

EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 - 10:45

Origami Workshop with Stacey Tamaki
@GR Art Museum Studio

11:00

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL KICK-OFF

Taiko Drummers

Michigan Hyiru Daiko

Dynamic professional taiko (Japanese) drumming group, sets the official start of Grand Rapids Asian Festival.

11:15

Small Village in the Rain (Dance)
Chinese Association of West Michigan
Poetic string and wind melodies and misty rainwater instantly bring audience to the rainy small villages in southern Jiangsu of China. Beautiful ladies in traditional dress, holding a paper umbrella, dance in the ethereal melodies so gracefully and elegantly.
Performers: Rachel Cheng, Yan Yu and Ping Zhao.

11:15 - 12:00

Baybayin Presentation/Workshop
with Kristian Kabuay @GR Art Museum Studio

11:30

Yoga From the Heart Yoga Center
Join Behnie Masson, Owner of From the Heart Yoga Center, for an interactive presentation exploring the joy of movement through Heart Centered Hatha Yoga. Suitable for all levels of students.

12:00

Opening Ceremony

Announcement with Jennifer Pascau. Welcome remarks by Minnie Morey, WMAAA Executive Director. Remarks by Evette Pittman, representing the City of GR. Remarks by David Dams representing Old National Bank. Committee member introduction by Ace Marasigan followed by Lion Dance Performance

12:15

Taiko Drummers

Michigan Hyiru Daiko second set

12:35

Kinawan Drum Dance

12:45

Laotian Dance

Combining the richness of Lao music with the graceful movements of dancers, Lao dance is distinctive and sets Laos apart from its neighbors. The traditional Lam Vong dance will be performed today by the Lao CRC Church of Holland.

12:50

Bhutanese Dance Group

Song name: Danfe Jhain Nachne

1:00

Tai Chi/Kung Fu Demo

Master Lee's School of Tai Chi Praying Mantis Kungfu and Tai Chi Jeung Sifu Lee Hoa Yen was born in Fujian province in China. When he was 14 he immigrated south to Saigon. It is in Saigon (Ho Chi Min City) that he met Sigung Chiu Chuk Kai and began his studies of Chuk Kai's Tai Chi Praying Mantis System. After many years of intense daily training, Sifu Lee inherited the complete Tai Chi Praying Mantis System. The complete system

includes internal and external training, hand routines, and the 18 classical weapons of Kung Fu. In addition Sifu Lee is known for his expertise in Tai Chi Praying Mantis and Tai Chi Jeung Techniques, Iron Shirt, Iron Palm, and Exotic Weapons. Sifu Lee was selected as one of the 12 disciples of Grandmaster Chiu, known as "The 12 Guardians" in Chuk Kai's Tai Chi Praying Mantis System. Check sifulee.com for more information.

1:20

Taiko Drummers

Michigan Hyiru Daiko 3rd set

1:30

Lotus Pond Moon Light, Blooming Flowers and Full Moon

Chinese Association of West Michigan

1:40

Pacific Island Dancers

The Pacific Island Dancers, directed by Minnie Morey, performs cultural dances from the islands of Hawaii and Tahiti. The group provides an educational as well as an entertaining program for diverse audiences, community and private events. The dancers will be accompanied by the "Hoapii" musicians group from the Chicago area.

2:20

Danfe Jhain Nachne

Bhutanese Dance Group

2:35

Live Calligraphy (Baybayin)

Performance

INTRO BY: LILLY WILMER
San Francisco artist Kristian Kabuay's large scale calligraphy performance. (Baybayin: Pre-Filipino script)

2:45

Giring Giring

Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Dance Group
INTRO BY: TED JAUW
Indonesian Dance

3:00

Aikido Demo

Grand Rapids Aikiki Kyoseikan Dojo
The Kyoseikan Dojo is a traditional martial arts and Japanese culture school. Dedicated to the study of self protection, community empowerment, and most importantly self-development, the Kyoseikan dojo is home to the arts of Aikido, Uechi-Ryu Karate-Do, Iaido (traditional Japanese swordsmanship), Women's Self Defense courses, Zen @ 10! (our Sunday mornings meditation group), and Japanese Language and Shodo (brush work/ writing) Classes! Here you will find serious students and instructors with a passion for development through training in a safe (and very clean) environment. We Welcome & Respect All Individuals From All Walks Of Life (& expect the same in return). The Kyoseikan Dojo is currently accepting new students for all programs.

3:15

Sajani Sajani Radnika Lo Dance

Bengali Dance

Performed on a song "Sajani Sajani Radnika Lo" written by Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. This dance is a fusion of two dance forms: Rabindranritya and Kathak. Participants: Sangeeta Ghosh,

Mousumi Mallick, and Banhishikha Mazumda

Pindare Polasher Bon Folk Dance

performance

Bengali Dance

Folk dance performed with a song, "Ranga Matir Patho". Participants: Pubali Baghi, Mousumi Ghosh Bhattacharya, Kantashree Majumdar, Dyuti Chaudhuri Dey, and Lena

3:25

Lion Dancers

3:40

Bollywood Fusion

INTRO BY: SANGEETA GHOSH

Enjoy a mix of high energy Bollywood hits by these two siblings:
Kevin and Rea Parocararan

3:55

Radha- Krishna dance

Fusion of Indian classical dance forms - Kathak and Bharathanatyam depicting the essence of affection between Radha and Krishna.
Participants- Rea Parocararan & Prathibha Balan

4:00

Songs sung in Vietnamese

by Luong Chi Cuong, Anh Trang and Adrian Dang.

4:30

Iaido Demo

Katherine Roo Heins Sensei
INTRO BY: MAYUMI BALFOUR
Iaido, a form of Japanese swordsmanship, involves the study of forms in which the practitioner draws a sword from its scabbard in a smooth, controlled movement.

Iaido is focused on cultivating the mind and conditioning the body through rigorous and focused training, with the objective of improving the self rather than preparing to harm others. This objective can be summarized as the cultivation of fudoshin ("immovable mind" or "immovable heart"), a state of psychological and spiritual equanimity or imperturbability.

4:45

Mastani

Bollywood dance
Combining the mythical beauty of ancient India along with the modern spirit of Iaido. We present you the vibrant dance to the song Divani Mastani from the movie Bajirao Mastani. Participants-Naomi Philip, Megha Gordon, Rea Parocararan, Serin Joice, Rachel Thomas, Reena Mathews, Prathibha Balan, Mitra Bijoy

5:00

Karaoke Contest

Hosted by Alice Kennedy

5:20

A.C.E. Award

Asian Community Excellence Award

5:30

Lion Dancers

5:40

Roll Call of Nations

George Aquino

5:55

Hosted Show

Fashioned by Claire Horlings

6:15

Tae Kwon Do Demo

The Good Institute of Tae Park Tae Kwon Do
The Good Institute is a branch of Tae Park Tae Kwon Do. Tae Park Tae Kwon Do was started by Grand Master Tae Zee Park in 1974 in Jackson, Michigan. Grand Master Park (9th Dan) is a well known TKD Grand Master with over 50 years as a Black Belt, Korean Champion 1963-1968, Instructor National Teacher's College, Vice-President Chung Do Kwan Alumni in the USA. He is a direct student of Grand Master Woon Kyu Uhm.

6:30

RevelAsians

Filipino rock band based in Grand Rapids, with some songs in Tagalog and English.

7:00

Sin Republic Hair Demo

Owner of Sin Republic hair salon will demonstrate Vortex, the hair sculpting technique he created.

7:15

Karate Demo

Uechi-Ryu Karate Do
Uechi-Ryu is an intense traditional Okinawan style of karate. Uechi bends native Okinawa techniques with a style of Chinese Kung fu in strong system that emphasizes strong body conditioning, quick powerful open hand strikes, and pointed toe kicks. Youth and Adult programs available with the first trial class FREE!

7:30

Tinkling

The Tinkling is regarded as the national dance of the Philippines. The folk dance portrays tinkling birds who are a nuisance to farmers in the fields who try to trap them. Two dancers perform this dance between two bamboo representing the traps.

7:40

Rangila Khelaiya

Gujarati Folk Dance -Choreographed by Sonal Patel

7:55

61Syx Technique

61Syx Technique provides a high energy, interactive, all ages performance that displays the roots of Hip Hop Culture in it's purest form.

8:10

DJ Ace Marasigan

Asian dance music.

8:30

DJ Parra

West Michigan DJ Jon Parra has produced and performed different genres such as moonbation, dubstep, electro, trap, future bass, rap, and glitch hop.

9:00

Festival Closes