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Celebrate Santa Barbara's Asian American Heritage at the Ninth Annual Asian American Neighborhood Festival



Photo by Dr. Paul Mori

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) presents the ninth annual **Asian American Neighborhood Festival**, an outdoor event celebrating Asian American heritage, at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly festival celebrates the history and cultures of the Asian communities that once thrived in and around the Santa Barbara Presidio Neighborhood. Learn about a number of Asian cultures through live performances, local artists, food trucks, face painting and hands-on activities.

Performances range from traditional Indonesian Gamelan music and Chinese martial arts to breakdancing. Returning performers include the Camarillo Lion Dance Troupe, Roberta Cook leading Japanese folk dance, Hulaanyone?, Sino West, Santa Barbara Wu-Hao Tai Ji Association, Bob Sedivy, Gamelan Sinar Surya, Togen Daiko of Oxnard Buddhist Temple, and UCSBreakin'. New to the stage this year is Hawaiian singer-songwriter Karlin Ladera and another talented taiko drumming group, Ojai O'Daiko.

In addition to live performances, the festival also features vendors highlighting Asian art, jewelry, culture, and food. SBTHP is excited to welcome the critically-acclaimed Okamoto Kitchen food truck up from Sherman Oaks for their return to Santa Barbara.



Free parking is available in the lot at the corner of Santa Barbara and Canon Perdido Streets behind Panino at 834 Santa Barbara Street. This event is sponsored by the George H. Griffiths and Olive J. Griffiths Charitable Foundation.

Performance Schedule

11:00 - Gamelan Sinar Surya
11:30 - Camarillo Lion Dance Troupe
12:00 - Bob Sedivy
12:20 - Santa Barbara Wu-Hao Tai Ji Association led by Chao Pang
12:40 - Karlin Ladera
1:00 - Hulaanyone?
1:30 - Togen Daiko of Oxnard Buddhist Temple
1:50 - Japanese Folk Dance led by Roberta Cook
2:05 – Sino West
2:35 – Ojai O'Daiko
3:00 – UCSBreakin'

Calendar Listing:

Asian American Neighborhood Festival



Sunday, October 7, 2018

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

FREE Admission and Parking

For more information: (805) 965-0093 or www.sbthp.org/aanf

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family; the restored home is now a museum featuring

original furnishings and rotating exhibits. In 2009, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**