

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – March 22, 2007

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

It appears that spring is FINALLY upon us! Take advantage of the warmer weather by partaking in one of the upcoming cultural events happening soon. You'll find all of the details in this issue of the JASCO Pulse eNewsletter!

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1. Local Cultural Event: "Kabuki Sleeping Beauty" Play at Van Fleet Theatre – March 23-25

Kabuki Sleeping Beauty combines aspects of the traditional Western fairytale with Theatrical Techniques of Japan. Written by Steven C. Anderson, this award winning play takes a story children know to help illuminate a style of theatre they may not be familiar with. Van Fleet Theatre is located at 549 Franklin Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Cost per ticket is \$3 – \$5. Please visit www.davisprograms.com for more information and to reserve your tickets.

2. Ohio International Office Managing Directors Visit to Ohio – March 2007

The managing directors will travel throughout Ohio to meet with Ohio companies and make presentations on current export opportunities in their markets. Ohio's international offices are located in Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, South Africa and China. If your company is seeking new sales in a market, or if you would like to learn more about the state's international offices and programs, mark your calendar for March. The various events are listed below. For full details, and to register for these events, please visit <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/itd/2007MD.htm>

Thursday and Friday, March 22-23, 2007, Columbus – Riffe Center, 77 South High Street. Managing directors from Ohio's 11 international offices will be available for one-on-one meetings with Ohio company executives.

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3. “Grow with Asia” Essay Contest – Submission deadline is Saturday, March 24, 2007.

The Asian Festival is sponsoring an essay contest. The theme will be “Grow with Asia”, describing opportunities, influences, careers, culture, economics, and technology in your subject Asian country. The participating Asian countries are: Bangladesh, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. The topic shall relate to individuals, families, or business approach to the theme. Essay shall be 300 to 500 words and shall be written in Word file. Monetary prizes are: First Place - \$100.00, Second Place - \$70.00, and Third Place - \$50.00. Send essay by email to Apaz2@aol.com as an attachment. In the topic line, please specify **Re: Essay for Asian Festival 2007**. Entries should be made attention to Sally Paz no later than March 24, 2007.

4. Local Cultural Event: Taiko Workshops and Performance with Kenny Endo – Sunday March 25, 2007.

Kenny Endo is a performer, composer and a leading spirit in contemporary taiko. The artistic director of Taiko Center of the Pacific in Hawai'i, Endo had trained in Kinnara Taiko of Los Angeles, San Francisco Taiko Dojo and in Japan with Hogaku Hayashi. Endo blends the traditional Japanese drums with rhythms influenced from around the world in original melodies and improvisation. The Taiko Workshops will be held at Capital University, Loy Hall 2nd Floor, 590 College Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209. The Children's Workshop (ages 15 and under) is from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and admission is \$10.00/person. The Adult Workshop is from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and is \$20.00/person (FREE w/Capital ID.) The Taiko Performance, featuring Kenny Endo with Eien Hunter and guest Eric “the FISH” Paton is at 8:00 p.m. at Mees Hall at Capital University. Tickets to the performance are \$20.00 (FREE with Capital ID.) For more information, please visit www.kennyendo.com or call Capital University World Music Lab at (614) 236-6373.

5. Lecture: Mikiko Hirayama – The Emperor's New Clothes: Japanese Visuality and Imperial Portrait Photography – Friday, March 30, 2007.

This lecture addresses the complex relationship of photography, painting, and prints in late nineteenth-century Japanese society. The focus of this lecture will be on the images of Emperor Meiji (1852-1912), who reigned from 1868 to 1912. During this period, Japan evolved into the first westernized nation-state in Asia. The lecture will be held at The Ohio State University, 220 Hayes Hall, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

6. The Bonsai Series – Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Franklin Park

This course is a comprehensive beginner's course on the ancient form of bonsai gardening. Students receive their own tree and tools and learn the basics of bonsai in a hands-on repotting and styling session under the expert guidance of FPC Bonsai Specialist Dan Binder and members of the Columbus Bonsai Society. Learn the history of bonsai, compare traditional and American styles, and receive information on basic plant care including soil preparation, fertilizing and pest control. The cost for this course is \$90 for members and \$100 for non-members. Please call (614) 645-5923 to register.

7. JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser at Golf Club of Dublin – Tuesday, May 22, 11:30 A.M.

Mark your calendars now and join us for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. Proceeds from this event will support JASCO's continuing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. For registration information, please click here: [9th Annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser](#).

8. Local Cultural Event: 27th Ohio Regional Bonsai Show at Dawes Arboretum in Newark – Friday and Saturday, June 9-10

Experience the art of bonsai and view more than 100 bonsai specimens at this annual show. For more information, please visit the Arboretum's site at <http://www.dawesarb.org/events/special-events-public.asp>.

9. Study: Culture and Self Relevant Predictions. Daniel R. Strunk, Sheeva Mostoufi

Sheeva Mostoufi would like to invite you to participate in an exciting study through the Ohio State University Psychology Department. This study will be examining culture, depressive symptoms, and

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judgment and has the potential to advance our understanding of these factors in important ways. Students of Asian Indian and Japanese descent are encouraged to participate however students of European descent are also welcome. The first of two surveys would take less than 15-20 minutes. The second survey (to be completed 30 days from now) would take no more than 5 minutes. Those completing the first survey gain the opportunity to win a \$100 lottery prize. By also completing the follow up questionnaire 30 days later, you will have the opportunity to win one \$300 prize, one of two \$150 lottery prizes, or one of three \$50 lottery prizes. In addition, you will also be offered the opportunity to be included in a drawing to win one of three additional \$200 prizes if you have a friend or significant other participate in a 5-10 minute questionnaire (more information on this is provided through the link below). If you would like to learn more about the study and/or are willing to participate, please click on the link below to proceed with the study. The survey you would participate in now will take about 15-20 minutes. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=178055349E89757>. For any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Sheeva Mostoufi at osupsychresearch@gmail.com.

10. 2007 Japanese Language Speech Contest Summary

Imagine giving a speech in front of a bunch of strangers and being judged on your performance... now, imagine doing it in a foreign language! That's what ten university and ten high school students did on Saturday, March 3. Vying for bragging rights as well as prizes such as a round-trip ticket to Japan, these talented students proved that Ohio is a hotbed of Japanese language learning! Impressing the judges with their lingual abilities, Marisol Cerda of Miami University received the grand prize while Kyong Ro of the Ohio State University & Jeehyun Kim of Dublin-Scioto High School took home the first place prizes. 2007's College Finalists were: Marisol Cerda (Miami), Chung-Yang Cheng (Findlay), Kevin Jambor (OU), Kyoung Kim (OSU), Jonathan Lee (OU), Kyong Ro (OSU), Kenneth Skapik (Findlay), George Stey (OSU), Erin Taylor (Findlay), Laura Waiss (Cincinnati). 2007's High School Finalists were: Anjali Alm-Basu (Sycamore), William Blankenship (Dublin-Scioto), Lexi Dooley (Dublin-Scioto), Jeehyun Kim (Dublin Scioto), Kirsten Nelson (Dublin-Scioto), Zach Smith (Dublin-Scioto), Samuel Snow (Sycamore), Erica Wong (Dublin-Scioto), Haejee Yoon (Dublin-Scioto), Stephanie Yurt (Dublin-Scioto) Winners from the University Level are: Grand Prize: Marisol Cerda (Miami University), 1st: Kyong Ro (The Ohio State University), 2nd: George Stey (The Ohio State University), 3rd: Laura Waiss (University of Cincinnati), P&I: Kyoung Kim (The Ohio State University). And another big thank you to our judges: Contest judges: Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Consul General of Japan in Detroit, Ms. Yoshiko Kishi, Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Bradley Richardson, The Ohio State University, & Dr. Richard Torrance (substituting for Mr. Kenji Hosaka, Hazama Corp., COJAC President). Congratulations to all of our participants for a job well done and keep up the hard work!

11. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at www.cgjdetroit.org.

12. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Newsletter Releases

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. It can be viewed at <http://www.jetro.org/focus>. Also available is the [JETRO Midwest Newsletter - January/February 2007](#).

13. Japan Economic Currents – March 2007

The Keizai Koho Center is pleased to announce the newest "*Japan Economic Currents*," a newsletter designed to provide readers with information about economic and social developments in Japan and the US-Japan business environment. The March issue can be viewed at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/documents/March2007JEC.pdf> Back issues of e-JEC newsletter can be found at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/archive/default.asp>.

14. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at www.columbusworldaffairs.org.