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“Taste of Asia” Festival Brings Diverse Cultures to YMCA

Northbrook, IL: April 2013 – The North Suburban YMCA will be filled with the sights, sounds, and aromas of Asian culture on May 5, 2013, when it hosts the annual Northbrook Community Relations Commission’s “Taste of Asia” festival. This family event includes art exhibitions and demonstrations, music and dance performances, and a wide selection of delicious dishes to sample. The festival runs from 12:30 to 3:30 at the NSYMCA, located at 2705 Techy Road in Northbrook.

“Taste of Asia” reflects the diverse Asian-American population that calls the northern suburbs of Chicago home. Participants will represent Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, and Russia. Performance groups will include children’s choirs from the Korean and Russian communities, a Filipino band, singers from Japan, and a Thai instrument ensemble. Local restaurants will be on-site with regional specialties available for purchase.

Visual arts will also be a central focus of the festival. Artists and antiquities vendors will offer Asian pottery, henna hand painting, colorful jewelry, and artifacts. Chinese painting demonstrations, dance performances, and activities for children will round out the afternoon. Additionally, the Y will dedicate its Community Gallery exhibit space to selected local Asian-American artists, with their works remaining on display throughout the month of May.

“We are very excited to welcome Taste of Asia back to the Y this year,” commented Howard Schultz, NSYMCA Executive Director/CEO. “We are so fortunate to have a thriving relationship with the Asian-American community in the towns served by the Y, and this event is a great opportunity to celebrate the unique cultures being represented.”

Taste of Asia is open to the public. Admission is free; food and artwork is available for purchase. For more information regarding the event, contact Kendal Maltas at the Village of Northbrook, 847 644 4017.



Photo 1 Caption: The Taste of Asia Festival at the North Suburban YMCA will include arts and artifacts from a number of countries and ethnic groups.



Photo 2 Caption: Delicious food is always a main attraction at the annual Taste of Asia Festival, to be held on May 5 at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to fund capital improvements and keep its programs available to all, including those facing financial hardship. All board members are community volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served area families in its twelve-city region for over 40 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that meet the needs of our community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation call Ali Friduss at 847-272-7250, afriduss@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.

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