



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT:
Stacie Wheelock Adams
work/ 214-271-4485
cell/214-552-6416
sadams@crowcollection.org

**THE CROW COLLECTION OF ASIAN ART CELEBRATES THE
YEAR OF THE RAM
WITH SPECTACULAR STREET FESTIVAL IN THE DALLAS
ARTS DISTRICT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

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

DALLAS (January 28, 2015) – Celebrate the Year of the Ram as the Crow Collection of Asian Art presents its 16th annual free Chinese New Year Celebration Saturday, February 21, 2015, 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 will be larger than ever expanding across Flora and Harwood Streets featuring an array of specialty booths, wellness activities, must-see entertainment and cultural performances. "Our annual Chinese New Year celebration has grown into one of the most popular and biggest events at the Crow Collection since we opened 16 years ago," said Crow Collection of Asian Art Executive Director Amy Lewis Hofland. "We were thrilled with last year's incredible attendance and are expecting over 13,000 guests to join us this year."

Highlights include traditional Chinese New Year art-making activities such as decorating red envelopes, and making sheep headbands 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 Chopstick, Simply Dosa, and Nammi, and for the second year in a row, there will be an exclusive VIP hospitality lounge available for members of the *Friends of the Crow Collection*.

Main Stage Highlights

11:00 – 11:45 am

Watch the stylistic movements of JK Wong Academy's lion and dragon dance performance to bring good luck and fortune into the new year.

11:45 – 12:15 pm	<i>Incorporating classical Chinese music as well as exquisite costumes and clothing, the Jiaping Dance School brings grace and charm to the main stage.</i>
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<i>Experience a special performance by the Jasmines Chinese Dance Troupe, a group of talented dancers who specialize in Chinese classical and folk dance.</i>
3:15 – 3:45 pm	<i>Enjoy an incredible performance by Chinese magician Ben Tsao.</i>
4:45 – 5:15 pm	<i>Become enchanted as the Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra performs their charming blend of Western traditional classical and Eastern Asian music.</i>
7:15 – 7:30 pm	<i>Don't miss an unforgettable grand finale fireworks show.</i>

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 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. Sixteen 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.

###