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2nd ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET for PORTLAND TAIKO

Who: Portland Taiko, Asian American Drum Performance

When: Wednesday, May 23, 2007
No-host bar begins at 6pm, Dinner served at 7pm; Casual attire

Where: Wong's King Seafood Restaurant; 8733 SE Division St., Portland 97266

Tickets: \$40 per ticket; \$400 per table (10 persons); tickets must be purchased by May 18
Purchase online at www.portlandtaiko.org, by phone: (800) 838-3006 or directly through Portland Taiko members.

Join us for the 2nd Annual Benefit Banquet for Portland Taiko on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the nationally recognized Wong's King Seafood Restaurant at 8733 SE Division Street. Restaurant manager Fu Wong and his attentive staff will serve up an eight-course feast. No host bar opens at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 7 PM.

All of the funds raised from the benefit banquet will go toward the cultural, artistic and educational activities of Portland Taiko. Portland Taiko will use the funds to conduct school assemblies, teach classes and workshops, conduct community outreach, arrange performances and tours, plan events, create publicity, and build or purchase drums.

Each \$40 ticket includes a \$20 tax-deductible donation supporting Portland Taiko's programs. Reserve a table of 10 seats and receive a special gift. Tickets must be purchased by May 18th. Purchase tickets directly from Portland Taiko members. Tickets can also be ordered from www.portlandtaiko.org or by calling (800) 838-3006. For further information, call (503) 288-2456 or email info@portlandtaiko.org.

The banquet will feature a demonstration by Portland Taiko, a local Asian American drumming group. This event is a unique opportunity to meet and dine with the Portland Taiko performers, and to see their taiko drums up close and personal. Back by popular demand will be the Mystery Balloons. Among the Mystery Balloon prizes donated to date are gift cards to Nordstrom and Red Robin Restaurant. Silent auction items include a basketball autographed by the Trailblazers and choice tickets to their games.

Award-winning Chef Fu Lai Wong and his kitchen staff will kick off the banquet feast with a BBQ pork and salt and pepper tofu appetizer, followed by pan fried Chilean sea bass, honey walnut prawns (a favorite from last year's banquet), and crispy garlic chicken. Other courses on the menu are braised steamed tofu with baby bok choy and king mushrooms, green bean tofu with black bean sauce, and the House Special pan fried noodles with scallops, squid, shrimp, BBQ pork, chicken and vegetables. Refreshing fruit will finish off the banquet.

Portland Taiko is a local nonprofit cultural arts organization and was the first professional taiko group established in the U.S. Northwest. "Taiko" means "drum" in Japanese and Portland Taiko uses a wide variety of traditional drums and other percussion instruments in their performances. Most of the performing members of Portland Taiko are volunteers who spend 5 to 10 hours a week rehearsing, performing and supporting a wide variety of the organization's activities. Since its formation in 1994, Portland Taiko has shared taiko with over 665,000 people at over 840 performances throughout the country.

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