



克利夫蘭第七屆亞洲節大獲成功

(本報訊)亞洲文化悠久多元、豐富多彩，為了讓更多的人瞭解亞洲文化和歷史，海外的很多華人都積極努力，大力弘揚。亞洲節便是其中一個重要活動，它以展現亞洲多元文化為特色，通過各亞洲國家民族文藝表演、風味小吃、傳統手工藝及民族藝術精品展銷等活動向美國社會呈現亞洲各國獨特的民族文化。

2016年5月21-22日，克里夫蘭舉辦了為期兩天的第七屆亞洲節活動，來自俄州各地不同族裔近5萬人次參加了本次亞洲節活動，亞洲節上有各種各樣的亞洲美食可供享用，有武術、瑜伽、太極、氣功等表演，有健康普及宣傳及體檢。漫遊亞洲城，還可見全球市場和信息展台，有適合全家同享的各種遊戲和游藝活動：充氣相撲、摔跤，吃春捲比賽和彈跳遊戲。這次亞洲節吸引了無數商家，他們擺放著數十個有著亞洲特色的攤位，有各種藝



術和手工藝品和服飾展秀，吸引許多亞裔及主流民眾前來參加。前來設攤位的還有華人的教堂，亞洲服務行動中心等，伊利華報也在亞洲節設立服務窗口。

今年還特邀了韓國 K-pop 為大家做精彩表演。K-POP，創于韓國，已經流行整個世界，它涵蓋了各種風格，包括流行舞曲，流行民謠，R&B 和 hip-hop 音樂等。其中五位決賽選手被選中在克利夫蘭亞洲藝術節總決賽中爭奪一個\$2500的大獎。

在兩天時間里，整個亞洲超市熙熙攘攘，比過中國新年還熱鬧。克利夫蘭亞洲節自創辦以來，規模連續提陞，在周邊地區的影響不斷擴大，已成為本地區展示亞洲各國文化風貌、豐富民眾文化生活、促進亞洲文化交流與合作和增進友誼的品牌，同時更是為傳承亞洲文化做出了很積極的貢獻，成為向美國社會展示亞洲文化的窗口。

文化需要傳承，弘揚亞洲文化是我們每一個亞洲人的義務，未來希望有更多的華人參與。



K-Pop Rocks the House at Cleveland Asian Festival

Cleveland, OH - Thousands of people visited the Dragon Stage at the 2016 Cleveland Asian Festival (CAF) to watch the finals of the K-Pop competition.

In prior weeks, local dancers submitted their best mashups of popular K-Pop dance routines and people voted for finalists via social media. Saturday afternoon, the final dance off took place.

K-pop (short for Korean pop) has become a worldwide phenomenon. Originating in South Korea, it covers a range of styles including dance-pop, pop ballad, electropop, R&B, and hip-hop music. Five finalists were chosen to compete in the finals at the Cleveland Asian Festival for a \$2500 grand prize.

The seating area filled up quickly and standing room only crowds encompassed the stage. CAF entertainment coordinator Yin Tang said "It was great seeing so many in the audience singing along to the songs as the dancers performed."

The judges included music and dance industry leaders and even a priest, Father Sung-Woong Lee, who comes from South Korea. The cheering of the audience played a part in the decisions but it was the opinions of the expert panel that determined the winner.

The Grand Champion of the 2016 Cleveland Asian Festival



val K-Pop competition, and winner of the \$2500 grand prize, was Chakai. 2nd Place was awarded to Abracadabra Productions and 3rd Place went to Gizibe. Congratulations to all the competitors and the winners.

About the Cleveland Asian Festival

The Cleveland Asian Festival is an annual celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage month in May in Cleveland's Asiatown neighborhood. The Cleveland Asian Festival is a landmark undertaking to unite the community through collaboration and recognition of its culture, diversity, and people. A record crowd of 45,018 attended the 6th annual Cleveland Asian Festival in 2015.

The 2017 Cleveland Asian festival will be held May 20 and 21, 2017 on Payne Ave. between E. 30th St & E. 27th St.

<http://clevelandasianfestival.org>

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