude to Him as the giver of protection and liberation.
	Indian Classical Dance - Bharatanatyam	Natyasthalam Vidyalaya	Indian	This dance is a heartfelt plea to Lord Venugopala, expressing surrender, longing, and a prayer for His kindness, forgiveness, and protection. Set in Ragam Bilahari and Talam Adhi, the choreography unfolds through graceful movements and expressive storytelling, bringing out the emotion and devotion embedded in the piece.
	"An Encounter with Dunhuang"	DL Dance Art School	Chinese	One dance stuns the heart; one glance spans a thousand years. As flowing blue costumes sway and the celestial dancers of Dunhuang descend gracefully, a group of

				<p>young performers transform into spirits from the ancient murals, bringing the mystery and splendor of thousand-year-old Dunhuang to the stage. With expressive eyes, elegant movements, steady technique, and breathtaking formations, they breathe new life into traditional culture through the innocence and brilliance of childhood artistry.</p>
	"The Little Basket"	DL Dance Art School	Chinese	<p>"The Little Back Basket" is a folk song that, in the style of a children's rhyme, portrays the warm and tender moments shared between ethnic minority children in western Hunan and their mothers. Through the image of the "little back basket," the song weaves together childhood memories such as picking wild fruit and watching dragon boat races. The repeated phrase "Mother's little back basket" expresses a deep longing for and remembrance of a mother's love.</p>
	Kalari and Silambam	World Federation of Kalari and Silambam	Indian	<p>The World Federation of Kalari and Silambam team is proud to present a 2,500-year-old Indian ancient martial arts tradition — Kalari and Silambam. This presentation showcases the richness of these traditional arts, featuring demonstrations of Silambam (traditional stick), spear techniques, stick fighting, sword combat, choreographed artistic stick movements, and the activation of vital points.</p>
	The Sky Calls (Tibetan dance)	FGS Dallas Temple	Chinese (Tibetan)	<p>Call of the Sky is a traditional Tibetan folk dance inspired by Tibetan culture. It is commonly performed in theatrical productions, dance competitions, and cultural showcases.</p>

	Ukulele Philippines	Jessica Maeve 'Ukulele	Filipino	Jessica Maeve is an award winning 'ukulele artist and singer songwriter. Her style of playing is original and unique, so you're always in for a treat! Welcome to the stage, Jessica Maeve!
	Taekwondo	Golden Tiger Taekwondo Academy	Korean	A traditional Taekwondo demonstration highlighting discipline, teamwork, and martial arts excellence by Golden Tiger Elite Team from Garland, TX.
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Guzheng Ensemble	Yitong Guzheng Ensemble	Chinese	Performance of two modern adaptations: Red Dust Inn, which evokes a romantic and nostalgic world of ancient China, and Huo Yuanjia, inspired by the legendary eponymous hero, expressing strength, courage, and determination. Together, these pieces showcase the beauty of tradition blended with contemporary spirit.
	Chen Style 34 Tai Chi Fan	Jian Wu Feng Min Tai Ji Group	Chinese	A dynamic martial arts routine blending Chen-style techniques with fan manipulation, emphasizing internal energy (Qi) cultivation, relaxed movements, and explosive power (Fajin).
	Nach Kudiye and Rang Rangeela	Dancing StarZ Bollywood Dance Academy	Indian	This dance medley starts with the lively Bollywood dance performance showcasing expressive gestures, rhythmic footwork, and the joyful spirit of India based on the popular Punjabi song "Nach Kudiye", followed by an energetic Bollywood dance performance with colorful moves, made even more delightful by cute costumes and lively expressions.
	Bức Họa Đồng Quê" (A Painting of the Countryside)	In't Artistic Empowerment (IAE)	Vietnamese	This Vietnamese dance is to the tune of "Bức Họa Đồng Quê" (English: A Painting of the Countryside), composed by Văn Phụng before 1955, a renowned,

				vibrant Vietnamese song that paints a vivid, colorful picture of a peaceful rural life. Known for its joyful, bustling rhythm, it is often described as one of the most cheerful songs in the 1950s Vietnamese pop music scene, celebrating the beauty of nature and the joy of harvest.	
	Asian Traditional Fashion Showcase	Ms. International Texas	Pan-Asian	Traditional fashion show dedicates to showcase heritage, craftsmanship, and evolution of clothing from specific cultures. It focus on cultural storytelling and the continuity of ancestral designs.	
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Lion Dance to the Gazebo	Chinese Cultural Center	Chinese	-	
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	Mayor's Proclamation	Mayor John Muns			-
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	Art Competition Award Ceremony	Celebrating Asian American Heritage Foundation (CAAHF)			-
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	Traditional Lion Dance Drum Show	Chinese Cultural Center	Chinese	-	

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Glimpse of the Philippines	Maharlika Dancers	Filipino	“Glimpse of the Philippines” showcases one of the country’s most popular traditional dances, Tinikling, or the bamboo dance, which depicts the movements of a bird as it gracefully skips and hops through rice paddies.
	Legend of Kung Fu	Wang Tao Kung Fu	Chinese	Ancient and timeless—Chinese Kung Fu blends combat, artistry, and athleticism. Wang Tao Kung Fu is a local studio preserving this art performing their routine for their 20th year at Plano AsiaFest.
	Asian Fusion Line Dancing	Dance E Motion	Asian Fusion	Asian Fusion Line dancing is a choreographed, non-partner dance form, where participants stand in lines or rows and execute a repeating sequence of steps in unison, usually facing the same direction.
	"Auspicious" (Tibetan dance)	Yuan Ling Dance Art	Chinese	An original choreography rooted in Tibetan dance vocabulary, blending blessings, prayers, and a celebration of life, and conveying wishes for peace and harmony.
	Silambam	Payil Silambam	Indian	In the realm of ancient martial arts, Silambam stands as a testament to India's rich cultural heritage, boasting a 2000-year legacy. This intricate and physically demanding discipline requires unwavering dedication, precision, and physical endurance. Payil Silambam is proud to present a showcase of Silambam today. Payil Silambam passes on the ancient art form to the next generation with the support of trained and skilled Aasans & dedicated students.
2:15 PM -	A Laugh at the Vast World	Sunshine Studio	Chinese	Guzheng is the most classical string instrument in the east. It evokes the sounds of flowing water, wind, and nature. Tai Chi is a traditional

2:50 PM				Chinese martial art. Together they make wonderful art.
	Ngoi Ca Que Huong Em	SKN Van Lang	Vietnamese	The song praises the beautiful homeland of Vietnam, with rivers flowing through immense rice fields with beautiful girls wearing Vietnam Southerners traditional outfits, áo bà ba, singing and dancing next to the green bamboo forest.
	Mong Chieu Xuan	SKN Cultural Services	Vietnamese	Set to a gentle and melodious tango tune, “Dream of a Spring Afternoon” evokes a dreamy and romantic springtime scene.
	Bharatanatyam	Navayukti Dance Academy	Indian	A folk classical song about Lord Muruga, combining elements of Bharatanatyam. Performed by Yashwita, Dhanmayi, Akshita, Sujantika, Mridula, Sriarvi, Ruthwika, Vernika.
	Hanfu Fashion Show	BesideYou Mandarin	Chinese	Dreaming of China is a Hanfu-themed performance featuring both Chinese and non-Chinese children. Dressed in traditional Chinese clothing, the children will present a simple runway show combined with light performances. Through this program, children share their appreciation of Chinese culture while creating a fun and engaging cultural experience for families and audiences.
	Jade Tiger Kung Fu and Tai Chi	Jade Tiger Martial Arts	Chinese	Jade Tiger Martial Arts will perform traditional Kung Fu and Tai Chi routines.
2:50 PM - 3:25 PM	Sri Rama Chandra Krupalu Bhajaman song	Charishnu Performing Arts	Indian	This song, Shri Ramchandra Kripalu, is composed by the poet Tulsidas and written in the Sanskrit and Awadhi languages. This song is often set to Raagam: Yaman Kalyan and Talam: Aadi. The song urges the mind to worship the

				compassionate Lord Ram, who removes the fear of worldly existence. It describes his physical beauty (lotus-eyed, blue-complexioned) and his divine qualities, such as being the destroyer of demons.
	Traditional Hmong Dance 1	Lone Star Hmong Dance	Hmong	This traditional Hmong dance performance tells the story of romance and courtship.
	Traditional Hmong Dance 2			This traditional Hmong dance performance will take you through the daily life of living in a Hmong village.
	24-form Tai Chi	Southlake Tai Chi	Chinese	The 24-posture Simplified Form of Tai Chi is one of the most popular tai chi forms worldwide. It's created by a group of tai chi masters in China in 1956. This performance today celebrates its 70-year anniversary!
	Sattriya Dance	North America Sattriya Dance and Traditional Arts	Indian	Experience the soul of Assam through Sattriya, one of the eight primary Indian classical dance forms. Originating in the 15th-century monasteries of the Brahmaputra Valley, this art form was founded by the great saint-reformer Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev. More than just movement, Sattriya is a living tradition of devotion, blending rhythmic footwork, expressive storytelling, and the timeless philosophy of the Bhakti movement.
	Echoes of the Tang Palace	JPS Dance School 石家萍舞蹈学校	Chinese	Set against the backdrop of ancient Chinese imperial banquets, it depicts a magnificent scene of guests gathering in celebration, with music and dance flourishing in a time of prosperity.

	Melody of Majestic Bluebird	JPS Dance School 石家萍舞蹈学校	Chinese	Ling Yu Xuan Yin follows a hero with music-based powers who grows through mystical cultivation.
	Stand up set	An Nguyen	Vietnamese American	Stand up comedy focused on An's cultural experiences as a Vietnamese American.
3:25 PM - 4:00 PM	The Spirit of Tamil Soil: Kambathu Aattam	Thaalam Performing Arts Team	Indian	"Kambathu Aattam" is an ancient folk art of India rooted in rhythm and strength. "Thaalam Performing Arts" presents this powerful dance with high energy, festive spirit, joy, and deep cultural pride.
	The Spirit of Tamil Soil: Kambathu Aattam	Thaalam Performing Arts Team	Indian	
	Mix Duet	M & M Singing Duet	Chinese	A duet of the theme song "Red Scarf", which reminisces about memories of a past lover, from the movie "Till We Meet Again"
	The Final Blossom Dance	Cambodian Women Society of Texas	Cambodian	The Final Blossom Dance tells the story of a man recalling his love for a nymph in spring, accepting that the changing seasons will soon take her away as they share their final moments together.
	Bollywood Fusion Dance	Bollywood Beats	Indian	Sona, Nithya, and Julia are passionate college students performing a Bollywood Fusion Piece! It consists of different styles of Indian Dance such as Folk Dance, Kuthu Dance, and Bollywood!
	Joyful Dance of Blessings (吉祥如意歌)	AAA Dancing Group	Chinese (Tibetan)	This dance performance features a joyful dance of a group of Tibetan girls celebrating their blessed and happy life.
	Ganesha Kautvam	Charishnu Performing Arts	Indian	Prayer to Lord Ganesha

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Blooming Red Flowers	CaiCai Dance Group	Chinese (Minority)	A Chinese minority dance depicting a young boy's love for a beautiful girl, blossoming like a red flower.
	Bharatnatyam	Agni Nritya Academy	Indian	Presented by Agni Nritya Dance Academy, this Bharatanatyam performance in Vasantha Ragam and Adi Talam captures the ineffable beauty of Lord Shiva's cosmic dance at Chidambaram, illustrating through graceful movement and expression that His divine energy transcends the power of mere words.
	Tibetan dance	Southlake Dance Studio	Chinese (Tibetan)	The dance is about people dancing and enjoying themselves in the festivals, to express the idea of a community with a shared future for mankind.
	A Man Should Strengthen Himself	Harmony Bridge Youth Orchestra	Asian American	A dynamic youth ensemble blending Eastern and Western instruments, performing the powerful classic "A Man Should Strengthen Himself."
	Studio Ghibli Medley	Yamaha Music School Plano	Japanese	Yamaha Music School Plano presents Annon Lu who will perform Entry of the Gladiators and a Studio Ghibli medley featuring works from Spirited Away & My Neighbor Totoro.
	Bharatanatyam	Navayukti Dance Academy	Indian	A Bharatanatyam performance on a poem called Nachiar Kauthavam about a goddess named Andal. Performed by Swara, Smera, Harini, Janani, Naisha, Poorvika
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Mua Tren Que Huong	SKN Cultural Services	Vietnamese	This is a dance to the song "Rain in the Homeland" by musician Minh Chau, which shows the joy and relaxation of farmers when the rice fields are watered by raindrops. The village girls in Ba Ba shirts will paint for the audience a vivid picture of the countryside.

	"Seeing Jasmine Again"	Yuan Ling Dance Art	Chinese	Inspired by a classic Chinese melody, models in qipao interact with classical dancers, creating a fusion that highlights the elegance, grace, and subtle beauty of Eastern women.
	You Raise Me Up	Dance Forever Art Group	Chinese American	An interpretive dance of the anthemic ballad "You Raise Me Up".
	George Wong and Kobe Richmond	Chinese Cultural Center	Chinese (Cantonese)	Enjoy George's audience-favorite performances of concert-style pop Cantonese songs!

Plano AsiaFest '26



2026 marks the Twenty Second Plano AsiaFest. Over the course of the past 22 years, Plano AsiaFest has become one of the largest Asian American Heritage Festivals in the region.

The success of this festival would not have been possible without the many talented members of the community creating the stage performances, the legions of volunteers from area businesses, PISD and other area school districts, the cultural and business booth vendors, and the food vendors.

In particular, we are grateful for the continued support of the Mayor of Plano and the members of the Plano City Council, the Plano Heritage Commission, and our sponsors who make this event possible.

Last but not least, we want to thank the visitors to Plano AsiaFest. We hope you enjoy the Festival and we invite you to join us by becoming sponsors, volunteers and booth participants in the future.

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