

RUNDOWN/EXTERNAL VERSION (Rd #11 1/19/09 10 p.m.)

26th Annual Asian American Coalition of Chicago Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, January 24, 2009, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois 60018

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE (EXTERNAL VERSION Rd # 10 As of presstime 1/18/09 Updated Rd# 11 1/19/09)

5:30 p.m.	COCKTAIL RECEPTION, EXHIBITIONS and OPEN MICROPHONE	FOYER
6:10 p.m.	DOORS OPEN	GRAND BALLROOM

PRE-SHOW SCREENINGS

"Portrait of Tiffani Kim Griffith" Excerpted from the IPTV Show

"8ight degrees: portraits of exceptional people with impact"

Courtesy of SuncasTV and ENERI Communications, Executive Producers

Directed by **Marc Rita**/Opening Music the Theme from "8ight degrees" "Eyes of the New World"

Original Music by **Keith Uchima**/Original Music for Tiffani Kim Griffith's Portrait: "Grand Love",

"The Kiss of Sun and Water" and "Let's Hand to Hand" by **Gong-Qian Yang**

"Dynamic Korea" by the Korea Tourism Organization

American Family Insurance, 2009 Presenting Sponsor

SCREENS

6:30 p.m.	OPENING CEREMONIES	MAINSTAGE
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Introduction of Celebrity Presenters

(Pre-Taped Voiceover the Smooth Jazz Voice of **Rick O'Dell Nozaki**,
Show Host/Middays and Music Director, Clear Channel Radio, WNUA-FM 95.5)

- * **Rehan Aslam**, 10 p.m. News Producer, FOX Chicago TV News;
- * **Ravi Baichwal**, Weekend Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News;
- * **Jonathan Choe**, Freelance Reporter, CLTV News and Adjunct Professor, Columbia College School of Journalism;
- * **Cheryl Hamada**, Equity Actress and Pledge Drive Host, WTTW-TV;
- * **Ellee Pai Hong**, Weekend Morning Anchor, NBC 5 Chicago News;
- * **Judy Hsu**, Morning Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News;
- * **Jan Jeffcoat**, Morning Anchor/Reporter, FOX Chicago TV News;
- * **Nancy Loo**, Morning and Noon Anchor/Reporter, FOX Chicago TV News;
- * **Joanie Lum**, Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News;
- * **Mai Martinez**, Weekend Anchor/Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News;
- * **Julian Nieh**, Morning Drive Personality, WBBM-FM B96 Chicago;
- * **Mia Park**, Equity Actress and Host, Chic A Go Go! TV Show (Roctober Media, Chicago Access Network Television (CAN-TV)); and Co-Founder, A-Squared Theatre Workshop;
- * **Marc Rita**, Director, Actor and Producer; (Director, "Spice Up Your Life!" SuncasTV); and
- * **Judy Wang**, Weekend Morning Anchor/Reporter, CLTV News

Linda Yu, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News (Pre-Taped Segment)

Welcome to the 26th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

The National Anthem

Dong Yeong Lee, Tenor and **Yoon Hee Kim**, Soprano

Cultural Showcase: "Hanryu" by Soul ReVive

Korean New York Band Team and

Highlights from Korean Drama

BAND STAGE SCREENS

Band Members: Tenor Saxophone: **Yang, Hyun Wook**;

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Guitar: **Park, Joo Hyun**; Keyboards: **Hwang, Jun Ick**;

Bass: **Kim, Yoo Young**; Drums: **Cho, Sung Min**

Chair's Remarks, Acknowledgment of Major Sponsors and

Past AACC Chairs by Kay Kihwa Rho, 2009 AACC Chair

Welcome Remarks

Charlie Jung, President, Korean American Association of Chicago

and 2009 AACC Honorary Chair

Welcome Remarks

The Hon. Sung-Hwan Son, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago

Remarks by Dignitaries

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Presentation of the Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Award to

Kamran Khan, Founder and President, Nexgen Cosmetics LLC; 1992

and 2000 Co-Chair, Asian American Coalition of Chicago

Presented by **Kay Kihwa Rho**, 2009 AACC Chair

Introduced by **Linda Yu** (Pre-Taped Audio/Visual Segment; Special Thanks to ABC 7)

Special Appearance by **Darryl Tom**, on behalf of **The Tom Family**

Acceptance Remarks by **Kamran Khan**

Presentation of the Grand Asian Award to The Hon. Lieutenant Governor

Pat Quinn by **Charlie Jung**, 2009 AACC Honorary Chair and President, Korean

American Association of Chicago

Presented by **Charlie Jung**, President, Korean American Association of Chicago; Joined

by **Kay Kihwa Rho**, 2009 AACC Chair and **Paul Park**,

2009 Awards Committee Chair

Acceptance Remarks by **The Hon. Lt. Governor Patrick Quinn**

Special Distinguished Pioneer Award to The Hon. Anita Alvarez

Cook County State's Attorney

Presented by Kay Rho **Kay Kihwa Rho**, 2009 AACC Chair, Joined by

Charlie Jung, President, Korean American Association of Chicago and

Paul Park, 2009 Awards Committee Chair

Acceptance Remarks by **The Hon. Anita Alvarez**

Presentation of Distinguished Pioneer Award – Asian to

Niranjan S. Shah, CEO, Globetrotters Engineering Corporation

Presented by **Paul Park**, 2009 Awards Chair Committee

Acceptance Remarks by **Niranjan S. Shah**

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries

Remarks by **Lori T. Healey**, President, Chicago 2016

7:45 p.m.

DINNER

"Cultural Threads Woven Into the Fabric of a United Future: Asian American Coalition of Chicago 2009"

"Generation: Undefined!" and "Top Ten Ways: How to Tell If You're An

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Asian" Presented by the **AACC A-List Script Writers Group 4707**

8:15 p.m.

Acknowledgement of the Presenting Sponsor

Remarks by **Cesar Pinzon, Jr.** Chicago Metro Sales Director,

American Family Insurance

"Year of the Ox" Sponsor Gifts Drawing

Kevin H. Ma Insurance Agency, American Family Insurance

Drawn by **Kevin H. Ma**, Owner/Sales Agent

Live Auction featuring Two Tickets to Asia and

One Ticket to Korea, Courtesy of Korean Air Chicago

(Certain restrictions apply)

Presented by **Jae Wook Lim**, District Sales Manager, **Korean Air Chicago**

Cultural Showcase: Modern Korean Dance

to the Traditional Korean Song "Arirang"

Dynamic Modern Dance to the Music of "Womanizer"

by the **New York Women's Dancing Team "JOA"**

Featuring **Sunjoo Youn, Chea Won and Sunhee Seo**

8:50 p.m.

Presentation of 2009 Community Service Awards

Presented by **Kay Kihwa Rho**, 2009 AACC Chair

Joined by **Paul Park**, 2009 Awards Committee Chair, **Alice Cha**,

2009 AACC Secretary and **Billy Huh**, 2009 Outreach Committee Chair

Rebecca Yemin Shi, Community Organizer, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community, **Chinese American Community Awardee**

Anita Belisario Rosa, Teacher-Librarian, Cameron Elementary School, (Chicago, Illinois), **Filipino American Community Awardee**

Smita N. Shah, President, Spaan Tech, Inc., **Indian American Community Awardee**

Nyoman I. Mahartayasa, Software Engineer, Chicago Board of Options Exchange, **Indonesian American Community Awardee**

Yoshiro Harada, Senior Research Specialist, Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute, **Japanese American Community Awardee**

John Kim, Chairman, Inswan Home Healthcare Agency, Inc., **Korean American Community Awardee**

Yin Kean, Executive Vice President, SuncasTV, **Malaysian American Community Awardee**

Faisal Rashid, Trustee and Tax Collector, DuPage Township, **Pakistani American Community Awardee**

Pairoj Vongsvangsiri, President, MVT Telecommunications, Inc., **Thai American Community Awardee**

Joseph Hong-Phuc Tran, Founder, Rose International, Ltd., **Vietnamese American Community Awardee**

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Cultural Showcase: "TBA" Jazz Band Performance

Performed by: **Soul ReVive**

9:15 p.m.

Presentation of Youth Who Excels Awards

Presented by **Linda Wang**, 2009 AACC Ticket Committee Chair; Joined by **Nancy Kim**, Hospitality and Volunteer Committee(s) Chair and **Cynthia Park**, Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair and Open Microphone Committee Chair

The Chinatown Youth – 2008 New American Democracy Project (NADP) Volunteers, Chicago, Illinois, *Chinese American Community Youth Awardee*

Francis Joseph DeAsis, High School Senior, John Hersey High School (Arlington Heights, Illinois), ***Filipino American Community Youth Awardee***

Pardeep Singh Deol, High School Senior, Buffalo Grove High School (Buffalo Grove, Illinois), ***Indian American Community Youth Awardee***

Sheena Anissasari La-Reine Quick, High School Freshman, Hinsdale Central, (Hinsdale, Illinois), ***Indonesian American Community Youth Awardee***

Anita Eumie Kim, High School Senior, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, (Lincolnshire, Illinois), ***Korean American Community Youth Awardee***

Cecile J. Thai, College Junior, Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois); ***Malaysian American Community Awardee***

Nudrat Zoha, College Freshman, University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, Illinois); ***Pakistani American Community Awardee***

Jason Gerdnoi, High School Senior, Niles West High School (Niles, Illinois); ***Thai American Community Awardee***

Danieh Tu Dinh, High School Sophomore, St. Benedict High School (Chicago, Illinois); ***Vietnamese American Community Awardee***

9:30 p.m.

UNITY DANCE by DanceTeam

Khmer Traditional Dance Performance

Robam Bopha Lokey by **Cambodian Association of Illinois (CAI)**

Khmer Arts and Culture Dance Troupe

Traditional Thai Classical Dance "Serng Grapo"

by **Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago**

Traditional "Bhangra" Folk Dance by Punjabi Cultural Society

Traditional Korean Dance "Ki Won Moo" by Chum Sa Rang

Korean Dance Group

Directed by **Lee, Hea Ja** featuring dancers **Koh, EiSuel, Kim, Kyung Soon, Chung Jung Ae, Chang, Hae Ran, Han, Myung Ja and Yang, Yung Ae**

SING-A-LONG: "God Bless America" Led by Dong Yeong Lee, Tenor and

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Yoon Hee Kim, Soprano

Acknowledgments and Closing Remarks

Dae Lee, 2009 AACC Treasurer and Vice President, Korean American Association of Chicago

9:50 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Cultural Showcase: "La Jota Moncadena" Filipino Dance

Anita Belisario Rosa and Ben Geronimo, Dancers

Transfer of Gavel to 2010 Host Community by Kay Kihwa Rho and Charlie Jung to The Filipino American Community

Remarks by Aurora Abella-Austriaco, 2010 Chair, Asian American Coalition of Chicago 27th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

10:15 p.m.

Adjournment

We hope you enjoy tonight's show!



LEFT PHOTO: Center: Show Director **Wang Ki Kim**; Left: Production Manager **Min Jae Shin**, Right: Supervising Producer **Irene (Rieny G.) Cualoping** (Photo by Myung Ho Chung at MCTS)



RIGHT PHOTO: A-List Script Writers Group 4707, left to right: Rajinder Singh Mago, Ronald Mok, Jamil Khoury, Lily Kim, Christine Lin, Giau Truong, Allen Hope Sermonia, Christina January Adachi. Front Row: Center: Director **Wang Ki Kim**, Left: Production Manager **Min Jae Shin**, Right: Supervising Producer **Irene (Rieny G.) Cualoping** (Not pictured: Lavina Jadhvani, Don Villar and Keith Uchima. (Photo by Patrick H. Rita, Courtesy Patrick Harold Productions at Lao Beijing)

From Korean to Korean...

Tonight's show sub-theme is "**GENERATION: Undefined!**" complementing our program's main theme of "**Cultural Threads Woven Into the Fabric of a United Future.**"

"We're going with the underlying theme **"GENERATION: Undefined!"**... it started with some Korean Americans (Host Committee members) talking with us at Solga about their 1.5 generation (we don't have that in the Chinese American community... we have ABC's (American-Born Chinese) and bananas (yellow on the outside and white on the inside))... we're looking at what is similar in the other communities. I had known that there's Issei-Nisei-Sansei-Yonsei in the Japanese American community. And I've recently learned there's ABC-D (American-Born Confused Desi) in the Indian American, Pakistani American and Bangladeshi American communities. This is about how the different generations look at things totally different sometimes...What do YOU think?!"

- - Irene (ENERI/Rieny G.) Cualoping, Concept Creator/Supervising Producer

"We thought the idea of generational differences as conflict makes for wonderful creative fodder and comedic potential. When writing the show, we thought it could be both hysterically funny and wonderfully introspective and revealing. Defining those differences needed to come from artists and others within our respective communities."

- - Jamil Khoury for The A-List Script Writers Project 4704

"I had started thinking generally along these lines when I got the opportunity to first meet **Wang Ki Kim** and **Min Jae Shin** in person at MCTS and Yehyang, in late 2008. We had a great entrance meeting, and at the end of it he gifted me with a DVD of "The Gift." I got to watch Wang Ki Kim's beautiful and poignant HD feature film, "The Gift" for the first time. It had been released several years prior." (*Win Media and Yehyang, 2006; Wang Ki Kim, Executive Producer, Written and Directed by Hyung Hyup Kim*). "Over the past few months, I have later learned more about all the meaningful things Yehyang is doing for today's Korean American youth, especially in areas of challenge." - - Irene (ENERI/Rieny G.) Cualoping

("The Gift" is based on a true story of Derrick, a second generation Korean American who became a drug addict, just like his sister, shattering his parents' hearts and souls. However, one day, when everyone turns and walks away from Derrick, a true friend comes to him and helps him to realize the most valuable gift for his life is the family.)

"I've always felt very strongly that instead of being defined by the media in ways which doesn't represent us, it's important we define ourselves as who we are, and who we are not. And to correct wrong perceptions that are so common in the media and in the mainstream. And that happens by participating in the mainstream."

"And this is where people like Ping Tom come back and their importance- here was a man who had J.D. from Northwestern in law, but went back to the community - gave time, made time, showed leadership, included others, excluded none, brought out the best in all of us, - sought excellence, shunned mediocrity... so - a leadership that tells you that hey, listen, this is America, and you can make it, you can do anything. This is a great country, but participate, you can't live in isolation, as with first immigrant generation you see the case, but get involved, get in the mainstream, and as a proud American, to open doors for the future generation. And sensitize yourself to the mainstream and the political figures too."

- - Kamran Khan, 2009 Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Awardee