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11th Colorado Dragon Boat Festival Announces Main Stage Performers

New performers debut alongside old favorites this summer

WHAT: 11th Annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, the largest celebration of pan-Asian culture

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, 2011

WHERE: Sloan's Lake Park, 25th Ave. & Sheridan Blvd, Denver

HOW MUCH: Free admission!

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This year the Main Performing Arts Stage has some fresh new faces mixed in with some old-time favorites.

CDBF is excited to welcome first-time performers Dance2Live, a local multi-cultural hip-hop dance crew. This group of talented young men and women can break, shake and spin unlike any group on the main stage this year. Their love and passion for street dancing is electrifying. Alongside them, Erhoopla Ensemble is another new group we are honored to have on the main stage. This unusual duo plays pop and traditional folk tunes on the *erhu*, a two-stringed Chinese instrument as known as the "Chinese violin."

We're also featuring Doug Yoshimura and the Cheapsuits Blues Band for the first time this year. And for those who love a little rock music, One Sun One Moon, a Hmong and Laotian American "garage pop rock" group and the band, Pearls For Breakfast, led by the powerful voice of Filipino-Mexican singer-songwriter Kenny Lee Young will take the stage.

Veteran CDBF performers such as Denver Taiko, Mudra Dance Studio, Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu, Christina Yeh Dance and Wendy Woo are back for another year. Other returning familiar favorites include National Martial Arts Academy, Gamelan Tunas Mekar, Thai Harmony Traditional Arts Ensemble, MON-AEL Mongolian Cultural Center, the Filipino American Community of Colorado and Dwight Mark, who wrote the festival official theme song, "Go Go Dragonboat."

ABOUT THE COLORADO DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Established in 2001, the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival has drawn over 100,000 visitors annually to celebrate Colorado's diverse Asian Pacific American (APA) communities. The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has become the region's fastest growing, family-friendly summer festival. CDBF offers festival-goers the opportunity to explore APA culture through performances, educational programs, arts and crafts, shopping, dining and the exciting athletic competition of dragon boat racing.

The 11th Annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival will be held at Denver's Sloan's Lake Park on July 30-31, 2011.

It's your weekend passport to Asia and the Pacific!

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