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**THE CROW COLLECTION OF ASIAN ART CELEBRATES THE
YEAR OF THE MONKEY
WITH SPECTACULAR STREET FESTIVAL IN THE DALLAS
ARTS DISTRICT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

***Free, family-friendly event to feature cultural performances, martial arts demonstrations,
art activities, live music, food trucks, fireworks, tours and more***

DALLAS (December 22, 2015) – Celebrate the Year of the Monkey as the Crow Collection of Asian Art presents its 17th annual free Chinese New Year Festival Saturday, February 13, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the heart of the Dallas Arts District.

In celebration of this ancient Chinese tradition, the Crow Collection of Asian Art's signature event expands across Flora and Harwood Streets featuring an array of specialty booths, wellness activities, must-see entertainment and cultural performances. "Our annual Chinese New Year Festival continues to grow every year," says Crow Collection of Asian Art Executive Director Amy Lewis Hofland. "We are proud to present what has become the largest Chinese New Year Celebration in the southern United States, bringing not only the Dallas-Fort Worth Asians communities, but also a broad cross-section from all of Dallas' rich cultural backgrounds. This event has developed to a point that we are drawing visitors from Houston, Austin and beyond. We are looking forward to another incredible day of celebration."

Highlights include traditional Chinese New Year art-making activities such as decorating red envelopes, and making monkey masks and glowing paper lanterns, plus calligraphy demonstrations, face painting, fortune telling, photo booth and family yoga. Also, there will be a diverse assortment of food trucks including Bobaddiction, Bombay Chopstix, Simply Dosa, and Nammi, and for the third year in a row, there will be an exclusive VIP hospitality lounge available for *Friends of the Crow Collection*.

Main Stage Highlights

- ***Watch the stylistic movements of a kung fu demonstration and two lion and dragon dance performances to bring good luck and fortune into the New Year.***

- *Incorporating classical music found throughout China as well as exquisite costumes and clothing, the HappyFeet Dance School & Performance brings grace and charm to the main stage.*
- *Experience a special performance by the Jasmines Dance Troupe, a group of talented dancers who specialize in Chinese classical and folk dance.*
- *Enjoy an incredible performance by Chinese magician Ben Tsao.*
- *Delight in the skill and grace of the Chinese Yo-Yo Club as they demonstrate their art form for the first time on our stage.*
- *Enjoy the sounds of the UTD Chinese Student Union as they perform classical Chinese music a cappella.*
- *Become enchanted as the Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra performs their charming blend of Western traditional classical and Eastern Asian music.*
- *Don't miss an unforgettable grand finale fireworks show.*

Visit crowcollection.org for the most up-to-date schedule of events and performances.

This event is free and open to the public. All announcements will be made in Mandarin Chinese and English. In the event of inclement weather, some activities may be canceled or moved indoors. To register for the event or for membership information, please go to crowcollection.org or call 214-979-6430.

About the Crow Collection of Asian Art

The Crow Collection of Asian Art features a variety of spaces and galleries with changing exhibitions of the arts of China, Japan, India, Korea and Southeast Asia drawn from cultures ancient and contemporary. Seventeen years in operation, this lovingly curated free museum offers a serene setting for quiet reflection in the heart of the Dallas Arts District. Dedicated to providing art and service to the Dallas-Fort Worth community with an emphasis on shared learning and fun, the Crow Collection has recently expanded its offerings with a lushly landscaped outdoor Sculpture Garden, a pedestrian-friendly lobby and entrance, and a Samurai Gallery to showcase the museum's spectacular acquisition of a complete set of armor, considered one of the finest of its kind in the world. Learn more at crowcollection.org.

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