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What: Portland Taiko, Asian American Drum Performance

What: 3rd Annual Portland Taiko Benefit Banquet

When: Wednesday, June 11, 2008; 6pm no-host bar, 7pm dinner; casual attire

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

Tickets: \$50 per ticket; \$500 per table (10 persons); tickets must be purchased by June 6. Purchase online at www.portlandtaiko.org, at the Hollywood Theatre (4122 NE Sandy Blvd.), or by phone (503) 205-0715.

3RD ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET FOR PORTLAND TAIKO

Join Portland Taiko (PT) for their 3rd Annual Benefit Banquet! Portland Taiko is an energetic Asian American drumming group with strong roots in the arts, culture and education landscapes of greater Portland.

Enjoy a fun and casual, family-style meal featuring a menu created by award-winning Chef Fu Lai Wong at Wong's King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St.). His accomplished staff will serve a lavish nine-course feast with a breathtaking presentation that will start with Chicken Salad, BBQ pork and Salt & Pepper Tofu appetizers. Back on the menu by popular demand is Honey Walnut Prawns, as well as a long list of Fu Lai Wong's specialties. Find out why Chinese Restaurant News says Wong's King is among the 100 best Chinese restaurants in the nation.

Portland Taiko will take the stage for a live, private performance featuring special guest Shohei Kikuchi from Akita, Japan. Get a sneak preview of his Studio Performance that will be held 6:30pm, June 18 at Moriarty Auditorium, PCC Cascade Campus. Kikuchi is creating a new suite of taiko and dance pieces that will premier at PT's fall concert this September. Portland Taiko members began their study and rehearsal with the Japanese folk dance master last month on their Japan study tour.

Colorful mystery balloons for exciting prizes and an eclectic silent auction including items like art, gift packages, autographed collectibles, sports tickets, kimonos and other surprises will help raise additional funds. All proceeds will go toward the cultural, artistic and educational activities of Portland Taiko. The funds will be used to conduct school assemblies, teach classes and workshops, conduct community outreach, arrange performances and tours, plan events, create publicity and build, repair and purchase drums.

Each \$50 ticket includes a \$28 tax-deductible donation supporting PT's programs. Tables of 10 receive a special gift and the option to have a Portland Taiko performer seated at your table. Tickets must be purchased by June 6 and are available through the PDX Ticket Network at the Hollywood Theatre Box Office (4122 NE Sandy Blvd.; 1pm-9pm daily), by phone (503) 205-0715 (Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat-Sun 8am-1pm), and online at www.portlandtaiko.org. For corporate tables or further information, contact Portland Taiko at (503) 288-2456 or email info@portlandtaiko.org.

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