

Dear Chris,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. There have been many summer camps and outreaches to keep our students very busy. It is time to register for fall semester and get ready for a very exciting Fall that will be capped off with a 20th Anniversary Gala and a very exciting Production Show!.



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2012 Fall Registration and Payment Options

Fall registration is open! Please take a moment to register your child(ren) at www.caamcdt.org Click on the link "Click here to register for a class". There are several exciting new offerings that might be of interest to you, including new Tai Ji classes for adults and classes for boys!

CAAM-CDT On-line Registration.

Detailed registration instructions and payment options are on the CDT website as well Fall 2012 Registration Instructions

There are several payment options available this year. To access these options please email Alice Fitzgerald at caamcdtpayments@gmail.com I will be happy to set up a plan.

Remember we are an all-volunteer organization and online registration has made it much more streamlined for record keeping. I really appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience as we fine tune this system!

In general you should register in the same class you were in the previous year unless you have been specifically requested to register for a different class. For all questions including class placement and school concerns continue to email Haihua Wei at haihua.wei@gmail.com or the main school email caamcdt@gmail.com. You can also refer to the Student Handbook if you have any additional questions about general CAAM Policies. All technical registration questions and any payment questions should be directed to Alice at caamcdtpayments@gmail.org

Let's look forward to another fabulous term at CAAM CDT as we focus on the 20th Anniversary

Production!!

20th Anniversary Gala Taking Shape

What does a 2,000 year old Terracotta Warrior statue from Xian, China and the CAAM Chinese Dance Theater have in common? The will both be hosted by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts on November 8, 2012. CAAM CDT is very excited for this event as the details begin to take shape. We think this is an exciting venue to hold our celebration and will share more details with you in our newsletter and on Facebook as we finalize the details. So save the date on your calendar, it is shaping up to be a special night.



If you would like to share a favorite photo or old video from years gone by please send your pictures or video to <u>CAAM CDT</u>. They may be incorporated into a very special presentation that will premiere the night of the 20th Anniversary Gala. We are looking for volunteers to help with the many preparations for the gala, please contact us if you can help.

A Fiery Hot Dragon Boat Festival

The Dragon Boat Festival is a major Pan Asian festival that is held each summer at Lake Phalen in St. Paul. The festival gets its name from **Duānwǔ Jié** a traditional celebration originating in China

that has spread through Southeast Asia. The Dragon Boat Festival in St. Paul is inclusive to all Asian cultures. It features the dragon boat races, martial arts and performance arts.

CAAM Chinese Dance Theater was there to demonstrate the beauty and energy of Chinese Dance. Our dancers worked very hard and despite very hot weather conditions put on an excellent show. Our dancers performed admirably and treated the crowd to Fluttering Butterflies, Flowery Flute and concluded with the most appropriate By the Bonfire. See website for pictures from the Dragon BoatFestival



Postcards from Summer Camp

Summer is still a busy time for many of our dancers at CAAM CDT. In the months of Jun e and July

many of our dancers participated in camps or classes to learn new techniques and new dances. In total 113 students participated in CDT programs this summer. 20 students participated in the CDT day camp at the main studio in June. 26 students participated in CDT day camp at XinXing at Hopkins in July. 51 students participated in summer classes at four different levels at the main studio. We are also pleased to report that 16 Adult students participated in Tai Ji classes taught by Master Jingmei Feng.



Summer Camp/classes are a wonderful time for our students to learn new skills and new dances in a fairly consolidated time frame. Many of the new dances are used in our annual performance and for our outreach program. Follow <u>link</u> to read more

20th Anniversary Picnic Fundraiser Recap

The 2012 CDT Silent Auction had a wonderful turnout. This was our first time ever fund raising auction and we doubled the goal we had set. Thank you so much for your great support in donating auction items and joining the bidding. Our CDT family (community, friends, parents, dancers) really know how to make our events



rock! We received a total of 58 donation items won by 25 families through the auction that resulted in more than \$1,900 being raised. We would like to thank the donors again for your generous donations, the auction participants for your warm support, and the volunteers for your endless efforts in contacting sponsors, and organizing the baskets & auction exhibits.

The proceeds from the auction will support CAAM CDT in our mission of preserving and celebrating the Chinese cultural heritage and enriching a diverse community through the universal language of dance. We hope to continue to grow this program as it is a great community building tool as well as a fun way to raise money for CAAM CDT.

See website for Links to photos taken at this fun event.

Call for Volunteers

CAAM is a non-profit organization administered by volunteers. This helps keep our fees low. We are very thankful for our current administrative volunteers and our class coordinators who do so much work on behalf of our students and organization. Please consider volunteering some of your time and talent to our organization. Currently we have immediate need for volunteers to help with finance, communications and technology, grant writing and ticket sales. We also need assistance with the 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration and of course the Annual Production. If you



can participate in a small or big way we really need you. Contact <u>CAAM CDT</u> if you think you can lend a hand.

Upcoming CAAM CDT Events

- State Fair, Friday, August 31, 10:45 am, 12;00, 1:15 pm, International Bazaar Stage <u>State</u> <u>Fair International Bazaar Stage Page</u>
- State Fair, Saturday, September 1, 10:45 am, 12;00, 1:15 pm, International Bazaar Stage
- First Day of Fall Semester, Thursday, September 6, 2012, CAAM CDT
- CAAM CDT 20th Anniversary Gala, Thursday, November 8 2012, Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- CAAM CDT 20th Anniversary Production Show, Saturday, January 26, 2013, 7:00 pm, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium
- CAAM CDT 20th Anniversary Production Show, Sunday, January 27, 2013, 2:00 pm, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium
- CAAM CDT 20th Anniversary Production Show, Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 9:45 and 11:45 am, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium

You can register for Fall Semeester and adult 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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