

# Sunshine Saturdays

cultural & community courses for  
children & adults in the heart of Chinatown

## Spring 2008

Classes held at 38 Ash Street or 885 Washington Street unless otherwise noted. (A complete list of children and youth courses on the other side.)

Call Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center at 617-635-5129 for more information about classes or for a registration form.

### FREE ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### **Open Computer Lab (all ages)**

**12-3PM // Every Saturday**

All community members are welcome to come use the BCNC computer lab on Saturdays to surf the Internet, send e-mail, study for class, or just work on skills.

#### **Drop-in Time at the Oak Street Youth Center (11-18)**

**12-4PM // Every Saturday**

OSYC develops the leadership, social, emotional, and academic skills of Asian American youth. Contact us for information on becoming a member!

#### **Open Playground Time**

**All Day // Every Saturday**

Families are always welcome to come use the BCNC playground on Saturdays. Please note the playground is unsupervised by BCNC staff, and parents should stay with their children.

### FOR FAMILIES (FREE PROGRAMS)

#### **Children's Story Hour (4-7 yrs & parents)**

**11AM-12PM // 04.05 - 04.19 - 05.03 - 05.17 - 05.31 - 06.14**

Come with your child to listen to any one of these sessions to hear a children's story in English and take home a free children's book too!

#### **Book Reading with Grace Lin (4-7 yrs & parents)**

**2-3:30PM // 04.26**

Acclaimed children's book author Grace Lin will read and lead the group in a fun activity. Signed copies of her book will be available for purchase.

#### **ESOL Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts (kids & parents)**

**12:30-2:30PM // 05.10**

Educators from the Museum of Fine Arts will lead a group of BCNC parents and children through the exhibit and lead them through an art class together. Space is limited; registration is required.

#### **Book Reading with Ha Jin (all ages)**

**2-4PM // 05.31**

PEN/Faulkner Award-winning and Pulitzer-finalist novelist Ha Jin will read and sign copies of his newest novel *A Free Life*. Co-sponsored with the Asian American Resource Workshop.

#### **Book Talk with Moying Li (kids & parents)**

**11AM // 05.03**

Moying Li, one of the first students to leave China for study abroad after the Cultural Revolution, will read from her new memoir *Snow Falling in Spring*. This event will take place at the Boston Athenæum at 10½ Beacon St near the State House.

### FOR ADULTS

**Ballroom Dance for Beginners (adults)****4:15-6PM // 05.03-05.24 ☀ \$60 single / \$100 couple**

Join in the latest trend for fitness and fun by learning the basics of ballroom dance from experienced instructor Raymond Eng.

Children and youth courses are on the other side!

**FOR CHILDREN****Lion Dance for Kids (5-9 yrs)****1:00-2:30PM // 04.05-05.10 ☀ \$30**

Members of the Gund Kwok Asian Women's Lion Dance Troupe teach kids how to lion dance!

**Karate for Kids (6-12)****3-4PM // 04.05-04.26 ☀ \$30****3-4PM // 05.03-05.31 ☀ \$30****3-4PM // 06.07-06.28 ☀ \$30**

Shotokan Karate of Boston teaches young people self-defense, as well as honesty, perseverance, and respect.

**Break Dance for Kids (7-12 yrs)****2:30-4PM // 05.03-06.07 ☀ \$40**

Whether it's just for fun, or to get serious, respected local dancer Jazz Kij of Alter Ego Crew can teach you how to break dance.

**Chinese Brush Painting (7-12 yrs)****1-2:30PM // 04.05-06.14 ☀ \$50**

Learn the traditional techniques of the Chinese art of brush painting, one of the oldest forms of art in the world. David Yee can work with both beginner and advanced students.

**Computer Animation & Games (9-12 yrs)****1-3PM // 04.19-06.14 ☀ \$45**

Developed by the MIT Media Lab, "Scratch" is software that helps people of all ages learn to be creative on the computer. Flora Luo will show students how to make their own animations and games on the computer.

**FOR YOUTH****Art from the Heart (11-18 yrs)****1:30-3PM // 04.05-06.07 ☀ \$40 / free for members**

Artist Amanda White will work with teens to create art to hang permanently in the Tufts-New England Medical Center Oncology Unit. The \$40 course fee includes a year's membership to the Oak Street Youth Center.

**Girls Volleyball Clinic (11-18)****12:30-3:30PM // 04.05-06.14 ☀ \$50 / discounts for members**

Get ready for next season by coming by the girls volleyball clinic with instruction from BCNC Recreation staff Jerell Perez and Allan Zamora.

**Public Speaking for Teens (11-18 yrs)****12:30-2PM // 04.12 ☀ FREE****12:30-2PM // 04.26 ☀ FREE****12:30-2PM // 05.03 ☀ FREE**

Speaking in front of crowds is a skill that can be learned like any other. Improve your public declamation skills or just learn for fun at these one-time workshops with public speaking tutor Edlyn Yuen.