

Press Release

Festival Accès Asie
in collaboration with
Chinese Garden of Montreal Botanical Garden
presents



8th edition of
Oriental Dance and Music

Festival Accès Asie, in collaboration with the Chinese Garden of the Montreal Botanical Garden, is proud to present *Oriental Dance and Music* outdoors at the Chinese Garden. This annual event is an eight-day celebration from Friday, July 14th to Friday, July 21st. Every afternoon two groups will perform a thirty minute set; the first begins at 1:00 p.m. and is followed by one at 2:30 p.m.. Each year, more than seventeen local and national artists and community groups with traditionally based dance and music performances attract a public of over 5,000 people to this idyllic outdoor environment.

Founded in 1995, Festival Accès Asie is a Montreal-based collective of artists of Asian origin. The Festival was formed in response to a need for a stronger Asian presence in the Quebec cultural climate. The month of May was declared in the Senate as the "Asian Heritage Month" by the Honorable Senator Vivienne Poy. Officially recognized by the ex-minister Sheila Copps in the year 2003 and by the City of Montreal in May 2004, Asian Heritage Month was celebrated by over ten cities across Canada in 2005.

Dates: July 14 to July 21, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Address: Montréal Botanical Garden
4101, rue Sherbrooke Est

Entrance Fees: For more information on the entrance fees, please contact the Botanical Garden of Montréal at: (514) 872-1400 or visit their website :
www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin
Cancelled in case of rain!

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At the Chinese Garden of Montreal Botanical Garden, 4101 Sherbrooke est, July 14-21 2006
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