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Lunar New Year 2016 at The Bellevue Collection Celebrates Centuries Old Tradition with Music, Dance and Art

BELLEVUE, Wash. (February 8, 2016) – Lunar New Year comes to The Bellevue Collection on one spectacular and colorful day filled with dance, music and art, including traditional events such as the Lion Dance and the Chinese Lion and Dragon Parade. The event, held in Bellevue Square’s Center Court on Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., also celebrates the richly diverse cultural heritage of the community.



The 2015 Lunar New Year celebration at The Bellevue Collection. Photo: Vivian Hsu, Team Photogenic.

Partnering with the Taiwan Benevolent Association of America, Overseas Community Affairs Council - Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Seattle Chinese Culture and Arts Association (SCCAA), the celebration will include traditional and contemporary cultural demonstrations of martial arts, music, dance, visual and fine arts as well as dumpling sampling from the ever popular restaurant Din Tai Fung (limited time).

“This marks the 5th year The Bellevue Collection and the Seattle Chinese Culture and Arts Association are hosting the premier Lunar New Year Celebration event in the Pacific Northwest,” says Taidi Fang of the SCCAA. She adds that the celebration is, “a market-place of family fun, non-stop live cultural entertainment, hands-on activities that showcase the diversity, richness and culture of the Chinese community.”

One of the most dramatic and visually stunning events of the day will be the Chinese Lion and Dragon Parade running from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. The dragon dance is performed by a team of dancers who manipulate a long flexible figure of a dragon using poles positioned at regular intervals along the length of the dragon. Other events include demonstrations and performances by martial arts groups, Chinese opera, traditional dance and music, plus family friendly activities including flying lantern and Golden Monkey Hanging Art DIYs, Chinese Calligraphy demonstrations and more located on the second floor near J.Crew.

Kids 12 years old and younger can also enter the Wing Luke Museum's 2016 Year of the Monkey Coloring Contest for a chance to win an \$800 gift certificate from The Bellevue Collection. Visit www.wingluke.org/coloring-contest for more information.

"We live in a richly diverse community and celebrations like Lunar New Year give us an opportunity to appreciate that diversity and foster a greater understanding of the many cultures and traditions of the Eastside," says Jennifer Leavitt, vice president of marketing for The Bellevue Collection. "This is a great opportunity to share in that culture and bring to life for the whole family the wonderful traditions of Lunar New Year, with entertaining and hands on activities for kids of all ages."



Dancers take the stage in a flurry of colorful costumes during the 2015 Lunar New Year Celebration at The Bellevue Collection. Photo: Vivian Hsu, Team Photogenic.

For more information on the daylong celebration at The Bellevue Collection, visit the website at lunarnewyear.bellevuecollection.com.

About The Bellevue Collection

Located in the heart of Bellevue, Washington, The Bellevue Collection, owned by Kemper Development Company and its Affiliates, includes Bellevue Square, a super-regional upscale shopping center, Bellevue Place, a mixed-use property featuring the Hyatt Regency Bellevue and small boutiques and Lincoln Square anchored by the Lincoln Square Cinemas, restaurants, home furnishings and The Westin Bellevue hotel. With a distinctive collection of 250 of the finest shops, 30 destination restaurants, a 16-screen premier cinema, 1,100 luxury hotel rooms and 10,000 free retail parking spaces, all in one location. The Bellevue Collection is a shopping, dining and nightlife and entertainment experience unlike any other in the region. It is located on Bellevue Way between NE 4th and NE 10th Streets in downtown Bellevue, just across Lake Washington from Seattle.

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Lunar New Year at The Bellevue Collection

**Schedule of Events, Saturday Feb. 20, 2016 | 11am – 6:30pm
Bellevue Square, Center Court**

11 am – 12 pm: Linking the Modern and the Traditional

Lion Dance (舞獅) by *South Puget Sound Chinese Language School Lion Dance Troop*

Taiwan Aboriginal Dance (台灣原住民舞蹈) by *Washington State Native Taiwanese American Association*

Techno Third Prince Nezha (電音三太子) by *Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors*

Dance Performance (舞蹈表演) by *Seattle Ensemble of Songs and Dances*

Chinese Kuzheng (古箏) by *Lingyu Guzheng Studio*

Chinese Riddles (猜燈謎)

12 - 1 pm: Art and Culture of Chinese Calligraphy

Calligraphy (書法) by *Professor James H. Chou, Artist Ben-Sam Ho, and Artist Sue Hwang*

1 - 2 pm: Demonstrating the Strength and Grace

Dance Performance (舞蹈表演) by *Huayin Performing Arts Group*

Chinese Kuzheng (古箏) by *Shirley Wang, Seattle KuZheng Studio*

Wushu Taichi (武術太極) by *Master Yijiao Hong, Chinese Wushu & Taichi Academy*

Chinese Riddles (猜燈謎)

2 – 3:15 pm: Lunar New Year Spectacular

Chinese Lion and Dragon Parade (龍獅獻瑞) by *International Lion Dance & Martial Arts Team*

VIP Speech (嘉賓致詞)

Monkey Year (金猴拜年) by *Master Chen Cao, Seattle Chinese Opera Academy*

Taiwan Guan Jiang Shou (官將首) by *Taiwan Traditional Folk Performing Troupes - Chen Cao, Cliff Louie, Ching-Pi Wang, Vincent Wang*

Techno Third Prince Nezha (電音三太子) by *Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors*

Military Style Precision Marching (軍事風格的精確陣行) by *Seattle Chinese Community Girls Drill Team*

Chinese Riddles (猜燈謎)

3:15 – 4:30 pm: Connecting to History and Culture Through Music and Dance

Shaolin Martial Arts (少林功夫) by *Seattle Shaolin Kung Fu Academy*

Diabolo Performance (扯鈴表演) by *Andes Lee & Sergio Myers, Bellevue High School & Issaquah High School*

Chinese Music (中樂團表演) by *Members of Washington Chinese Youth Orchestra*

Chinese Riddles (猜燈謎)

4:30 – 5:30 pm: Celebrating Pillars of a Rich Heritage

Dance Performance (舞蹈表演) by *Chinese Dance Academy*

Wu Dang (武當武術) by *Master Wu Na Chang and Master Mei-Hui Lu, International Wudang Martial Arts Academy*

Flute Solo (笛子獨奏) by *Jin Liang Ji, Distinguished Flute Musician*

Chinese Riddles (猜燈謎)

5:30 – 6:30 pm: Weaving a Dramatic Culture Fiber

Dance Performance (舞蹈表演) by *Seattle Folk Dance Club*

Flute Solo (笛子獨奏) by *Jin Liang Ji, Distinguished Flute Musician*

Kunqu Opera (崑曲) by *Hwa Sheng Chinese Opera Club — Opera performer Shung-Chiu Wang, Alice Ohlfs*

Kung Fu, Martial Arts Demonstration (風武雷動) by *Master TianYuan Li, Northwest Wushu Seattle Martial Art School*

Dumpling Sampling: 12 – 3 pm From *Din Tai Fung (while samples last)*

Family Friendly Activities

11am – 6pm | Located on the second floor near J.Crew

- **Fans (扇子)**
- **Firecracker (鞭炮)**
- **Wealth Fish (年年有魚)**
- **Monkey Face Mask (猴臉面具)**
- **Golden Monkey Hanging Art (金猴吊飾)**
- **Chinese Knot (中國結)**

by Legacy Multicultural and Educational Service Center

- **Bookmark (書籤)**
- **Red Paper Bag Lantern (紅包燈籠)**
- **Little Fish Hanging Art (小魚春節吊飾)**
- **Chinese Spring Ornament (春聯裝飾)**
- **Chinese Character Paper Cutting (立體漢字剪紙)**
by Sound Education International

- **Brown Bag Lion (祥獅)**
- **Blessing Chinese Character (福字掛飾)**
- **Door Knob Hanging Art (門把掛飾)** *by Seattle Culture and Education Institute*

- **Paper Clay (紙黏土)** *by PiHua Hsiao, Gina, Polly, Melanie*

- **Chinese Spring Festival Couplet (寫春聯)**

- **Calligraphy (書寫中文名)** *by Sue Hwang*