

FESTIVAL ACCÈS ASIE



Montreal, March 3rd, 2014 - From May 1st to May 18th, 2014, Montreal will host the 19th edition of Festival Accès Asie! Under the title **Earth of Asia, Dome of Montreal**, the 2014 edition of the oldest festival celebrating Asian Heritage Month in Canada will be offering no less than **11 events in 9 different locations**. A rich program that will showcase the talent of nearly forty Asian Canadian artists.

The Festival's program offers something for everyone! Music, dance, film, but also visual arts, new media and culinary arts will all be part of this colourful program. And for the first time, the Festival is proud to be represented by a prestigious spokesperson; Vietnamese Canadian author, **Kim Thúy**.

The Festival will start with the **opening cocktail** featuring performances by Ziya Tabassian on Persian percussions and Aditya Verma on the Indian *sarod*, dancers Jenn Doan and Ted Strauss and VJ Pink Rubber Lady. Festival-goers will then get to enjoy the *Obang - The Harmony of Colours* exhibition in which three Korean women artists will express their innovative vision about a traditional Korean symbol. Once more this year, dance will be the guest of honour! *Iredea*, the **danced rock-opera** by Jenn Doan and Ted Strauss will submerge the audience in an eclectic science-fiction universe. The Festival will also host a **belly dance competition** during which passionate dancers will compete with dazzling numbers, and a performance by *Regard Persan* trio and Aditya Verma will offer a voyage through **Indian and Persian music**. And finally, dancer and choreographer Jo Fong will monitor a **discussion** with five Asian Canadian dancers on issues relating to the dance world.

Fans of **new media** will appreciate Khadija Baker's moving performance denouncing violence towards children during civil wars. The **film program** will present four films exploring themes of male belly dancing, memory, Tibet and the poetic body. Gourmets will be delighted with an introduction to **Indonesian culinary arts** with a generous meal at Nonya restaurant.

Since it has now become a tradition, Festival Accès Asie, in collaboration with the Gesù, will shine on the Place des Festivals with the **Wind of Asia event** at the **Quartier des spectacles**. The Lebanese folklore dance troupe Layalina, Japanese *taiko* group Arashi Daiko and the Huu Bac String Trio will be performing to enchant the audience. And to conclude this 19th edition, the Festival will join GLAM Montreal to present **Glamboree 2014**, a festive evening celebrating the richness and the beauty of sexual and cultural diversity.

This year again, Festival Accès Asie successfully honours its mandate of promoting Asian Canadian artists with a rich and diverse program. A golden occasion to be inspired by their creativity and to celebrate the beauty of Asia.



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