



Dear Chris,

Class in session and our students are learning new skills and new dances. The 20th Anniversary Gala is just around the corner and Production Show is only 4 months away. In this edition, we are also introducing a new series of articles where we spotlight volunteers who make a difference for the CAAM CDT community. We hope you enjoy the September newsletter and welcome back to school!



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Welcome Back Students

WELCOME BACK to what promises to be another exciting, engaging and energizing year at CAAM Chinese Dance Theatre!

A HUGE Thank-you to dancers and volunteers who helped out during this busy Summer Outreach season! CAAM CDT would like to thank all dancers who participated in any Summer Outreach with a CAAM CDT water bottle. Please notify your class coordinator if you participated in a Summer outreach (Flint Hills through State Fair). Additional CAAM CDT water bottles will be available for \$5.



Registration is now entirely on-line thanks to our crack team of volunteer technology wizards! Please visit www.caamcdt.org to register and pay for classes. Payment for classes is due by September 23, 2012. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please do so by e-mailing caamcdtpayments@gmail.com.

Emergency cards, releases, and volunteer forms can be filled out at the studio and turned in to your class coordinator.

Follow [link](#) to continue reading about the latest school news on our web-site.

20th Anniversary Gala Venue Change

The invites are almost ready! The majority of invites will be sent electronically, so watch your email in the coming days for finalized times and more details. We will also be setting up electronic registration for the event.

The 20th Anniversary Gala is changing dates and venues. The Managing Committee approved the change of venue at the last meeting to the Landmark Center in St. Paul. The date has also been changed to Thursday, November 15, 2012. The main reason for the change was to focus the event as a celebration of CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. The Landmark provides us with a very nice and spacious location at a reduced cost. This allows for a nice celebration at a lower cost, making it easier for more of our current and past students, families and volunteers to attend.



If you would like to share a favorite photo or old video from years gone by please send your pictures or video to [CAAM CDT](#). 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.

2 Big Days at the Great Minnesota Get Together

Nothing is more "Minnesotan", than the State Fair. Fond memories of food on a stick, livestock barns, thrilling rides, people watching, huge crowds and exciting shows are naturally associated with the very mention of the "Great Minnesota Get Together". For the first time, CAAM CDT performed at the state fair. 2 days of thrilling shows. CAAM CDT performed 3 shows each day at the International Bazaar Stage. In total 47 dancers performed 12 different dances to the delight of the many people who shared some of their day with us. The shows featured many of our best dances from past outreaches and productions. Our performers spanning a wide range of ages did an



outstanding job and entertained the audience. The crowd really enjoyed the interactive elements that were included in the show, drawing the audience into the performance. The Lion was a playful start to the show. Each show ended with a traditional Red Ribbon Parade, including an interactive lesson to anyone in the audience that wanted to participate. This was a big hit with the kids.

Continue reading this story at our website by following this [link](#).

2013 Production Preparations Underway

All the students and instructors are back to school and preparations have begun in earnest for the 2013 production show. Many volunteers are already working on the countless details that go into the successful production.

CDT is pleased to announce it's 20th Anniversary Production. Production dates are Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27 at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium. Tickets will be available soon. Get the word out to friends and family to save the dates. This year's production will celebrate the history of Chinese dance and CDT as well as look forward to our future.



The annual Chinese New Year School Show will be held on Tuesday, January 29 with performances at 9:45 am and 11:45 am. If your school is interested in attending this wonderful event, please contact Betty Rasmussen at dougnbetty@netzero.net.

Volunteer Spotlight - Peter Wang

The following is a brief question and answer with one of the people who help to make CAAM Chinese Dance Theater a reality. The following is a brief interview with Peter

1. Describe your background - I am a first generation immigrant Chinese American. I came from Wuhan. In my day job, I lead a team of design engineers to develop hard disc drives.



2. How long have you been involved with CAAM-CDT? I

am pretty new to CAAM CDT as a volunteer. My wife has been a volunteer for many years. Two years ago when my youngest daughter started in CDT, I volunteered as a class coordinator. Last year, I worked on the production show ticket sales. After that I headed up the work for the 20th Anniversary auction. That's how I got involved with CAAM Chinese Dance Theater.

3. Who else in your family is involved with CAAM-CDT? I have 3 daughters with CDT. They have danced with CDT since the early 2000's. My wife did most of the volunteer work in the early years.

4. What is your current role with CAAM-CDT? - I was recently elected as the co-chair of the management committee. The Management Committee acts like the Board of Directors for our non-profit organization. We are responsible for budgets, policy and planning for CAAM-CDT.

Follow this [link](#) to read the conclusion of this interview.

Call for Volunteers and United Way Opportunities

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 [CAAM CDT](#) if you think you can lend a hand.



Another way that you can help is through a directed donation via the United Way. In order to do this please follow these instructions on the United Way Pledge Form:

- Fill out whatever \$\$\$ you want to donate as before
- Check the box in the lower right corner before "Specific Care" or "Specific Care Organization"
- Fill out the percentage (%) of your pledge you want to give to CAAM (100% is OK!) Tax-ID Is Important!
- Fill out the following information about your "Specific Care Organization":
 - **Name:** Chinese American Association of Minnesota - Chinese Dance Theater
 - **Tax-ID:** 41-0944910
 - **Street:** P.O. Box 582584
 - **City/State/Zip:** Minneapolis, MN 55458-2584

It is very important that you are very specific about the name of the organization - Chinese American Association of Minnesota - **Chinese Dance Theater**.

Memory Books Still Available for Purchase

A beautiful Memory Book of the 2012 Production of China the



Beautiful: From the Mountains to the Prairies is still available for purchase. They have been well-received by those who have purchased them. This beautiful 36 page book is packed with spectacular photos of the dancers for all of the performances. You can purchase it either in softcover or hardcover. You can also elect to customize your book with your own photos and memories at no additional cost. The books will be available until the end of October, when we start preparations for the 2013 book. The costs start at \$22.24 for a soft cover book. At this point shipping and handling are not included and will be added to your order:

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
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If you have questions or need help with the process of ordering or customizing your book please contact [Chris](#) for assistance.

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

Upcoming CAAM CDT Events

- CAAM CDT 20th Anniversary Gala, Thursday, November 15, 2012, 5:30 pm, Landmark Center, St. Paul
- 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 Semester 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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