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CHINESE CULTURE DAYS

May 21–22, 2022 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.



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Chair's Welcome

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 2022 Chinese Culture Days! This year's theme, "Celebrating Togetherness," highlights the continual celebration of Chinese culture at the beautiful Missouri Botanical Garden. The past two years have been challenging, and we are all grateful for the long-awaited return of some normalcy. This is the year of the Tiger, which in Chinese tradition is the symbol of the "Brave and Fearless Guardian." It is with this optimism and dedication that we present the annual Chinese Culture Days celebration at the Missouri Botanical Garden! Hundreds of St. Louis area volunteers and artists bring you the dragon dance, lion dance, gourmet Chinese Foodie Square, traditional Chinese Music ensemble, Martial Arts, Handcrafts, and dance attire from different ethnic groups all designed to celebrate Chinese culture. For the featured performance, we have invited an award-winning acrobatic star from New York City! I wish for the Year of the Tiger to bring good health and many adventures to you and your loved ones.

Thank you for joining us at the 2022 Chinese Culture Days.

Sincerely,

Min Liu

Chairperson of the 2022 Chinese Culture Days

Opening Ceremony

10 a.m. | Saturday

Cohen Amphitheater (B)

The celebration kicks off at 10 a.m. with a magnificent Chinese dragon dance at the Cohen Amphitheater. The dragon has always been regarded as a sacred creature, symbolizing power, courage, righteousness and dignity. As a sign of ethnic identity, the Chinese refer to themselves as "Descendants of the Dragon."

The dragon dance and lion dance will share the stage with some of feature performances of the 2022 Chinese Culture Days celebrations, including a demonstration of traditional Chinese attire, *Qipao* and *Hanfu*, martial arts and acrobatic demonstration, waist drum dance and square dance, and a traditional Chinese dance.

The Opening Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. when dignitaries and members of the hosting committee will offer brief remarks.



**Dance with
the Dragon and
Dance with Lions!**

noon and 3 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Central Axis (A)

We invite our young visitors to come and learn the dragon and lion dances! In the first half hour, young visitors are welcome to try holding a pole in the dragon team, and learn the teamwork required to perform the dragon dance! In the second half hour, our lion dance volunteers will show our visitors all the coordination required to make the lions run, jump, play, and roll around. There will be opportunities to snap some photos with our brand-new baby lions!

Schedule for Saturday, May 21 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	See map
9 a.m.	Tai Chi for Health	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Square Dance and Street Dance	Central Axis	(A)
10 a.m.–5 p.m.	Marketplace and Cultural Exhibits	Temporary Visitor Center	(I)
	Chinese Foodie Square and Food Court	East Parking Lot and Linnean Plaza	(J) (F)
	Children's Arts and Crafts	Lehmann Lawn	(G)
	Chinese Handcraft Demonstration and DIY	South Climatron Lawn	(D)
10 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
11 a.m.	Chinese Culinary Show	Linnean Plaza	(F)
	Acrobatic and Kung-Fu Show	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
11:30 a.m.	Chinese Garden Tour	Chinese Garden	(C)
noon	Dance with Dragon and Lions	Central Axis	(A)
	Outdoor Dance Program	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Tea Ceremony and Folk Music Demonstration	Chinese Garden	(C)
	Children's Arts and Crafts Demonstration	Lehmann Lawn	(G)

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	See map
1 p.m.	Square Dance and Street Dance	Central Axis	(A)
	Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Chinese Wedding and Qipao Show	Chinese Garden	(C)
	Tai Chi for Health	Japanese Garden	(H)
2 p.m.	Grand Parade	Central Axis to Cohen Amphitheater	(A) (B)
3 p.m.	Chinese Culinary Show	Linnean Plaza	(F)
	Dance with Dragon and Lions	Central Axis	(A)
	Acrobatic and Kung-Fu Show	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Children's Arts and Crafts Demonstration	Lehmann Lawn	(G)
3:30 p.m.	Chinese Garden Tour	Chinese Garden	(C)
4 p.m.	Outdoor Dance Program	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Tea Ceremony and Folk Music Demonstration	Chinese Garden	(C)

Note: In the event of rain, some programs will be cancelled.

Schedule for Sunday, May 22 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	See map
9 a.m.	Tai Chi for Health	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Square Dance and Street Dance	Central Axis	(A)
10 a.m.–5 p.m.	Marketplace and Cultural Exhibits	Temporary Visitor Center	(I)
	Chinese Foodie Square and Food Court	East Parking Lot and Linnean Plaza	(J) (F)
	Children's Arts and Crafts	Lehmann Lawn	(G)
	Chinese Handcraft Demonstration and DIY	South Climatron Lawn	(D)
10 a.m.	Waist Drum Dance	Central Axis	(A)
	Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
11 a.m.	Chinese Culinary Show	Linnean Plaza	(F)
	Acrobatic and Kung-Fu Show	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
11:30 a.m.	Chinese Garden Tour	Chinese Garden	(C)
noon	Dance with Dragon and Lions	Central Axis	(A)
	Outdoor Dance Program	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Tea Ceremony and Folk Music Demonstration	Chinese Garden	(C)
	Children's Arts and Crafts Demonstration	Lehmann Lawn	(G)

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	See map
1 p.m.	Square Dance and Street Dance	Central Axis	(A)
	Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Chinese Wedding and Qipao Show	Chinese Garden	(C)
	Tai Chi for Health	Japanese Garden	(H)
2 p.m.	Grand Parade	Central Axis to Cohen Amphitheater	(A) (B)
3 p.m.	Chinese Culinary Show	Linnean Plaza	(F)
	Dance with Dragon and Lions	Central Axis	(A)
	Acrobatic and Kung-Fu Show	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Chinese Wedding and Qipao Show	Chinese Garden	(C)
	Children's Arts and Crafts Demonstration	Lehmann Lawn	(G)
4 p.m.	Outdoor Dance Program	Cohen Amphitheater	(B)
	Tea Ceremony and Folk Music Demonstration	Chinese Garden	(C)

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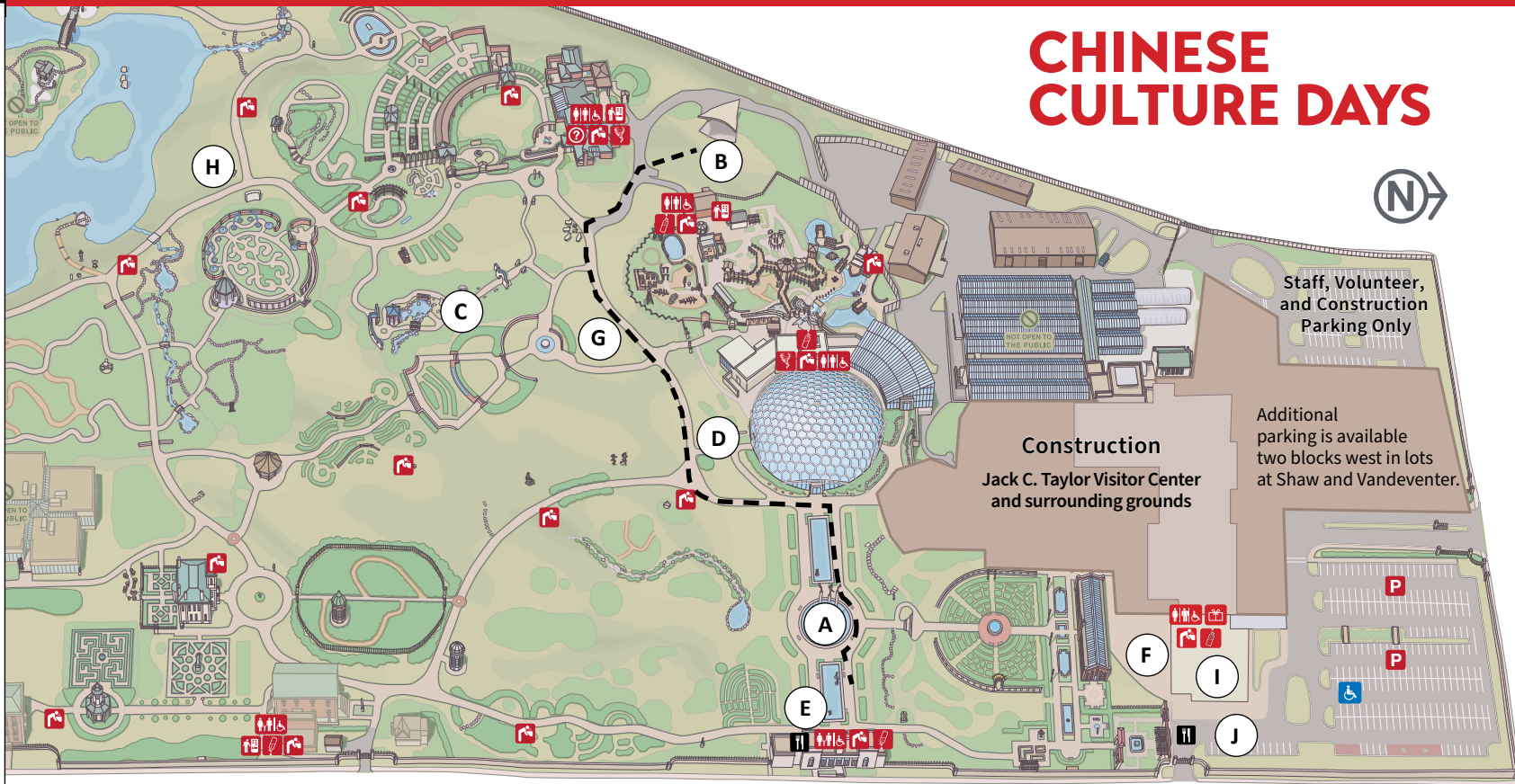
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KEY

--- Parade Route

- (A) Central Axis
- (B) Cohen Amphitheater
- (C) Chinese Garden
- (D) South Climatron Lawn
- (E) Café Flora, Spink Pavillion
- (F) Linnean Plaza
- (G) Lehmann Lawn
- (H) Japanese Garden
- (I) Temporary Visitor Center
- (J) East Parking Lot

- Food Vending
- ATM Restrooms
- Family Restrooms
- Water Fountain
- Hydration Station
- Shopping



CHINESE CULTURE DAYS



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Chinese Garden Activities

The Margaret Grigg Nanjing Friendship Chinese Garden is a private “Scholar’s Garden,” designed as a retreat to escape the distractions of everyday life. Chinese gardens, it is said, are built, not planted. Much of the space is filled with pavilions, bridges, and decorative pavements, reflecting the traditional Chinese *han shui* (mountains and water) landscape. Stones symbolize the five sacred mountains in China around a central pool of water.

Enjoy the peaceful and idyllic Chinese Garden, specially decorated for the festival with lanterns made in the City of Nanjing.

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Chinese Garden Tour

11:30 a.m. | Saturday and Sunday
3:30 p.m. | Saturday

Volunteers from the community partnered with Garden horticulturists to develop this tour in the Nanjing Friendship Garden. The tour will present visitors with information about the garden’s history and the Nanjing-St. Louis sister city relationship. Guests will be able to appreciate significant elements of the garden, including the Scholar’s Pavilion, the bridges, rocks, and plants.

Tea Ceremony and Folk Music Demonstrations

noon and 4 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

In this two-part program, we will first demonstrate the correct techniques in preparing tea, the correct temperature of the water, the kind of tea wares to use, and discuss the benefits of tea over other popular drinks. The pavilion provides a picture-perfect backdrop for the art of tea. There will also be opportunities for visitors to get a taste of a variety of tea products.

In the second half of the hour, visitors will get an intimate look at a variety of traditional Chinese instruments. Musicians will showcase the unique qualities of *erhu*, *guzheng*, *pipa*, and more through solo and duo performances.



Chinese Wedding and Qipao Show

1 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

3 p.m. | Sunday

In this two-part program, the Chinese Garden will be decorated to showcase the charms of traditional Chinese customs and attire. From the traditional attire of the bride and groom to the members of the wedding party, visitors can experience an authentic traditional Chinese wedding party procession, led by gongs and drums.

In the second half of the hour, volunteers will present a fascinating fashion show, featuring *Hanfu*, the attire from the ancient Han dynasty, and *Qipao*, the traditional form-fitting dress for Chinese women from the Qing dynasty. Visitors will get an opportunity to observe a variety of *Hanfu* and *Qipao* traditions from different eras.



Acrobatic and Kung-Fu Show

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater (B)

For this feature performance, internationally renowned acrobatic artist Lina Liu joins us from New York City and brings her award-winning performances involving various forms of foot spinning. With the nickname “Umbrella Queen,” Lina’s performance has been on numerous stages worldwide, including the 2022 TBS *Go Big Show*, and the NBC Year of the Tiger celebration on Madison Square. Lina is also a two-time Guinness World Records holder.

Joining Lina on stage are renowned Kung-Fu masters in St. Louis, Master Qi, Master Xingxue, and choreographer and dancer V V Fu. The demonstration of Shaolin Temple-style martial arts with weapons like the sword and the long staff complements the acrobatic performance well.

Tai Chi for Health

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater (9 a.m.) (B)

Japanese Garden (1 p.m.) (H)

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese healing art, martial art, and performing art. Master Li from Vegas will lead the audience, along with local advanced *Tai Chi* practitioners, in several easy and calming *Tai Chi* routines. Audience participation is encouraged.

Outdoor Dance

noon and 4 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater (B)

The 2022 Chinese Culture Days Outdoor Dance Program seeks to showcase the diverse culture of ethnic minorities in China, including their attire and dance. This show features the top performers of traditional Chinese dance in the St. Louis region, presenting various styles of folk dance from the mountainous region of southern China to the northwestern province of Xinjiang. The performance is sure to delight those with an interest in the charm of traditional arts.

Waist Drum Dance

10 a.m. Sunday

Central Axis (A)

In northern and northwestern China, special occasions such as Lunar New Year and a good harvest require the most jubilant of music and dances, as can be seen in the waist drum dance. Also known as *Yao Gu*, the waist drum dance is a traditional folk music and dance performance always performed by large groups of dancers in festivities and celebrations.

Square Dance and Street Dance

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Central Axis (A)

This program features two forms of modern dances that are hugely popular in modern-day China. The Square Dance is a popular form of group dance, often accompanied by pop music tunes, and is a favorite form of fitness and exercise for millions in China. The Street Dance, which pays tribute to dance influences from outside the country, is most popular among the trend-setting Gen-Ys and Gen-Zs. Opportunities for visitors to participate.

Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble

1 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
10 a.m. | Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater (B)

This performance features traditional Chinese music ensembles, including *erhu*, *pipa*, Chinese flute, etc. The performance will feature dance and vocal performances as well. Audience members will experience the traditional music in different combinations, including solo, duo, or in ensemble format. The performances include traditional Chinese music as well as renditions of popular music from the U.S. There will also be opportunities for audience engagement.



Chinese Handcraft Demonstration and DIY

10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Climatron South Lawn (D)

This workshop is designed for older kids (10+ years old), adults, and all lovers of craft projects. We will teach participants the basic skills for making traditional and contemporary Chinese handcrafts, such as decorative items for the Dragon Boat Festival, window art for Chinese New Year, and many others. Exercise your hands and mind and to go home with your own hand-made Chinese craft items.

Children's Arts & Crafts

10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Demonstration at noon and 3 p.m.
Lehmann Lawn (G)

This program is designed for children and the young at heart. Have your face painted with the Chinese zodiac, make your own Chinese lantern, try the chopsticks games, and learn to write Chinese Calligraphy using traditional writing brushes. There is no shortage of fun here!



Dining

Chinese Culinary Show

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Linnean Plaza (F)

The Chinese culinary show will feature a variety of demonstrations two times per day highlighting different entrees with food tastings after each show.

Chinese Foodie Square and Food Court

10 a.m.–5 p.m.
East Parking Lot (J) | Linnean Plaza (F)

Café Flora

9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Spink Pavillion (E)

Dine Express

9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Temporary Visitor Center (I)

Cultural Exhibits and Marketplace

10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Temporary Visitor Center (I)

謝謝!

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Thank you!

Hundreds of community volunteers work toward producing a weekend filled with colorful Chinese pageantry, art, music, and dance, history and legends, and, of course, wonderful food!

The Board of Chinese Culture Education and Services (CCES) expresses our thanks to the following organizations and individuals that have dedicated months of planning Chinese Culture Days:

- St. Louis-Nanjing Sister City Committee
- St. Louis Modern Chinese School (SLMCS)
- St. Louis Chinese Language School (SLCLS)
- St. Louis Chinese Culture Center
- Chinese Service Center in St. Louis
- St. Louis American News
- St. Louis Chinese Journal
- St. Louis Science Center

Since 1996, the Garden has collaborated with the Chinese Culture Education and Services Foundation to produce an event to celebrate Chinese culture.

2022 Chinese Culture Days Planning Committee

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