

WORLD BEAT NEWS

FOR THE FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE SALEM MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE

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Weaving Culture Throughout the Year

The Salem Multicultural Institute moved to the Reed Opera House in downtown Salem more than a year ago. This move increased volunteer and staff office space and made possible the opening of a small gallery on the second floor of the historic building. In a short period, the move has brought to fruition years of planning for SMI to become more proactive in enriching the cultural life of the Salem community throughout the year.

After an enthusiastic reception from the community, SMI will expand the program with a new series: *The Fabric of Culture*, adding performances, lectures and other community

activities that will give depth to the scheduled exhibits. For the 2007-08 academic year, SMI is hosting exhibits about China, multicultural winter holiday traditions, Black culture and history, and Scottish history. The exhibits are developed in collaboration with Salem's ethnic communities including the Salem Chinese Language and Culture Academy, Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers, and the St. Andrew's Scottish Society. Exhibits are open free to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and also by appointment. Volunteers also keep the exhibits open for various performances of the Salem Repertory Theater.

Windows into China
Winter Holidays Around the World
Black Women in Hats
Scottish History

Through Nov. 2
Nov. 19 - Jan. 25
February 1 - March 14
April 2 - July 15



Wei Anderson coordinated the *Windows Into China* exhibit for the Salem Chinese Community. From left, Jennifer, Wei, Bill and Michael Anderson next to a collection of dolls representing China's many ethnic groups in their traditional attire.

puppets and traditional Chinese opera movements and music to tell a story. The artists, Yuqin Wang and Zhengli Xu, who have presented shows at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, the Kennedy Center and the Library of Congress, will delight and enthrall the audience while giving special insight into Chinese folklore and culture.

The current "*Windows Into China*" exhibit chronicles the history, arts and ethnic makeup of the nation and even features dolls introduced in anticipation of the Beijing Olympics. A huge woven tapestry shows the Great Wall of China with an eagle flying over symbolizing the connection between China and America.

During the final week of the exhibit, Dragon Arts Studio will present a special performance of Classical Chinese Puppetry for children and adults alike. This classical art form developed in China more than 1000 years ago. It began as a cultural ritual and later became a form of entertainment for everyone from the royal family to the general public. It combines artistic expression with beautifully detailed handcrafted

Classical Chinese Puppetry Performance:

October 26, at 7:30 p.m. Reed Opera House, Trinity Ballroom

Tickets are \$7 for children and \$10 for adults, and admission will be free for children who have seen the Windows exhibit with their classrooms. Tickets available at SMI office 189 Liberty St., Suite 208, or at the door. Call (503) 581-2004 for more information.



Mark your calendars today to come and tour the exhibits and for these upcoming *Fabric of Culture* events:

October 26,
Classical Chinese
Puppetry

presented by
Dragon Arts Studio,
7:30 p.m., Reed Opera
House, Trinity Ballroom

December 1,
Multicultural
Holiday Concert

1-3 p.m.,
Reed Opera House

February 2,
Oregon Black
History Lecture

by Dr. Darrell Milner of
Portland State University,
7 p.m., Reed Opera
House, Trinity Ballroom

For tickets and information on any of the *Fabric of Culture* events, contact SMI at (503) 581-2004 or wbfadmin@hotmail.com

SMI Staff Extend our Reach

For the first time in its 10-year history, SMI recently hired two talented and respected members of the community to help meet the growing demands of running a premier northwest festival and a small cultural facility. Gwen Carr has joined SMI as Executive Director and Laurel Grove, a long-time volunteer, has joined SMI as Development and Outreach Coordinator.

Gwen brings extensive experience in both business management and non-profit administration to the role. She is a retired SAIF executive and a board member with the Salem YWCA and Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers.

Laurel was one of SMI's first year-round office staff as a volunteer. In that role, she also helped to coordinate development team efforts that led to the launch of SMI's current gallery and performance series. Laurel is an anthropologist with a wealth of experience in program and proposal writing.

Jessica Berger, a recent Willamette University graduate, has also joined SMI as an intern. Jessica has a degree in anthropology and has worked at Hallie Ford Museum and Deepwood Estate.

Please join us in welcoming Gwen, Laurel and Jessica to the SMI/World Beat Team!

Visit the Salem Multicultural Institute/World Beat Festival website at:
www.WorldBeatFestival.org

Give a Gift of Culture to the Community

Please consider making a donation to SMI with a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust. By doing so, you can help sustain a vital cultural tradition, and you will receive a 100 percent tax credit for your donation. All donors will be recognized in a future issue of World Beat News.

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Contributions should be addressed to: Salem Multicultural Institute, PO Box 4611, Salem, OR 97302.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SMI is currently interviewing for several important volunteer positions: Docent/Gallery Guides, Archivists, and Office Helpers. Openings are also available on World Beat event planning teams including the Volunteer Coordination and Marketing teams. For more information, contact the SMI office at (503) 581-2004.

SMI Named Best Non-Profit

In the August 2007 issue, *Salem Monthly* readers named SMI "Salem's Best Non-profit."

"It's an honor even to be counted among the many outstanding cultural and human service nonprofits in this city," said Board Chair Mona Hayes. "I hope this vote of confidence is an indication that we are doing our small part in helping Salem keep a global view, both in how we treat our neighbors and in how we reach out to make a difference in the world."

10TH ANNIVERSARY WBF A SHARED SUCCESS



Photo - Cheryl Guff

Estimated attendance for the 2007 World Beat Festival was a record-breaking 48,000 to 50,000, based on gate receipts of \$25,002, an increase of 21 percent over last year. Some exhibitors had the happy problem of running short of merchandise.

We thank our many generous guests who made donations at the gate. From those donations we were able to contribute \$3,119 to cultural programs and exhibits at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village and \$1,881 to Salem's Riverfront Carousel. Our Books Across Borders partnership with the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation netted \$900 in book sales, of which \$450 will go to the early college high school program and \$450 to a new SMI multicultural grant for teachers.

SMI was honored to host a delegation from Salem's Korean sister city of Gimhae to World Beat 2007. The delegation included Gimhae Mayor Kim Jong gan, civic and business leaders, and the SamulNori dancers who were featured in two Saturday performances.



Photo - Randy Byrnes



Photo - George Osterlag

Twenty-nine teams from throughout the Northwest competed in the 3rd annual World Beat Dragon Boat races on July 1.



Photo - Deb Sebeck

Krista Slavkovsky & David Noland said their wedding vows and celebrated in traditional Norwegian style at World Beat 2007. Congratulations Krista & David!

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3rd Annual World Beat Dragon Boat Races.

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