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Northbrook Community Relations Commission Presents 11th Annual Taste of Asia Fest at YMCA

Northbrook, IL: April 2015 – The Northbrook Community Relations Commission has announced plans for its annual *Taste of Asia* Festival, to be held at the North Suburban YMCA on May 3 from 12:30 to 3:00pm. Now in its 11th year, Taste of Asia celebrates Asian American culture through a wide variety of live performances, art exhibitions, and delicious foods. The event is open to the public with free admission.

Every year, Taste of Asia attracts over 1000 guests to sample the richness of Asian culture. For 2015, the live performances will range from the traditional Korean drumming group SoriBeat to the Bollywood fusion dance group Chicago ADAA to Chinese stunt yo-yo artist Ryan Shi. Throughout the afternoon, numerous vendors will offer food from a range of national and regional cuisines, and the Y's Community Gallery will present a display of Sumi-e, East Asian brush painting, by the Sumi-e Midwest Society. The event will also feature arts and crafts projects for children and adults including origami, kite decorating, Chinese and Korean calligraphy, a Sumi-e demonstration, lessons in how to use chop sticks, martial arts demonstrations, and other activities.

“We are looking forward to again hosting the Community Relations Commission’s Taste of Asia Festival on May 3,” said Howard Schultz, NSYMCA Executive Director/CEO. “This is always a wonderful opportunity for individuals from all backgrounds to explore and enjoy Asian American culture. With many new performers coming this year, we know that this afternoon will offer something fresh for everyone, whether they have been here before or are just coming for the first time.”

Taste of Asia will be held at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, on Sunday, May 3 from 12:30 to 3:00pm. For more information, contact Michael Strong at the Village of Northbrook, 847 664 4010 or michael.strong@northbrook.il.us.



Photo Caption: Culture in Motion, shown performing at the 2014 Taste of Asia Festival, will be among the live acts onstage for this year's celebration of Asian culture. The Northbrook Community Relations Commission will present Taste of Asia 2015 at the North Suburban YMCA on May 3.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.

About the Northbrook Community Relations Commission

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission was established by the Village of Northbrook to foster and promote understanding, mutual respect, cooperation and positive relations between and among all residents of Northbrook. The Commission sponsors a wide range of public events throughout the year. Monthly meetings are held at the Northbrook Public Library. For more information, contact Michael Strong, Village Staff Liaison, at 847 664 4010, or visit <http://www.northbrook.il.us/CRC>.