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TAFSD Board's Appeal for Donation Pledge

Realizing Our Dream—TAFSD Board's Appeal for Financial Support

We have a dream! We, the Taiwanese Americans in Greater San Diego, have been dreaming that we will eventually have a permanent home for our Taiwanese American Community Center (TACC)! The time has come for us to realize this beautiful dream of ours.

A little over 10 years ago, a group of foresighted Taiwanese Americans founded the Taiwanese American Foundation of San Diego (TAFSD). The mission of the TAFSD is to strengthen and enhance the Taiwanese American individual and family life in San Diego by: Engaging in charitable, educational and community activities that promote Taiwanese American culture and tradition in a diverse society; Promoting the health and social well-being of members of the Taiwanese American community and enhancing their quality life; and Providing assistance to immigrants and other newcomers to our community. A few of the Foundation's founders made major donations to set up a permanent site fund of \$2,000,000 which has since grown to nearly \$2,900,000 by September 2007 even after TACC has taken about \$60,000 every year from the fund's annual income/interest to supplement the operation cost of TACC.

Instead of continuing to rent a building for the use of TACC, we are now actively searching for a suitable building at a suitable location to house TACC permanently. With a new facility we shall be able to plan for a new and improved Center. We, however, need much financial support from all members of our community so that we can raise in the next five years (2007-2011) \$2,800,000 that is needed to facilitate the purchase and operation of the permanent site. (continued on next page)

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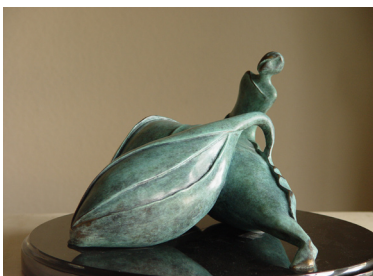
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Chin-Wen Chuang's Sculpture Exhibition
12/01/07 ~ 01/31/08



Formosa Dreaming
Music from Taiwan



UN for Taiwan March
in Downtown San Diego



Mid-Autumn Festival Soiree



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We are of course appealing to you all for support. We are pleading to you to help in building the needed funds by completing the attached donation pledge form.

We are looking not only for many big donors but also a great number of donors. We welcome whatever amount you are willing to pledge. We want you to help make TACC your TACC and not just that of a small number of big donors. To inspire more people to pledge/donate, an anonymous major supporter of TAFSD/TACC has most generously offered to match the total amount pledged/donated by the entire 7th category of donors – Brothers and Sisters. This means that those of you who donate any amount less than \$2,500, this generous supporter of ours will match it. When a lot of you “Brothers and Sisters” donate whatever amount you

can afford to give, due to matching, the total amount of donations from all “Brothers & Sisters” could very well surpass that of some of other categories. Therefore, please do not think that your individual contribution is insignificant. Like others’ contributions, any amount you donate will help us reach the goal.

Finally, for us to reach the fundraising goal it is essential that we have many of you who are willing to contribute a more substantial amount. We do plan to inscribe on the “Appreciation Wall” of the new TACC names of people who are willing to donate a total of \$2,500 or more each during our 5-year campaign.

We thank you for your past support and appreciate your willingness to consider pledging financial contributions to help realize our dream.



TO: The Board of Directors, Taiwanese American Foundation of San Diego

I /We support establishing the permanent site of the Taiwanese American Foundation of San Diego/Taiwanese American Community Center in San Diego and the operation of the Center in San Diego. I /We hereby pledge to donate a total amount of US\$ _____ and accordingly place myself/ourselves in one of the following donation categories/levels (Please circle one):

- (1) Sponsors /Diamond More than \$200,000
- (2) Benefactors/Platinum \$50,000 to 199,999
- (3) Donors/Gold \$25,000 to 49,999
- (4) Patrons/Silver \$12,500 to 24,999
- (5) Supporters/Bronze \$5,000 to 12,499
- (6) Friends/Copper \$2,500 to 4,999
- (7) Brothers-Sisters/Water Any amount up to \$2,499

I/We further choose to (please select one):

1. Donate the entire amount \$ _____ by the end of 2007 or when the purchase of the building is completed.
2. Donate \$ _____ annually for five or less than five consecutive years starting from the end of 2007 or the date when purchasing of the building is completed, and the total amount will be \$ _____ over the years.

Signature(s): _____
 Date: _____
 Name (s): _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone Number(s): _____
 Email: _____

* Please write your check payable to: TAFSD

** Please send the completed pledge form to Philip Chang, Treasurer of TAFSD/TACC, 7170 Convoy Court, San Diego, CA 92111, by November 30, 2007

*** Thank you for your contributions. Your donations are tax deductible.

Donors Appreciation Concert & Dinner

Time: 11/17/2007, Saturday

Dinner - 6:00pm ; Concert - 8:00pm

Place: Auditorium, Taiwanese American Community Center



Ruslan Biryukov

Cellist, Ruslan Biryukov, known for his “superb artistry, virtuosity, charisma, sensitivity and passion” has performed in over twenty countries, including collaboration with internationally renowned artists. A master teacher in music festivals in Europe and Russia, he develops new ideas based upon the tradition he learned from prominent artists. Mr. Biryukov has held teaching positions at Ippolitov-Ivanov State Institute of Music, Music Academy in Croatia and Alto Polis Academy. Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, Mr. Biryukov is a graduate of Baku Music Academy, Tchaikovsky Moscow Conservatory and the USC Thornton School of Music. Ruslan Biryukov represents a new generation of creative professional musicians whose artistic level is recognized not only by awards, but also by a worldwide audience from all walks of life. To read more about Ruslan Biryukov, please visit www.celloart.com.



Mary Au

Pianist Mary Au is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and the University of Southern California. Heralded as one of the “Outstanding Young Women of America”, Her collaboration with many renowned artists, including appearances in Columbia Artists Management Community Concerts and her recordings with cellist Ruslan Biryukov have been enthusiastically received. Ms. Au performed in the IFEA Award winning Nanning International Arts Festival in China. As a former executive of the GRAMMY Awards, Mary Au continues to dedicate herself to cross cultural boundaries and share her musical fabric with audiences worldwide. To read more about Mary Au, please visit www.aumary.com.



Andrea Yu

Fourteen-year-old cellist Andrea Yu is a student of Ruslan Biryukov at the Alto Polis Academy. She has won top prizes numerous competitions, including the MTAC VOCE and Concerto competitions, and scholarships from the Los Angeles Violoncello Society, Associated Arts and MTAC Goodlin Foundation. In addition to being a member of the San Diego Youth Symphony and a chamber music ensemble, Andrea also studies piano with her mother May Yu. Andrea is a 9th grader at Mount Carmel High School.

* FINANCIAL SEMINAR *

10/25/07, Thursday, 6:00 pm

Organized by Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce San Diego

Speakers:

- Alex Hu, Senior VP – Metro-United Bank, San Diego
- Julia Cheng, MBA, CMFC, CLTC, Senior Financial Planner – Pinnacle Financial & Ins. Services
- Andrew R. Stilwell, Esq. – Managing Attorney, Stilwell & Associates

Topics:

- Asset Protection for executive and

their Companies

- International tax planning for foreign investing in the U.S.
- Remote check deposit – Need to make a deposit right away but no time to run to the bank? Now you can scan and make a deposit – by Metro-United Bank
- More than 100K to buy CD with? FDIC only insured up to 100K - Now you can get FDIC fully insured up to \$50 million
- Retirement planning and how to achieve your dream retirement
- Key men protection and business executive compensation

* HEALTH SEMINAR *

The prevention of cardiac diseases

11/03/07, Saturday, 2:00 pm

Speaker: **Charlie Lu, M.D.**

Dr. Lu was born in Taoyuan, Taiwan and immigrated to San Diego at the age of 10. He received his B.A. from UC Berkeley and his M.D. from UCSF, School of Medicine. He did his Internal Medicine Residency at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego and currently finishing up his Cardiology fellowship at UCLA-Olive View Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Art Exhibiton

Chin-Wen Chuang’s Sculpture Exhibition

Artist: Chin-Wen Chuang
 Date and Time: 12/01/07 ~ 01/31/08
 Place: TACC Gallery



The talented and diligent Chin-Wen Chuang, barely in her thirties, boasts an impressive array of creative accomplishments and awards for an artist her age. A native of Taiwan, Ms. Chuang traces her artistic roots to an idyllic childhood, where she immersed herself enthusiastically in many creative areas of study, from arts and crafts to poetry and literature.

Although Ms. Chuang cites legendary sculptors such as Auguste Rodin and Lee Bontecou as great influences and inspirations, her creations clearly come from an original place in her heart. Ms. Chuang likens the style of her sculptures to an amalgamation of organic and abstract art that is not too exaggerated and is still ultimately rooted in reality. Besides pure aesthetic beauty, one of her aims is to create works of art that are timeless in their ability to evoke powerful and positive images and feelings. To that end, many of Ms. Chuang’s sculptures include her two signature elements, the incorporation of a heart shaped object which is meant to express the radiant energy of love and the fact that many of Ms. Chuang’s designs are meant to appear bottom-heavy so as to create images of stability, peacefulness and contentment.

Ms. Chuang’s works are frequently exhibited and have already received much notoriety. This notoriety recently led to the County of San Diego commissioning her to produce a public works sculpture. That sculpture, the “Acorn Woodpecker’s Egg,” is now permanently displayed in the Felicitas County Park located in Escondido, California.

Before achieving fame as a sculptor, Ms. Chuang spent years expending her creative energies in the fast-paced, competitive world of advertising. For her accomplishments in advertising, Ms. Chuang has been honored with over twenty prestigious awards, including the Cannes Lion International Advertising Festival Gold Award (1993,1994), the International Visual Design Competition Award (1997) and four awards in four separate categories at the 20th Annual Times Advertising Awards (1995,1996,1997 and1998). However, Ms. Chuang left the advertising world as she felt that advertising is about creating for a specific moment and purpose – much too short of a time span for Ms. Chuang, who now creates works of art that have a much deeper meaning and will last a lifetime.

There is no doubt that Ms. Chuang’s work is very unique, but made even more so by the fact that there are very few female sculptors, partly due to the strenuous and physically demanding nature of sculpturing. Regardless, Ms. Chuang describes sculpturing as a labor of love and feels truly fortunate to spend her time and energy on what she loves. Consequently, because of her love of bronze sculpturing and her belief in it as a pure form of creative, artistic self-expression, Ms. Chuang chooses to ignore popular sentiments when she is creating her latest sculptures. As she puts it, in order to achieve greatness, an artist needs to follow her heart and cannot worry about what is or is not currently fashionable and in-style. One of Ms. Chuang’s goals as an artist is to create works of art that will not be judged by the whims of the latest trends and can withstand the test of time.

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TAFSD Key Financial Information
Year to Date ended June 30, 2007

	General Fund	Permanent Site Fund	Kuan Chen Memorial Fund	Children Speical Needs Fund	Total
Contribution	116,048	0	0	0	\$116,048
Other Support	160,299	0	0	0	\$160,299
Investment Income	10,901	249,496	5,543	403	\$266,343
Expenses (-)	(255,766)	249,496	0	0	\$(255,766)
Net Operating Surplus	(31,481)	69,481	5,543	403	\$286,924
Fund Balance	\$542,211	\$2,790,555	\$64,753	\$8,742	\$3,406,262

TACC Special Lecture**Educate others about Taiwan and Taiwanese Americans through Networking and Community Outreach Programs**

Speaker: Ginru Lee

Date: 10/6/07, Saturday, 3:00 PM

Place: TACC Auditorium

Ginru Lee will talk about her experience and effort in introducing Taiwan and Taiwanese Americans to American public in Houston area. As an outreach coordinator, Ginru has organized various programs at Taiwanese Community Center of Houston. For example, "Learning about Taiwan" field trip program bring students from neighboring elementary schools to interact with members of the Taiwanese community. With the help of more than 30 volunteers, this program served over 4000 students from a dozen schools during a 5-year period. In addition, through an annual back-to-school celebration program, Ginru and other Taiwanese provided school supplies and uniforms to newly-arrived refuge students in Houston area. Slides will be used throughout the lecture to demonstrate her way of familiarizing Americans with Taiwan and Taiwanese Americans in Houston.

With this visit to San Diego Taiwanese American Community Center, Ginru would like to share her experiences and is interested in learning from others who also have experiences in community service.

Ginru Lee received her BA degree in Philosophy from National Taiwan University, and Master degree in Social Work from University of Houston. She is a char-

ter member and served in 1994 as the President of North America Taiwanese Women Association (NATWA). She has also served as the President of Taiwanese Heritage Society of Houston (THSH), Vice President of Taiwanese American Association in Houston, and a board member of Houston Taiwanese School. Currently, she is a national at-large board member for Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) and the outreach coordinator of THSH.

Ginru Lee is active in Houston's Asian American community. She was a steering committee member for National Asian American Conference. In 2001, she co-founded Asians against Domestic Abuse (AADA) with a group of women from diverse backgrounds. She was the Vice Chairperson of Alliance for Multicultural Community Services, a refugee-serving agency in which she established "Stars among Us" Scholarship program to assist newly-arrived students. In addition, she serves on the Board of Friends of Women Studies at University of Houston.

For her services, Ginru Lee received the Vision of America Award from Time Warner in 2004 and the Humanitarian and Caring Award from Houston Counseling Association in 2005.

TACC Concert**Connie Sheu - Classical Guitar**

Time: 09/30/07, Sunday, 2:00pm

Place: TACC Auditorium

Praised as "a gifted guitarist whose energetic, thoughtful and artistic playing is wonderfully compelling and dynamic" (guitarist Sharon Isbin), American classical guitarist Connie Sheu is at the onset of a burgeoning career as both a performer and a teacher. Her playing has been hailed by the New York Sun as "excellent, ruminative... scholarly" and some of her New York performances have been at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, and Miller Theater.

Born and raised in San Jose, CA, Ms. Sheu began

studying classical guitar at the age of five. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in U.S. History and Music from Columbia University where she studied with Antigoni Goni and was awarded a Rapaport Music Fellowship. She is a graduate of The Juilliard School, where she earned her Master of Music in 2006 with Sharon Isbin. Ms. Sheu is also on the faculty of the Crescendo Summer Institute of the Arts in Hungary. She lives in San Diego, CA, where she teaches and performs locally.

