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**Celebrity Guests to Grace this Year's Splendor of the East**

The art in motion, the ethnic sounds, and the spectacular displays are back! The **Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA)** proudly announces the return of its signature event, **Splendor of the East on Sunday, May 9th**. This year the show promises to delight the audience with celebrity guests like **Harlemm Lee, winner of NBC's reality show, *Fame*** and **Andrew Song, an accomplished local pianist**.

Harlemm Lee's win on *Fame* was a coo in many respects considering he had the odds working against him. As a slight, bald, thirty-something Asian American, Lee was not exactly the stuff superstars were made of. Yet, millions of viewers saw past Lee's shortcomings enough to realize Lee's talent was the real deal. In the end, Lee won a record deal produced by hit-making machine Johnny Wright (NKOTB, Backstreet Boys). The album showcases Lee's unique talent and amazing range.

Andrew Song is the recipient of numerous awards, including top prize winner in the YKAA Int'l Piano Competition and the Stravinsky Int'l Piano Competition. In Michigan, he has appeared in Orchestra Hall, the Ford Estate House, the Michigan Theatre, Hill Auditorium, Varner Hall, Kresge Hall and the Cranbrook Institute.

In addition to these celebrities the Splendor of the East will showcase the talent of many other Asian Pacific American celebrities and entertainers, taking the audience on a spectacular journey through Asia and the Pacific Rim. From Manila to Seoul and from Chicago to Detroit, the audience will be impressed with the world-class performances.

Performances include: Chinese Dance Ensemble of Detroit Oriental Art School, Filipino Starlight Dancers, Nadanta Indian dance, Polynesian and Indonesian Dances, Korean Monk Dance, Xing Art & Performing Ensemble from Chicago, Bhangra performance, and Japanese Miyabi dance.

After the show, in honor of Mother's Day, all the mothers in attendance and their family members are invited to the Afterglow Party to sample Asian foods, drinks and join in swing dance.

Splendor of the East will be held at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn, Michigan on Sunday, May 9th at 4 p.m. Tickets range in price from only \$20 to \$35.

Tickets can be purchased at 1) [www.capa-mi.org](http://www.capa-mi.org), or 2) 313-943-2354, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center Box Office. For ticket related questions, call Marie Weng at 248-475-0976. ###