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**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT NAVY PIER  
Year of the Ox: 4707**

**WHO:** Navy Pier and the Chinese Fine Arts Society.

**WHAT:** A FREE celebration of Chinese culture and heritage featuring lion dancers, choral groups, folk dancers, traditional music, puppetry, and more. A beautiful, exciting, inspiring celebration of the Chinese New Year: Year of the Ox: 4707.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 24, 2009, 12 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens – 600 E. Grand Avenue.

**DETAILS:** Please send your TV camera crews or newspaper photographers to cover some of the stunningly beautiful Chinese holiday observances that will transform Navy Pier's Crystal Garden (located in the main Head House at the Pier) into one of the most colorful celebrations of the year.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE ATTACHED**  
**(subject to change)**

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**PROGRAM**

12:00 Welcome remarks by Chinese Fine Arts Society President

12:05 Lion Dance and Martial Arts Demonstration

- Chicago Chinese Cultural Center Lion Dance Troupe

12:25 Chinese Fine Arts Society Chorus

- “Happy New Year” (Her Hsing Nien)
- “The Sunset Accompanies Me”
- “Grandma’s Perng Hu Gulf”

12:35 Chinese Opera by Tung-Ling L. Chen

- “The Maid Scarlet”

12:50 Hakkanese Folk Dance

- “Tine Kung Lor Shuey (Rain from the Sky)”

Singers: Ching Rong Chou, Peter Tseng (Chicago Hakka Chorus)

Dancers: Rei Ling Chang, Yu Ling Jian, Sherry Yu (The Chicago Hakka Chorus Dance Troupe)

12:55 Chinese Instrument Demonstrations:

Gu Zeng Solo (Chinese Zither) by Judy Tseng

Yangqin Solo by Karen Hong

Erhu Solo by Betti Xiang

Erhu Ensemble by Betti Xiang’s students

*Song Titles:*

- “Battle with the Typhoon” – Gu Zeng by Judy Tseng
- “Old Folks at Home (Suwannee River)” – Gu Zeng by Judy Tseng
- “Yu Da Ba Jiao” (Cantonese Music) – Yangqin Solo by Karen Hong
- Three Refrains of “The Song of Yang Guan Pass” (Ancient Tune) – Erhu Solo
- “Horse Racing” by Haihuaii Huang – Erhu Solo
  - Erhu: Betti Xiang
  - Yangqin: Karen Hong
- “New Year’s Eve” by Tien Hwa Liu – Erhu Ensemble by students of Betti Xiang
- “Spring Garden” by Zen Dor Chen – Erhu Ensemble by students of Betti Xiang

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- 1:35 Traditional and Contemporary Tai Chi Dance
- Wu Dang Sword by Wu Shu Dragon Group – Ching Rong Chou, Peter Tseng
  - Yuanji Dance “Heh Hsieh Zee Guan” (The Light of Harmony) by Shu-Hwi Chang, Sherry Yu, Mann-Yi Hsieh
- 1:45 Chinese Shadow Puppet Show: “Greetings from the Ox”
- Puppeteers: Lori Ho, Shaun Ho, and Tina Ho
- 1:50 Chinese Puppet Show: “The Princess Chooses An Ideal Husband” – A Xing Jian folk tale
- Puppeteers: Janice Lam and Jessica Lam
- 10 minute break (2:00 – 2:10)**
- 2:10 Lion Dance and Martial Arts Demonstration
- Chicago Chinese Cultural Center Lion Dance Troupe
- 2:30 Chinese Opera by Tung-Ling L. Chen
- “The Maid Scarlet”
- 2:45 Chinese Fine Arts Society Chorus
- “Happy New Year” (Her Hsing Nien)
  - “The Sunset Accompanies Me”
  - “Grandma’s Perng Hu Gulf”
  - “A Love Seed Planted in the Dream Field” - Duet by Lori Ho and Teresa Tsai
- 3:05 Chinese Folk Dances
- The Lantern Dance by students from Ling Ling Pao Studio
  - Kung Fu Fan (Chinese Folk Dance) by Ruey Ling Chang
  - Ethnic Tibetan Dance by Ling Ling Pao
  - Yuanji Dance: “Heh Hsieh Zee Guan” (The Light of Harmony) by Shu-Hwi Chang, Sherry Yu, Man Yi Hsieh
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**10 minute break (4:00 – 4:10)**

4:10 Chinese Folk Song - Duet by Lori Ho and Teresa Tsai

- “A Love Seed Planted in the Dream Field”

4:15 Traditional Tai Chi Dance by Wu Shu Dragon Group

- Chen Shi Tai Chi Chuan – Ching Rong Chou, Peter Tseng
- Wu Dang Sword by Wu Shu Dragon Group – Ching Rong Chou, Peter Tseng

4:30 Chinese Puppet Show: “The Princess Chooses An Ideal Husband” – A Xing Jian folk tale

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5:00 Chinese Fine Arts Society Chorus

- “The Sunset Accompanies Me”
- “Grandma’s Perng Hu Gulf”

5:15 Lion Dance and Martial Arts Demonstration

- Chicago Chinese Cultural Center Lion Dance Troupe

5:25 Lion Dance and Chinese Fine Arts Society Chorus

- “Happy New Year” (Her Hsing Nien)

5:30 American Airlines Drawing closes at the Guest Services Desk

5:35 Drawing of winner’s name onstage  
End of Event.

### **About the Chinese Fine Arts Society**

The Chinese Fine Arts Society (CFAS) was founded in 1984 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the education and promotion of the Chinese Cultural Arts. In a culturally diverse society such as Chicago, CFAS provides programs and activities that promote the understanding of Chinese culture through music and other fine arts.

### **About Navy Pier**

A Chicago Landmark since 1909, Navy Pier has evolved from a freight and passenger ship docking facility to the #1 tourist attraction in the Midwest, drawing more than eight million visitors annually. Navy Pier currently encompasses more than fifty acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and exhibit facilities, making it a tourists and visitors entertainment hub. For more information, visit our web sit at [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)

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