

Chinese Arts Festival

IN NEW HAVEN



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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 2 - 3, 2013

SATURDAY, MARCH 2					
10:00 am	Lion Dance Parade <i>(Whitney Avenue between Grove and Trumbull)</i>				
Location	New Haven Museum 114 Whitney Avenue			Henry R. Luce Hall 34 Hillhouse Avenue Room 203	
1:00 pm	Tai Chi Workshop	Snake Petting Zoo	Arts and Crafts Table	New Haven Museum Exhibits	Chinese Instruments Demonstration 45 min
2:00 pm	Chinese Dance Workshop 45 min				Chinese Instruments Demonstration 45 min
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4:00 pm	EastRiver Ensemble Performance <i>(New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue)</i>				

LION DANCE PARADE 10:00 AM

Location: Whitney Avenue between Grove and Trumbull

The Wan Chi Ming Hung Gar Institute's lion dance troupe will perform down the streets of Whitney Avenue with two lions to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The lion dances to get a cabbage (a symbol for wealth) and *hongbao* (a red envelope with money inside). Lion dance troupes go from shop to shop to bring good luck to the shopkeepers and ward off bad spirits. Shopkeepers traditionally hang a cabbage with *hongbao* in their doorway for the lion to eat. The *hongbao* can also be fed directly to the lion. A good performance involves martial arts and collaborative skill to animate the lion.

NEW HAVEN MUSEUM 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue

Exhibits include “The New Haven Green: Centerpiece of a City,” “Cycle New Haven,” and “One Hundred Fifty Years of Collecting: Eight Documents from Four Centuries.” Permanent exhibits include the “Maritime New Haven” and “Cinque Lives Here” (Amistad), as well as an array of artifacts, documents, and art from New Haven history in the “New Haven Illustrated” Gallery. Please note that admission to the Museum is free only for children and their adult companions participating in the special events and activities for the Chinese Arts Festival.

SNAKE PETTING ZOO 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue

In celebration of the Year of the Snake, West Rock Nature Center will exhibit a variety of snakes for visitors to learn about and interact with at the New Haven Museum. All ages welcome.

TAI CHI WORKSHOP 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue

Master Aiping Cheng instructs a 45-minute introductory course on Tai Chi, one of the major pastimes of the Chinese used both for martial arts training as well as internal well-being. Tai Chi is founded on the yin-yang balance system and the five agents (“wu xing”) theory (water, fire, earth, wood, metal). Recommended for ages 12+.

CHINESE DANCE WORKSHOP 2:00 PM, 2:45 PM

Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue

Members of Yale undergraduate dance troupes teach a few traditional Chinese dances, such as the fan dance. Students of any age learn to express individual artistry as well as group collaboration in fluid motions and coordinated formations.

CHINESE INSTRUMENTS DEMONSTRATION 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM

Location: Room 203, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

The New York-based EastRiver Ensemble showcases Chinese instruments (such as *erhu* and *guzheng*) with explanations of origin and role in an orchestra. The Ensemble performs a short excerpt at the end of each session and will provide a final performance at 4:00 PM at the New Haven Museum (114 Whitney Avenue).




EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Location	Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue		
	Auditorium	Room 202	Room 203
1:00 pm	Fireside Chat with Audra Ang 75 min	Papercutting Craft Table	Calligraphy Workshop 45 min
2:00 pm			Calligraphy Workshop 45 min
3:00 pm	Peacock Dance Demonstration and Performance 30 min		

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH AUDRA ANG 1:00 - 2:15 PM

Location: Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

Join Yale-China Association Executive Director Nancy Yao Maasbach as she moderates a conversation with Audra Ang, a Beijing-based correspondent for The Associated Press from 2002 through 2009. Ms. Ang will talk about her experiences and observations as a reporter and food taster through China. Ms. Ang's new book "To the People, Food is Heaven" will be available for purchase and signing at this author's talk.

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM

Location: Room 203, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

Expert calligrapher instructs on the art of Chinese calligraphy and brush strokes. Students learn about some basic cultural elements that form the underpinning of this art. Students will be able to practice brush strokes and learn a few Chinese characters.

PAPERCUTTING CRAFT TABLE 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Room 202, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

Learn the art of Chinese papercutting. Intricate designs illustrate ancient symbols or household designs that are fashioned with delicate *mian* paper. Students cut and keep their designs.

PEACOCK DANCE DEMONSTRATION AND PERFORMANCE 3:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

Xi Wang, the renowned dancer of the *Dai* ethnic tribe peacock dance, demonstrates some of the peacock motions and explains the meaning behind each motion. In the *Dai* culture, the peacock represents grace and beauty, and the associated dance features a repertoire of skilled wrist, hand, and arm movements, each illustrating the elegance and flexibility of the dancer. Q&A follows.

For more information or to **REGISTER**, please visit www.yalechina.org/snake