



Dear Chris,

Spring is a very exciting time at CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. The 20th Anniversary of CDT adds to the excitement and also to the activity. We want to help make sure we keep you in the know. We are developing new content for the web site, sending you a monthly newsletter with important information on key events and we are utilizing our facebook page for more casual and immediate communication. We hope that you will be better informed about all of the wonderful things going on at CAAM Chinese Dance Theater.



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Two Winners for the 20th Anniversary Logo Contest!

We received two excellent entries for the 20th Anniversary Design contest. They have very different themes and approaches so we have decided to use both. The first one was an original drawing by Kathleen Jiang (pictured above). In Kathleen's own words: "If you look carefully, all of the branches connect between the four panels symbolizing the four seasons. This not only shows the commitment of the dancers throughout the four seasons, but it also shows the passage of time and the growth and develop of the dancers, as well as of CAAM - CDT. The fact that there is only one tree comes to signify the unity of the dancers and of the organization, as well as our dedication to our roots." We will be using Kathleen's design for the 20th Anniversary t-shirt, the recital program cover, and possibly for a banner that will be used at various anniversary events.



The second design was conceived by Betty Rasmussen and created by Julie Lindstrom. This design will be used in conjunction with our main logo and features dancers holding the number 20 fashioned as a red ribbon.

Congratulations to both our winners. Be sure to look for these designs throughout our anniversary year.

June 10 - CAAM Reunion Picnic

All past and present members of the CAAM CDT Community are invited to join in the fun at a 20th Anniversary Picnic and year end celebration on Sunday, June 10 from 1-4 p.m. at the Lion's Shelter in Roseville's Central Park, 2545 Victoria Street North, Roseville, MN 55113. Our afternoon together will feature TaiJi in the park, led by CAAM CDT friend and Gong Fu instructor Ningsheng Huang, lawn games and races, a thousand year old egg hunt, CAAM CDT quiz, Silent Auction,



(see details elsewhere in this newsletter) and more. The setting in Roseville's Central Park gives us close proximity to a playground, a lovely lake with a walking path, and a pretty waterfall, all within a short distance from the picnic shelter. The Recital DVD will be distributed, and our 20th Anniversary t-shirt will make its debut. CAAM CDT will provide paperware and utensils, watermelon, rootbeer floats in commemorative cups, water, and tea. Please bring lawn chairs, a dish to share - dessert, salad or side dish -- and something to put on the grill.

Many of our current and past community members have already received an E-vite to the picnic - at last count 70 people were already planning on attending!

[Roseville Lion's Park](#)

[E-vite to join us at the Picnic](#)

Silent Auction Taking Shape

The 2012 CDT Silent Auction is heating up. Some really nice items will be up for bid, including a lake cruise, a villa stay in Duluth, special dancing mentoring, a gymnastics lesson, a swimming pool party, sweatshirts and dance camisoles, crafts, pictures, baskets, and more. The silent auction is shaping up to be a fun event for the CDT community. There is still time to make it even better and help raise more money for CAAM. You can still participate by donating extra auction items or services such as golf tutoring, ski instruction, cooking, gift cards, family fun night out tickets, etc.

Remember the bidding starts on June 10 during CDT Reunion. If you can donate, please contact [Peter](#) and [Kathy](#) via email. Thanks.



2012 Recital Almost Here

May 19, 2012 at 2 PM a cast of 180 performers will shine at Eden Prairie High School for the 2012 Annual Recital. Students from CAAM CDT's main studio, Rochester and XinXing Academy will entertain a sure-to-be packed house. A great event for the end the school year, purchase ticket at [CAAM CDT website](#) for \$8.00 each. Please limit your purchase to four tickets per family so everyone has a chance to attend!



A Passage to China

The Mall of America was host to A Passage to China. This annual event features cultural and local Chinese organizations. This is an exciting opportunity to introduce Chinese culture to broad base of people in Minnesota. CAAM CDT showcased the beauty and energy of Chinese Dance with selections from our past performances. The mix of energy and grace was appreciated by all who attended.



2012 Production Memory Books Available

CAAM CDT is excited to present a Memory Book of the 2012 Production of China the Beautiful: From the Mountains to the Prairies. This beautiful 36 page book is packed with spectacular photos of the dancers for all of the performances:

To Purchase and Customize your CAAM CDT 2012 Production Memory:

1. Go to www.treering.com
2. Click the Button
3. Enter our school's passcode: 101334277524485
4. Register at the site
5. Customize your own pages



6. Purchase your book

All proceeds go to support CAAM CDT, soft cover books start at \$22.24. Shipping and handling are included. Books will be delivered to the studio in July for pick-up. Orders will be open until June 30, 2012.

Go to <http://www.treering.com> to get started.

Upcoming CAAM CDT Events

- Spring Recital, May 19, 2012, 2 - 4:30 pm, Eden Prairie High School
- CAAM Reunion Picnic and Fundraising Auction, June 10, 2012, Central Park, Roseville
- Summer Session 1, June 11 - 15, 2012, CAAM CDT
- Summer Session 2, June 18 - 22, 2012, CAAM CDT
- Summer Session 3, June 25 - 29, 2012, CAAM CDT
- Summer Camp Performance, June 29, 4:45 pm, CAAM CDT
- Nobles County International Festival, July 10, Times TBD, Worthington, MN,
- XinXing Summer Camp Session 1, July 9 -13, 2012, Hopkins High Dance Theater
- XinXing Summer Camp Session 2, July 16 -20, 2012, Hopkins High Dance Theater
- XinXing Summer Camp Performance, July 20, 4:45 pm, Hopkins High Dance Theater

You can register for summer camps, summer long classes and martial arts classes at the [CAAM CDT Website](#).

Feel free to contact us with any questions regarding CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. We can be reached at caamcdt@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

CAAM Chinese Dance Theater

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