

Community Calendar 2008.12.01

Dear Friends,

December, despite economic worries, wars, global warming,  
worldwide social & political unrest -

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**Monday, December 1, 4:30 – 6 pm**

MIN JEONG KOH violinist  
Starbucks @ Aztec Center  
San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Dr, SD 92182

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**Wednesday, December 3, 5 pm – 7 pm**

ASIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION of SAN DIEGO  
ABA Openhouse/New Members Orientation  
5675 Ruffin Road, Suite 305, SD 92123

4:30 pm new members' orientation  
5:30 pm - 7 pm reception/open house  
Mix & mingle, enjoy hors d'oeuvres  
Members free, non-members \$10, door \$10  
RSVP required, 858.277.2822  
[www.abasd.org](http://www.abasd.org), [erica@abasd.org](mailto:erica@abasd.org)

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**Thursday, December 4, 3 pm**

CAMPAIGN for HIGH SCHOOL EQUITY to address  
California & nation's dropout crisis with panel discussion:  
"High School Dropouts: An Education & Economic Crisis  
for California & the Nation"; policy briefing includes data  
on Asian Pacific American students & myth of model minority;  
reception follows discussion

San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive  
San Diego 92101, Room 17A, Mezzanine Level

To attend, contact Eleonor Castillo, President, FILOMEDA,  
[eleonorcastillo.filameda@gmail.com](mailto:eleonorcastillo.filameda@gmail.com),  
& she will forward your name to event

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**Thursday, December 4, 6pm –**

HONG KONG ASSOCIATION of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA's  
2008 HOLIDAY BANQUET 節日宴會  
Networking & registration 6 pm – 7 pm  
Dinner & program 7 pm – 8:30 pm  
Jasmine Chinese Seafood Restaurant  
4609 Convoy Street, SD 92111, 858.268.0888

Ballroom & line dancing, Chinese ethnic dance, guitar;  
Update on U.S.-China/Hong Kong trade opportunities  
Emcee Marcella Lee, KFMB-TV anchor/reporter

Guests include 23-member delegation from Chongqing Municipality of China on visit with American Society for Quality (ASQ) SD Chapter/ ASQ-China, To learn abt US standards for quality control/ product safety -- And numerous other dignitaries

Members \$25, non-members \$30, at door \$40  
RSVP Raneer or Maggie 213.622.9446, [info@hkasc.org](mailto:info@hkasc.org)  
Make check payable to Hong Kong Ass'n of Southern California  
350 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 139, Los Angeles, CA 90071

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**Thursday, December 4, 6 pm – 9 pm**

JAPAN SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO & TIJUANA

Annual Bonenkai / Holiday Party

Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado, Balboa Park,  
To view exhibit *Kimono as Art*, [www.timkenmuseum.org](http://www.timkenmuseum.org),  
social exchange, networking, Japanese food & beverage.

JSSDT members \$20, JSSDT friends \$40

RSVP [www.japan-society.org](http://www.japan-society.org), 858.467.1727

All guests should bring unwrapped children's school & art supplies (preferably in quantities of 30 ea) as donation to community library in neighborhood of Ejido Chilpancingo, Tijuana, Mexico.

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**Friday, December 5, 7:30 pm**

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE presents

ZITHER TRADITIONS of the WORLD with

Curt Bouterse, American hammer & fretted dulcimers;

Reiko Obata, koto; Dara Bamoradi, Persian qanun

Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road,  
Chula Vista. 619.482.6367. FREE!

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**Friday, December 5, 5 pm – 10 pm**

**Saturday, December 6, 12 noon – 10 pm**

BALBOA PARK DECEMBER NIGHTS 2008

San Diego's largest free community festival

Activities include food from around the globe at International Christmas Festival, House of Pacific Relations Cottages; participating Balboa Park museums FREE 5 pm – 9 pm both nights; gift shopping at museum stores & Spanish Village; Santa Lucia procession at Museum of Man;

music & dance from SD Junior Theatre, SD Civic Youth Ballet, SD Civic Dance Arts – watch for breakdance teacher  
Dat Nguyen of Pho Bangers performing every hour from 5:15 pm,  
San Diego Taiko at World Beat Center 8:30 pm,  
plus much, much more

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**Friday-Thursday, December 5-11**

JAPAN SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO & TIJUANA

& SAN DIEGO ASIAN FILM FOUNDATION  
Present Kurosawa Classics  
At UltraStar Cinemas, Chula Vista  
555 Broadway, Chula Vista 91910-5307

General admission \$8  
Student, military, senior, SDAFF & JSSDT members \$5  
Matinees before 4 pm & all day Tuesday \$5

**December 5**

6:00 pm Kurosawa Classics reception  
6:30 pm San Diego Taiko performs  
7:30 pm Yojimbo

**December 6**

3:45 pm Rashomon  
6:30 pm Seven Samurai

**December 7**

12:30 pm High & Low  
4:15 pm Yojimbo  
6:30 pm Hidden Fortress

**December 8**

2:00 pm Seven Samurai  
5:45 pm Rashomon  
7:45 pm High & Low

**December 9**

2:00 pm High & Low  
5:30 pm Yojimbo  
7:30 pm Ikiru

**December 10**

3:00 pm Ikiru  
6:00 pm Seven Samurai

**December 11**

3:00 pm Seven Samurai  
7:30 pm Rashomon

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**Saturday, December 6, 2 pm – 5 pm**

PASACAT's 12<sup>th</sup> annual PAROL LANTERN FESTIVAL  
at St. Rita's School Auditorium, 5115 Churchward,  
SD 92114, 619.262.2032

Merienda (festive meal of pancit, lumpia, pandesal & turon),  
Cultural exhibits, including PASACAT's collection of parols,  
Parol workshops & parol kits; pabitin for children 5 – 12.

Performances by PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company,  
Rondalla string ensemble, Halau 'O Pualani, IDK hip-hop group,  
Tagalog Christmas songs by St. Rita's Folk Choir, Mark Mejia

Tickets \$15 reserved & sponsor seats, \$12 general admission,  
\$10 students, seniors & active-duty military; purchase at door.  
[www.pasacat.org](http://www.pasacat.org), [admin@pasacat.org](mailto:admin@pasacat.org), 619-477-3383

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**Saturday, December 6, 7 pm**

8<sup>th</sup> annual HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT with

Hawaiian recording artists Makaha Sons, Daniel Ho & Darlene Ahuna  
Keolo Koko, Hula Halau `O Lilinoe ame Na Pua me Kealoha,  
Heali`is Polynesian Revue, Na Pua Ilima o Kehaulani

VIP ticket \$75 includes premium seating, pupu party,  
meet & greet the artists and souvenir photo:  
Call 619.306.9817 (not sold at the theatre)  
Additional reserved seating \$34-\$38 (senior 60+ & halau discount)

The Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre  
2891 University Avenue, Suite 1, SD 92104-2929  
619.239.8836, [www.birchnorthparktheatre.net](http://www.birchnorthparktheatre.net)

For more info, Tula Striffler, 619.306.9817  
[tulaproductions@yahoo.com](mailto:tulaproductions@yahoo.com), [www.tulaproductions.org](http://www.tulaproductions.org)  
<http://www.myspace.com/tulaproductions>

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**Saturday, December 6, 8 pm; Sunday, December 7, 3 pm**  
LA JOLLA SYMPHONY & CHORUS concert "MOTION"

- Evan Ziporyn's Balinese-inspired *Frog's Eye*  
danced by Tijuana's Lux Boreal Contemporanea Danza;
- 2008 Young Artists Competition winner Margaret Zhou  
performs Shostakovich's *Cello Concerto No. 1*;
- and Igor Stravinsky's *Petrushka*

Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD Campus  
[www.lajollasympphony.com](http://www.lajollasympphony.com), 858.534.4637  
Tickets adult \$26; student \$15.  
SD Chinese Ass'n group tickets: adult \$20; student \$10.  
Contact Jing Zeng 858.268.7010; Jane Hou 858.444.2428

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**Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 pm**  
PRAYER SERVICE for DON YOON & HIS FAMILY  
Pastors of Korean United Methodist Church of San Diego  
invite the public to attend a service for Don Yoon & his family:  
wife Youngmi Yoon, 36; 15-month-old daughter Grace Yoon;  
2-month-old daughter Rachel Yoon; mother-in-law, Seokim Kim, 60,  
tragically killed in crash of Miramar-based military jet on their house

3520 Mount Acadia Blvd, near Mount Abbey Ave in Clairemont,  
SD 92111, 858.569.4069

Also:

**Thursday, December 11, 6 pm**  
District 1 SD Councilwoman SHERRI LIGHTNER,  
With SD Police Chief WILLIAM LANSLOWNE & military officials,  
host public forum to discuss issues such as flight operations  
at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station; meeting at  
University City High School, 6949 Genesee Ave, SD 92122  
<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/>  
<http://www.3maw.usmc.mil/f18crashinfo.htm>  
<http://www.miramar.usmc.mil/CitizenConcerns.htm>

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**Friday, December 12 – Thursday, December 18**

**TAKE OUT**

One illegal immigrant, one smuggling debt, one day to pay up

A film by Sean Baker & Shih-Ching Tsou:

Micro-budget indie guerilla filmmaking at its finest:

Made for \$3000, nominated for 2009 Independent Spirit Award

Q&A with writers/directors SEAN BAKER & SHIH-CHING TSOU

**Friday & Saturday, December 12-13, after 7:15 pm shows**

**Sunday, December 14, after 2:40 pm show**

[www.TakeOutTheMovie.com](http://www.TakeOutTheMovie.com)

Reading Cinemas Gaslamp Stadium 15

701 5th Ave, 619.232.0423, [www.ReadingCinemasUS.com](http://www.ReadingCinemasUS.com)

Daily showtimes 12:35 pm, 2:40 pm, 4:45 pm, 7:15 pm, 9:50 pm

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**Saturday, December 13, 1 pm – 4 pm**

MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM, ESCONDIDO

and PERSIAN CULTURAL CENTER invite you to

PERSIAN FAMILY FESTIVAL, a celebration of

Persian artistic & cultural traditions, in conjunction with exhibit,

NOMADIC LEGACY – Tent & Textiles from Central Asia & Iran.

FREE! Enjoy performances by Persian Cultural Dance Academy and classical & folk musicians; take docent-led tour of exhibition, learn how to write your name using Persian calligraphy.

Mingei International Museum Escondido, 155 West Grand Ave, Escondido 92025, [www.mingei.org](http://www.mingei.org), 760.735.3355

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**Saturday, December 13, 6 pm – 10 pm**

NORTHPARK NIGHTS include "Asian Themed Art Event"

Hosted by Silk Road Productions & Crunchy Sandwich

during Northpark Nights, formerly known as Ray at Night,

3049 University Ave, corner of University & Grim, North Park

- Local & international artists Terry Matsuoka, Joseph Naval, Nicole Terzic, Steven "Shao" Taing, Jarrett Quon, & many more
- DJ Gavy Gav & possibly Full Clip
- Entertainment, live music Terry Matsuoka, Brenda Xu & more
- Tea ceremony

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**Saturday, December 13, 7 pm**

RED LOTUS SOCIETY invites you to

Holiday Mock-tail Party at the historic Ideal Hotel

542 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, SD 92101, 619.808.9847

Live music @ 8 pm, cookie contest potluck,

Non-alcoholic drinks, elixirs & tonics

\$5 donation, 1 free drink with donation

[www.redlotussociety.org](http://www.redlotussociety.org), [peace@redlotussociety.org](mailto:peace@redlotussociety.org)

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**Sunday, December 14, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**  
MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM's  
Members' Holiday Party for members & families  
1439 El Prado, Balboa Park, SD 92101

Refreshments & holiday music by Westwind Brass  
Tour current exhibits, including SHIBUI –  
The Subtle Beauty of Japanese Craft  
RSVP 619.239.0003, ext 404, [www.mingei.org](http://www.mingei.org)

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**Sunday, December 14 (all day)**  
JAPANESE TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO hosts  
MOCHITSUKI, making of sweet rice mochi for New Year  
(sweet rice steamed, mallet-pounded & hand-shaped into mochi).  
Everyone is invited to participate in this age-old tradition;  
Obon Again Shop open for holiday gifts

2929 Market St, SD 92102  
[info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net), [www.btsd.net](http://www.btsd.net), 619.239.0896

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**Thursday, December 18, 6 pm – 7:30 pm**  
SAN DIEGO OPERA invites prospective supers to  
2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL SEASON SUPER OPEN HOUSE  
in the Copper Room of Golden Hall.  
RSVP by December 12 to Super Hotline 619.533.7073

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**Sunday, December 21, 7 pm**  
SD CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHORALE sings  
Excerpts from HANDEL's MESSIAH in  
Christmas concert conducted by Maestro Jahja Ling,  
Music Director, SD Symphony,  
at Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
639 East 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Escondido, Ca 92725  
(corner of East 17<sup>th</sup> Ave & Encino Dr)  
Children under 8 not admitted

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**Friday, December 26, 7 pm**  
**Saturday, December 27, 1 pm, 7 pm**  
**Sunday, December 28, 1 pm**  
San Diego Falun Dafa Association presents  
New York-based DIVINE PERFORMING ARTS  
Elite company of dancers, singers & musicians in  
CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR in SAN DIEGO  
classical Chinese dance & music, ethnic & folk dances  
San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Ave, SD 92101

Buy tickets online from [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
Information hotline 888.9SD.SHOW(973-7469)  
Ticket hotlines: Theatre 619.570.1100 (Mon-Fri 10am-6pm)  
Chinese line 888.9SD.SHOW (973-7469) (Mon-Sun 8am-10pm)  
Ticket prices \$200, \$120, \$90, \$70, \$50, \$30  
<http://www.sdspectacular.org/>, [vwang@epochtimes.com](mailto:vwang@epochtimes.com)

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**Monday, December 29, 9 am – 1 pm**

The SAN DIEGO CHINESE COMMUNITY  
Proudly participates in 2008 PACIFIC LIFE HOLIDAY BOWL's  
PORT of SAN DIEGO BIG BAY BALLOON PARADE  
(Route along North Harbor Dr from County Administration Bldg  
to Pacific Highway & West Harbor Dr)  
Lion dance, kung fu, yao gu drums, yangge dance,  
children's dances, giant Chinese lantern balloon

Community sponsors: House of China, Hua Xia Chinese School,  
Families with Children from China – San Diego,  
SD Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association,  
SD Chinese Association, SD Chinese Women's Association,  
American Chinese Culture & Education Foundation

For info, David Seid 858.699.1900, [seid.david@gmail.com](mailto:seid.david@gmail.com)  
[simonfang@cox.net](mailto:simonfang@cox.net)

Also, Asia Media Inc presents HEALI'IS POLYNESIAN REVUE  
in downtown San Diego, [www.healiis.com](http://www.healiis.com)

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**Wednesday, December 31, 7 pm – 1 am**

Beyond Productions & Jasmine Restaurant present  
ONE WORLD 2008 NEW YEAR'S EVE BENEFIT GALA  
At Jasmine Seafood Restaurant, 4609 Convoy St, SD 92111

Gourmet lobster & steak dinner, dancing, party favors  
Live music 5South Band: 60s, 70s, 80s & contemporary  
Fashion show spectacular, professional photographer,  
Champagne, balloon drop at midnight, [www.OneWorldGala.org](http://www.OneWorldGala.org)

Tickets \$70 ea/ \$650 per table of ten (before Dec 25);  
\$85/ \$800 table of 10 (after Dec 25); \$100 (at the door),  
\$45 (entrance after 10 pm, Dec 31, no dinner)  
Please reserve your seats early. Seating limited

Proceeds donated to ACCEF to build a school  
for earthquake victims in Sichuan Province, China

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**Wednesday, December 31, 7 pm**

DHARMA BUM TEMPLE invites you to  
3<sup>rd</sup> annual NEW YEAR's EVE CELEBRATION  
7 pm vegetarian potluck, 9 pm The Empty Bowl Sutra  
by Venerable Walter, 11:45 pm silent meditation  
Special appearance by Dharma Bum Jake & Dharma Bum Derek

Dharma Bum Temple, 541 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, SD 92101, 858.922.8811  
RSVP [peace@thedharmabums.org](mailto:peace@thedharmabums.org), [www.thedharmabums.org](http://www.thedharmabums.org)

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**Wednesday, December 31, 7:30 pm**

JAPANESE TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO's Year-End Service

includes kansho bell-ringing & traditional soba snack.  
2929 Market St, SD 92102  
[info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net), [www.btsd.net](http://www.btsd.net), 619.239.0896

Year-End Bell Ringing at Shelter Island Friendship Bell 11:30 pm  
"Ring out the old" on the bonsho, gift to San Diego  
from City of Yokohama, at south end of Shelter Island Dr.  
Ceremony begins promptly at 11:30 pm.  
FREE! families welcome; dress warmly.

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY:

**Tuesday, November 11, 2008 – Friday, January 9, 2009**  
FUJIKO ISOMURA at the St. Clair Gallery  
At East County Business Center  
Holiday Invitational Art Exhibit, 140 works by 40 artists  
Artists reception Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 pm–8:30 pm  
270 East Douglas Ave, El Cajon 92020  
<http://FujikoArt.com>

Thank you, as always, for your warm support  
of our Asian Pacific Islander communities;  
may the new year bring peace and joy,  
good health and good fortune.

Sincerely,  
Linda