

Clouds of Suspicion: Play Readings and Panel Discussion**Sat/Feb 22 New Works by Rosanna Yamagiwa Alfaro, GERALYN HORTON & SAUL SLAPIKOFF**

8:00 pm at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 56 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge. Join us for a spirited evening of theater and conversation exploring curfew, internment, and the experience of living in a hostile land. ***Don't Fence Me In*** by **Rosanna Yamagiwa Alfaro**: Quiet but unabashedly political, this one-act play hopes to instruct by displeasing. Set in a desert barrack in Topaz, a Japanese American internment camp, it shows how an ordinary family is torn apart by wartime hysteria and racism. ***Curfew*** by **Saul Slapikoff** has been written especially for this event. The playwright draws on experiences he had living in Ramallah in the West Bank from Feb-May 1992 and on recent news stories and testimonies. ***Under Cover*** by **G.L. Horton** explores what it might mean to be "interned" behind the symbolic Veil – a simple headscarf that could bring serene security or stark terror. Following these three original short plays there will be a panel discussion, moderated by Brandeis University **Prof. Erica Harth**, with **Margie Yamamoto**, from the New England JAACL Board, as one of the panelists. Co-sponsored by the New England Japanese American Citizens League. **Tickets: \$10**; Event Code: DONT. Advance purchase recommended; call (617) 547-6789 ext. 1 with Event Code: DON'T and MC/Visa card number; or register online at : www.ccae.org.

Fri/Feb 28-**Sat/March 1 9th National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law & Public Policy**

Fri/Feb 28 at the Swissotel, Downtown Boston: 7:00-8:30 pm Reception & Registration; 8:30-9:30 pm Opening Ceremony Events • **Sat/March 1** at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Conference, 7:00-9:00 pm Banquet at Imperial Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown; 10:00 pm-2:00 am Dance. **"Mapping the Frontier: The Expanding Boundaries of the Asian American Movement"** - the conference seeks to explore the new boundaries of the APA discourse, and to identify, define and situate "Asian America" in the fluid realities of the 21st century. For details, visit: www.apalsa.org.

Sat/March 8 OCA New England's 2003 Chinese New Year Banquet

5:30-6:30 pm Networking/Social Hour; 6:30-9:00 pm Banquet & Raffle at Best Seafood Restaurant, 88 Beach St., Boston. The theme for the **Organization of Chinese Americans New England Chapter's** banquet is "Honoring Past Presidents." Come and enjoy a 10-course meal and meet the new Executive Committee of OCA NE and OCA NE's past presidents. **Tickets: \$25; \$20 OCA members.** For tickets or info, call Kenneth An, VP of Programs at (617) 565-2141; email: KennethAn@yahoo.com.

Kevin So

Singer/Songwriter **Kevin So** is taking pre-orders for his double CD ***Leaving the Lights On*** (Spring 2003) at a special price during his concerts. He performs **every Wed – Feb 5, 12, 19 & 26** – at 10:00 pm at a new bar/restaurant ZUZU!, 474 Massachusetts Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge (617) 864-3278 ext. 232 • **Sat/Feb 15** at 12 midnight - ABFreeRadio Live Broadcast - Tune in to 1670AM - Kevin performs live and plays tracks from ***Leaving the Lights On***; www.abfreeradio.org • **Tue/Feb 18** at 8:00 pm at Johnny D's, 17 Holland St., Somerville (617) 776-2004 • **Tue/Feb 18** at 12 Noon on WUMB 91.9 FM - Live Radio Interview. For more info, visit: www.kevinso.com.

Passion East Educational Performances • The Kubota POWERJAZZ Unit • Tsuji Daiko

The Kubota POWERJAZZ Unit performs on **Fri/Feb 14**: Valentine's Day Jazz Concert at 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm at the Yangtze China Inn, 266 South Main St., Rte. 28, West Bridgewater. **Tickets: \$15; \$18/both shows; \$10.95/buffet.** For reservations, call (508) 583-9020, www.yangtzechina.com • **Sat/Feb 23**: 9:00pm-1:00 am at Limbo, 49 Temple St., Boston (617) 338-0280 • **Tsuji Daiko/Tsuji-Ryu Kobudo classes** are held in the Norwell/Hanover area for children & adults on Sun & Wed. For info on bookings or classes, call (781) 659-3387; info@passioneast.com; www.passioneast.com.

EXHIBITS

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Tue/Feb 18 "Bohnchang Koo: Masterworks of Contemporary Korean Photography"

At the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Sq., Salem. **Hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun noon-5pm.** The Museum presents the first American retrospective of **Bohnchang Koo**, one of the premier Korean photographers working

today. Exhibit features 28 photographs, including a series entitled "In the Beginning," which are about conflict set in the landscape of modern Korea. **Admission:** \$5 adults; \$4 seniors & students; free children 16 & under; museum members & Salem, MA residents. (Admission is reduced while construction is completed on the new museum. Discounts/coupons are not accepted during this time.) For info, call (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054; www.pem.org.

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Thu/Feb 20 "Locks"

At Emmanuel College, Cardinal Cushing Library, Lillian Immig Gallery, 2nd floor, 400 The Riverway, Boston. This show focuses on works by Christina Chang, Kibi Schultz and Ann Wessman that addresses the issues of hair via using hair products as materials and/or by addressing the societal, historical, and/or political connotations of hair. Visit: www.emmanuel.edu.

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Fri/Feb 28 "Kyogen" and "Art as Poetry"

At the Essex Art Center, Main Gallery & Elizabeth Beland Gallery, 56 Island St., Lawrence. "Kyogen" features photography, installation, performance and mixed media work by Steve Aishman, Leika Akiyama, Christina Chang, Hiroko Kikuchi and Ben Sloat. "Art as Poetry" features clay vessels, raku-fired clay sculpture, paintings and poetry by student artist in residence, Gwendolyn Lanier. **Sat/Feb 22** at noon: Gallery Talk with artists and second performance by Hiroko Kikuchi. **Half Asian Portrait Studio** is open for free portraits to anyone who is half-Asian on **Sat/Feb 22**, 1:00-3:00 pm. For info, call (978) 685-2343; www.essexartcenter.com.

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Sat/March 15 Malden Art Now 2003

At artSPACE@16, 16 Princeton Rd., Malden. **Gallery Hours:** 2/15 & 3/15: noon-5pm; Mon-Fri evenings by appointment (781) 322-6851 or email: SandT.gallery@verizon.net. An exhibition featuring visual artists who live or work in Malden, juror: Stephanie Mahan Stigliano. **Sat/Feb 22** from noon-3pm: Potluck Reception.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campaign to Protect Chinatown Seeks Media Project Organizer

The **Campaign to Protect Chinatown (CPC)** seeks a part-time Media Project Organizer to help with the technical elements necessary in maintaining a small grassroots community-based project. CPC works to advance the interests of the Chinatown community in the areas of land use, development, transportation, and the environment. They seek someone who is computer-savvy with basic graphic design skills and has an interest in grassroots, non-profit community work and social change. Proficiency in Cantonese and/or Mandarin preferred. Hours are flexible. Salary: \$10-\$15/hr; 10 hrs/wk; commensurate with experience. For more info, call Sherry Hao at (617) 426-0643; email: cproct@aol.com; www.protectchinatown.org.

Hudson Street for Chinatown (HSC) Community Meeting: *A Bigger Chinatown for 2004?*

HSC meetings will gather community input for restoring a section of the Chinatown community and talk about how to develop those ideas into reality. HSC meets on the 4th Wed of every month – Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23 & May 28 – at 5:30 pm in the Oak Terrace Community Room, 888 Washington St., Suite 102 (press buzzer), Boston. The Jan 29th agenda includes a discussion of Parcel 24 - new development land for Chinatown; the history of this parcel; who will make decisions about this parcel's future; and what people can do to help restore Chinatown. Cantonese translation provided; light refreshments served. For info, call Lai Ying Yu at the Asian Community Development Corporation (617) 482-2380 ext. 202.

Cambridge Residents Needed for Cambridge Kids' Council

Cambridge residents are needed to serve on the **Cambridge Kids' Council**. Chaired by the Mayor, the council is a City Board whose goal is to improve the quality of life for Cambridge children and their families. The council provides leadership in promoting a comprehensive, local response to the needs of children and families through making policy recommendations and setting up programs and services. The council is comprised of parents, community members, top city officials, and members of universities, businesses, and community organizations. Meetings are held once a month at 6pm and are open to the public. For info, call Mary Wong, Executive Director at (617) 349-6239; email: mwong@ci.cambridge.ma.us, or send a letter of interest to: Cambridge Kids' Council, 52 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.