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OCCA Newsletter

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Message from OCCA

What a successful 2011 Greater Omaha Chinese New Year Gala on February 13, 2011! Along with Co-Organizers, we thank all volunteers and performers for their talent, dedication, and hard work, and all sponsors and supporters for their generosity and encouragement. You will find this newsletter includes stories and pictures from the Gala.

One of volunteers wrote. "... I am so proud of being part of the greater Omaha Chinese community... we put a lot of work (into the Gala) and were very tired at the end of the day, but it was a rewarding and proud experience..." Mayor Suttle told us, "...what a great organization! ... nice people, delicious food, wonderful performance... I will be sure to come again next year..."

Spring Festival is another name for the Chinese New Year. We indeed feel spring is coming during and after the Gala. OCCA volunteers have been continuing their work, such as writing thanks letter to sponsors and volunteers, collecting receivables, paying bills, finalizing financial report, planning the next activities...see you all in the next OCCA event!

Thanks and best regards,

Team OCCA

OCCA Annual Awards 2011

OCCA presents annual awards to organizations and groups to recognize their contribution in promoting Chinese Culture and Communal Diversity in the Greater Omaha Area.

2010-2011 OCCA Alliance of the Year: ConAgra Asian Network	(2009-2010: Confucius Institute at UNL)
2010-2011 OCCA Sponsor of the Year: Asian Market	(2009-2010: ConAgra Asian Network)
2010-2011 OCCA Team of the Year: OCCA Wushu Team	(2009-2010: OCCA Dancing Team)

2011 Greater Omaha Chinese New Year Gala – 2/13/2011 at Burke High School

Numbers and Facts

- 93 performers, 102 volunteers, 985 attendees, 25 sponsors
- 16 weekly preparation meetings, 2,400 bottles of water, 91 trays of foods, 87 balloons
- 267 Chinese calligraphy characters (written by Jiang Haihong), 131 passport-renew interviews By Chang Wang
- 400 chairs were moved from classrooms to the dining area
- 8 months of practicing time by dancing and performance group
- 300 kids enjoyed the games and fun activities, 1,500 gift bags from ConAgra Foods

Pictures of the day... (More pictures at <https://picasaweb.google.com/OmahaChinese/2011YearOfTheRabbit#>)

Before the door open to public ...



Guests are in ..



Mayor is here...



Mr. Chang Wang from Chinese Embassy after a long day of passport renew interview



Sponsors' Tables



Kids Activities



Dinning Time



OCCA Awards



Performance





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2011 年大奥马哈春节庆典兔年大吉
2011 Greater Omaha Chinese New Year Gala
Feb 13, 2011
Burke High School
Omaha Chinese Culture Association

Chinese Students and Scholars Associations at UNO, UNMC, and Creighton University, CSA at Bellevue University, Confucius Institute at UNL

文艺表演 Performance Program

春晚导演：李梅；Performance Director: Mei Li Keith

舞蹈教练：黄筱娜, 曹卫东；Dance Coach: Xiaona Huang, Weidong Zeng

主持人：韩翀宇, 李妍娜, 王亚萌, 赵静, 赵梓贺；Emcee: Chongyu Han, Leanna Keith, Yameng Wang, Jing Zhao, Zihe Zhao

1. 开幕舞蹈：全家福 -----表演者：OCCA 舞蹈队；Group Dance: Happy Families ----- OCCA Dance Teams

小兔子扮演者 -----Kids in Rabbit Costumes: Victor Chen, Michael Rowe, Michell Zhang, George Zhou, Hugh Zhou, Kenny Zhu

2. 弦乐长笛合奏：迎春序曲；String Quartet with Flute: Song of Spring Celebration----- Violin I: Jesse Mu, Violin II: Jeffery Wang, Viola: Grace Cai, Cello: Pete Xu, Flute: Leanna Keith

3. 颁奖：Awards – John Zhang, Mayor Suttle, Jialin Zheng, Kevin Wang, Zilong Fan, Hong Zheng

4. 傣族舞：竹林深处 ---- 表演者：马晓慧；Daizu Folk Dance: Deep in the Bamboo Forest ----- Xiao Hui Ma

5. 现代舞：SNSD 少女时代 ----- 少年舞蹈队；Dance: Run Devil Run-----Cassie Huang, Rebecca Yuan, Emily Zhang, 陈慧中, 王诗悦

6. 歌舞：一杯美酒 --演唱者：郭力, 伴舞：黄筱娜, 管丽霜, 林燕, 马艳玲, 谈红扬, 王静, 杨芳, 曹卫东；Song & Dance: A Glass of Beautiful Wine ---- Solo: Li Guo, Dancers: Xiaona Huang, Lishuan Guan, Yan Lin, Yanlin Ma, Hongyang Tan, Julie Verebely, Fang Yang, Weidong Zeng

7. 抽奖：Door Prize Winner Announcement – Chang Wang, Chinese Embassy at Washington DC

8. 民乐小合奏：二胡：蒋文智, 葫芦丝：赵晋明 UNL, 古筝：春苗 -----陈慧中

Chinese Music Instruments: Er Hu: Wenzhi Jiang, Hu Lu Si: Leiming Zhao from UNL; Gu Zheng: Spring Shoots ----- Huizhong Chen

9. 女声独唱：节日欢歌 ----演唱者：黄鸾 UNL –Confucius Institutue 孔子学院音乐老师

Solo: Song of The Merry Festival - Huang Luan Li Soprano & Music Instructor at UNL-CI

10. 诙谐舞：小天鹅舞 -----表演者：黄筱娜, 高云龙, 郭力, 蓝西铨, 李玉龙, 郑景森 Humor Dance: Little Swans ----- Xiaono Huang, Yunlong Gao, Li Guo, Xiqian Lan, Yulong Li, Jingsen Zheng

11 中国民族展示：中华色彩；Chinese Fashion Exhibit: Colors of China----- Cassie Huang, Miya Liang, Mandy Huang, Ros Ni , Cecilia Xing, Julie Verebely, Qian Yang, Malanie Schenkel , Fang Yang, Zoe Peng, Jia Yu

12. 男声二重唱：中国娃 演唱者 ----- 孙宏, 熊焕贵, 儿童伴舞；Duet: Chinese Children ----- Hong Sun, Huangui Xiong, Children Dancers: Cheryl Chen, Crystal Huang, Isabelle Lu, Allison Luo, Molly Murch, Grace Sun, Janie Xu, ,

13 . 抽奖：Door Prize Winner Announcement - Rita Sanders, Mayor of Bellevue

14. 歌舞：常回家看看 -----演唱者：周晓琳, 郭力；王雨朦, 肖然 ---- 伴舞：舞蹈队；Song and Dance: Go Home Visit Often ----- Xiaolin Zhou, Li Guo, Yumeng Wang, Ran Xiao, Dancers: Xiaona Huang, Lishuan Guan, Fang Yang, Qian Yang, Jia Yu, Weidong Zeng

15. 武术表演：中国龙-----表演者：武术队----- Wushu Team

Chinese Martial Arts: China Dragon -----Performers: Joshua Feng, David Huang, Olivia Guo, Jayden Kephart, Ruisong Lan, Victoria Lei, Gary Liu, Nathan Liu, Michael Ma, Sara Mu, David Pei, Gabriel Runyou, Maizie Schaffart, Lucy Tu, Jeffreery Wang, Lucas Wang, Thomas Wang,, Justin Ye, Amanda Zhang, Kevin Zhang, Joseph Zhang, Jeffreery Zhao, Daniel Zhou

16. 抽奖：Door Prize Winner Announcement – Qiumin Zhu

17. 小合唱：爱在心中 -----演唱者：王雨朦, 周晓琳, 潘伟, 孙如彬, 韩翀宇, 肖然伴奏：Jesse Mu, 何婷婷

Chorus: Love In The Heart -----Yumeng Wang, Xiaolin Zhou, Wei Pan, Binru Sun, Chongyu Han, Ran Xiao, Drum: Jesse Mu, Keyboard: Nancy He

18. 女声小合唱：挥着翅膀的女孩；演唱者：王雨朦, Jenna Mu; Duet: A Girl with Wings ----- Yemeng Wang, Jenna Mu

19. 女声独唱：唐人街, 演唱者：郭明曦；Solo: ChinaTown ----- Mingxi Guo

20. 现代舞：甜蜜 -----表演者：少年舞蹈队；Dance: Honey ----- 陈慧中, 王诗悦, Cassie Huang, Crystal Huang, Rena Li, Jenna Mu, Rebecca Yuan, Emily Zhang

21. 古典舞：踏歌；表演者：黄筱娜, 管丽霜, 梁敏儿, 林燕, 马艳玲, 谈红扬, 王静, 杨芳, 杨茜, 余佳, 曹卫东；Chinese Classical Dance: Stepping Dance in Spring: Xiaona Huang, Lishuan Guan, Miya Liang, Yan Lin, Yanlin Ma, Hongyan Tan, Julie Verebely, Fang Yang, Qian Yang, Jia Yu, Weidong Zeng

22. 舞狮：舞狮庆兔年-----舞狮队；Lion Dance: Celebrate Year of Rabbit ---- Lin Quang Lion Dance Team



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23. 闭幕合唱---国家---领唱：马晓慧，周晓琳，孙宏；合唱：歌手们 和所有演员；Closing Song: Family of Country ----- Lead Singers: Xiaohui Ma, Xiaolin Zhou, Hong Sun and Cast -----

音响设备/灯光：朱力康，穆克力，周宇 Sound System and Equipment: Bill Zhu, Keli Mu, Yu Zhou, Ye An, Xiaobin Huo
 舞美视屏设计：严年 Stage/Slides Design: Nian Yan; 武术教练：凡子龙 Martial Arts Coach: Zilong Fan
 化妆/服装：贾淑萍/管丽颖，王依群，王静，曹卫东；Make-up/Costumes: Shuping Jia/Lishuan Guan, Yiqun Wang, Julie Verebely, Weidong Zeng
 舞台监督：郑景森，王超，王依群，杨芳，穆克力，张倩；Back Stage Crew: Jingsen Zheng, Chao Wang, Yiquan Wang, Fang Yang, Keli Mu, Yanling Ma, Qian Zhang

活动及志愿者 Activities and Volunteers

庆典统筹 (Overall Coordination): John Lingyun Zhang, Mei Li Keith, Ping Ye, Brian Liu
 赞助联系协调 (Sponsorship) : Ping Ye, Brian Liu, LiQin Kephart, George Zhi Zhou, John Lingyun Zhang, Jun White, Mei Li Keith, Libin Pan, Polly Huang, Linda Liu, Angelina Li, Paulina Lin, Zhixin Zhang, Jeff Chu
 公众关系及接待 (Public Relations/Special Guests and Reception): George Zhi Zhou, John Lingyun Zhang, Yan Zhang, Cheng Tan, Jiawei He, Ruohao Li, John Yao, Sen Li, Jingwen Zhao, Caijin Yue
 晚餐 (Dinner Service): Kathy Yao, Hong Zheng, Ping Ye, Angelina Li, Jing Zhao, Beichen Wang, Xin Wang, Ning Guo, Xin Liu, Qi Yuan, Fang Yuan, Bing Pei, Meng Hu, Yuejia Zhuo, Manxi Chen, Chunhui Jin, Songqing Liu, Lin Han, Shaozhuo Jia, Shen Li, Shasha Liu, Lujie Shi, Qing Wan, Wenjin Zhang, Qingwen Zhao, Connie Yeyng
 游戏活动 (Games) : Jun An, Linda Steele, Ben Zhang, Junke Guo, William Guo, Weiping Zhang, Frank Deng, Yan Zhang, Jessee Zhang, Brandon Li, Mark Bai, Pierre Lim, Eric Steele, Kevin Steele
 场地联络 (Venue Contact): Brian Liu, Jun White
 场地装饰 (Venue Decoration): Nian Yan, Yu Zhou, An Ye, Boting Zhou, JingXiao, Xiaobin Huo, Yi Wan, Yingchun Zhao, Hanjun Li, Han Liu, Miao Liu, Lingdong Quan
 工艺品展销 (Chinese Crafts): Li Li, Jenny Liu, Fang Cao, Haihong Jiang
 ConAgra 礼品 (Gift Bags): Jun White, Kevin Wang, Nat Ogura, Micki Rezac, May Yeow, Numfon Baber, Libin Pan
 门票负责/设计 (Tickets Sales and Design): Lingling Song, Qiuming Zhu, Jun White
 摄影 (Photography): Gang Wu, John Yao, BU Photographer
 财务 (Accounting): Paulina Lin, Fang Cao, Polly Huang;
 录像/DVD 预定登记制作 (Video Recording/DVD): Bellevue University Video Team/ Alex Tu, Julie Verebely, Brian Liu
 会员登记 (Membership Directory) : Liqin Kephart, Polly Huang
 使馆护照办理 (Passport Renew): George Zhou, Brian Liu

节目单&海报设计 (Program Booklet & Poster Design): Julie Verebely, Nian Yan, Linda Steele

赞助单位及个人 Sponsors

<u>Platinum Level:</u>	Confucius Institute	Asian Market		
<u>Gold Level:</u>	ConAgra Foods			
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	Omaha Chinese Christian Church	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints		Burke High School



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OCCA 2010 Financial Statement and 2011 Chinese New Gala Income Statement

OCCA 2010 Financial Statement

US\$

Income	
2010 Chinese New Year	13,256.92
2010 South High School Chinese New Year	140.00
2010 Moon Festival	300.00
Dancing Team (Adult and Children)	684.05
Photo Income	100.00
ConAgra -Employee Match -Jun White/Libin Ban/	1,250.00
2010 Bellevue World Fest	51.00
2010 Ethnic Festival	672.80
Interest Income	16.67
Recovery previous expenses (Website etc.)	783.16
Total	17,254.60
Expense	
2010 Chinese New Year	(11,015.64)
2010 South High Chinese New Year	(75.91)
2010 Moon Festival	(705.20)
Dancing Team summer (Aug)	(281.00)
Dancing Team winter (Dec)	(580.00)
Articles of Inc Annual fee	(10.00)
Taiji Master Program April	(40.00)
Pinewood Activity	(132.78)
Senior Community Activity	(120.00)
2010 Omaha Ethnic Festival	(427.17)
Lincoln Ambassador Zhang Visit	(25.00)
Postage and Mail	(33.60)
Paypal fee	(6.32)
OCCA Mail Box	(154.00)
OCCA WEB Server	(123.14)
Expense	(13,729.76)
Net Income	3,524.84

Cash Position	
Beginning Balance (1/1/2010)	3,325.10
Net Income 2010	3,524.84
Red Cross Donation -Haidi-Payable	501.92
2011 New Year Donation Deposit	2,400.00
Ending Cash Balance (12/31/2010)	9,751.86

2011 Chinese New Year Income Statement (Draft)

*some payments have not yet finalized, especially on cash base)

Revenues	
Ticket Sale	\$ 10,530.00
Cash Donations (See attached details)*	\$ 11,990.00
Silent Auction/Calligraphic	\$ 136.00
DVD sale	\$ 35.00
Total Revenues	\$ 22,691.00
Expenses	
Foods, Drinks & Suppliers	\$ (5,375.76)
Facility Rents- Millard North High	\$ (1,147.99)
Insurance	\$ (843.84)
Kids Activities	\$ (265.70)
Sound system rental	\$ (1,230.00)
Other Equipment rental	\$ (44.65)
Decoration	\$ (288.87)
Calligraphic Suppliers	\$ (48.57)
Lion and Dragon Dance	\$ (250.00)
Printing	\$ (652.55)
Fees	\$ (41.25)
Other Suppliers (Audio, Name tags & Post Offic	\$ (861.47)
Performance Suppliers	\$ (100.97)
Performance Suppliers	\$ (158.00)
Burke High Student workers	\$ (330.00)
Total	\$ (11,639.62)
Net Income	\$ 11,051.38



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2/27/2011 OCCA host Chinese New Year celebration at Omaha Public Library Millard Branch

OCCA performers were invited to Millard Library for an afternoon of performance and social interaction. Millard Library have been a popular place for Omaha Chinese Community members to have Chinese classes, Taijin club gatherings, and other culture activities, in addition to utilizing the library's book and other resources.



Upcoming Activities

April/May, Board Meeting and Planning
April 5, Omaha Sister Cities Annual Meeting and Welcome Yantai Delegation
May, Omaha Diversity Week

Community Story

Last summer, Ms. Nan Wang brought her students from O'Neil to the Chinese Speech Contest at UNL Confucius Institute. Can you imagine a group of high school American kids make great efforts to study Chinese at O'Neill, a small rural Nebraska town? That's all because of her, Nan, a messenger from China who opens a cultural door to the small community. The students really loved her and it amazed us how much influence a teacher could have on her students. Regional Lincoln Journal Star has a story about her.

http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-%20nebraska/article_a41ac5e4-5c5e-11df-b366-001cc4c002e0.html


Editors' Notes

Members and friends, we welcome your contributions to OCCA Newsletter. Please forward your writings, activities feedbacks, awards/achievements, and comments that you would like to be published in the OCCA Newsletter (and on OCCA Website) to omahachinese@gmail.com. Thank you!

- Please see the news from Confucius Institute and Wells Fargo on the next two pages.



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Study Chinese At Bellevue University


Bellevue University, in association with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Confucius Institute, is offering two non-credit Chinese language courses during the Spring session. Each course offers an interactive classroom environment designed for individuals who wish to do business with, travel to, or simply learn more about China.

Session: 12 weeks Cost: \$140 (incl. book & CD)

CICL 101 Beginning Chinese I
Thursday evenings
(begins March 17, 2011)

CICL 102 Beginning Chinese II
Wednesday evenings
(begins March 16, 2011)

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