

立人合唱团 三十周年庆音乐会

立人合唱团于六月三日，在 Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church 举办音乐会，欢庆创团 30 周年。司仪孙丽玲以中英文简介每首歌曲的典故和涵义。立人合唱团演唱了不同地域、不同风格的歌曲：有中国艺术歌曲「深笑」；台湾校园民歌：「秋蝉」和「雨中即景」；地方民谣歌曲：「凤阳花鼓」（安徽）、「丰年祭」（台湾阿美族）、「拍手歌」（台湾布农族）、「星星索」（印尼民歌）、「Haida」（Jewish Folk Song）、「Bella Bimba」（Italian Folk Song）、「Walk in Jerusalem」（African American Spiritual）。客家「桐花合唱团」，演唱客家歌「匍背」、「行过」、「撈船调」。赖宗熙钢琴独奏「补破网+望春风+阮若打开心内的门」、黄敏慎长笛独奏「四季红+南屏晚钟+桃花过渡」、Robbie Magalong 自弹自唱「When I was your Man」。最后，指挥张翠蝶老师带领全场观众一起大合唱「凤阳花鼓」，响彻会场，满堂欢

喜。会后，有丰盛茶点招待，演出者和听众开心互动交流；圆满了一场美好丰盛的音乐会。

立人合唱团于三十年前，在北维州「立人中文学校」创立；是北维州第一个华人成人合唱团。除了参加每年「海华」、多次参与大华府大型联合音乐会；并自办音乐会及分别与纽约海天、大华府雅音、台湾、台大校友、客家桐花合唱团，举办联合音乐会。常投入主流社会和社区服务；感谢现任指挥张翠蝶老师指道立人 14 年，带领立人成长和茁壮。感谢伴奏杨惠雯女士精湛的伴奏。

诚挚欢迎喜爱歌唱朋友，加入「立人合唱团」；练唱时间：每周六下午（九月至六月）。练唱地点：Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, 2036 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, VA

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Montgomery County Celebrated Asian American and Pacific-Islander Heritage Month with Huge Community Support



Happy Life Vietnamese Senior Group Dance



Chinese Qipao Dance "Women are Like a Book" was inspired by Rose Hong's newly published book "Vasnished", showcased award-winning arts by Asian American artists. The dance was presented by Chinese Alumni Association of Greater Washington/Virginia Qipao Association.



County Executive Marc Elrich presented Proclamations to the Asian Community Leaders



The U.S. is home to millions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, representing a diverse array of cultures and traditions. Over 22 million Asian Americans trace their roots to more than 20 countries in East and Southeast Asia and the Indian subcontinent, each with unique histories, cultures, and languages. The U.S. Asian population is projected to reach 46 million by 2060.

Asian Americans have contributed to nearly ALL sectors of our nation's economy including education, healthcare, military, government and private businesses.

During Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month each year, the nation celebrates Asian and Pacific Islanders Americans in the United States and pays tribute to the generations who have enriched and strengthened our nation.

In celebrating Asian American Heritage Month this year, Montgomery County hosted its 2nd annual "Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Celebration" in May 2023 in the nation's capital region.

It is estimated that nearly 42% of the state of Maryland's Asian American population lives in Montgomery County. Accounting for nearly 16% of the County

population. This annual event is to honor and recognize the rich diversity of the AAPI communities in Montgomery County. The event is strongly supported by over 30 Asian community organizations. These organizations offered community health services including bone density, blood pressure, body composition and carbon monoxide screenings, and mental health, nutrition and COVID education services, culture performances, and interactive children's activities, which highlight the contributions of AAPI-serving and AAPI-led organizations in Montgomery County.

In addition to the Resource Fair, the celebration also included remarks from local, state, and national elected officials, including County Executive Marc Elrich, Delegate Sarah Wolek, Councilmembers Laurie-Anne Sayles and Marilyn Balcombe, and Sheriff Maxwell Yu. County Executive Marc Elrich presented Proclamations to recognize and celebrate the AAPI community: "The Asian American and Pacific Islander community is now one of the fastest-growing community in Montgomery County, representing over 16 percent of the total population; and has made innumerable contributions to the economic, cultural, and civic growth of Montgomery County..."

The highlights of the event included cultural performances, a mini-health fair, arts & crafts for children, free henna and face painting, and AAPI food vendors...

The cultural performances were warmly received and presented by over 10 community organizations including Cambodians of Washington Metropolitan Area, Chinese Alumni Associations of Greater Washington, Global Dragon TV, Chinese American Community Health Services, Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Coordination Council of Chinese American Associations, Happy Life Vietnamese Senior Group, Mabuhay Inc. Dance Troupe, Natanajali School of Dance, Vietnamese American Services and Vietnamese Literary and Artistic Club...

Award winning Asian American artists also showcased their original art pieces at the event, including Dr. Ellen Qiong Schicktan (艾伦昭琮), Master Sculptor & Oil Painter. Dr. Schicktan is one of the most celebrated Chinese American oil painters and sculptors and has won many important awards including the Alice Island Medal of Honor, the American Immigration Award.

Ms. Yanbo Huang, her oil painting and hand painting on silk won the "Excellence"

Award at this year's World ArtExpo New York, and other award winning artists. Mr. Hai Wei, Ms. Helen Huang and Jen G.

The event was supported by over 30 Asian community organizations and attended by over 700 people as a major county event to recognize and celebrate AAPI community.

Chinese Alumni Association of Greater Washington had a large presence representing over 70 Chinese alumni groups with over 30 years history.

The entire event was organized by Ms. Sanjana Quasem, Program Manager, and Yi Shen of Asian American Health Initiative, under Montgomery County DHHS.

The organizer plans to continue AAPI Heritage Month Celebration in 2024! For more information about Montgomery County, please visit Montgomery County - Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Community Affairs - Minority Health Programs - Asian American Health Initiative (montgomerycountymd.gov)

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