

# KYCAA Held Moon Festival Celebration September 10, 2011

The Kentucky Chinese American Association (KYCAA) held the Moon Festival Celebration at 4:00-8:00pm, on Sept. 10, 2011 at the Moondance Amphitheater in the Beaumont Centre. UK Confucius Institute, YMCA, UKCSSA and the KY Chinese Teachers Association, YuYu and numerous other businesses co-sponsored the event. The Moon Festival Celebration has been a yearly event for KYCAA members, local and Lexington community since the KYCAA was founded in 2005. It's a great occasion when families and friends meet each other and enjoy the festival together. About 2000 people attended this festival with 30 display booths, and continuous stage performances by KYCAA dance troupe, SCAPA students, UK students, Bluegrass Ballet, Bluegrass Filipino Association and groups from Louisville and Cincinnati. Attendants enjoyed the performances, the moon cakes, a selection of Chinese foods, and a variety of family activities in a festive atmosphere. Many people also took the opportunity to join KYCAA or renew their membership.



KYCAA President Wei Luo delivers an opening speech at the festival, saying: “The moon festival is a celebration of prosperity and success. At this particular occasion, when people are experiencing economic difficulties around the world, I really hope this Moon Festival Celebration would help keep our confidence in an optimistic future.”



## **The Best Fresh Moon Cake Contest**

Hong Lin won the contest for the third time in a row.

President Wei Luo presents her the big trophy and a check for a \$100.  
KYCAA Public Relations coordinator, Yanhong Zheng, hosts the contest.



The UK Confucius Institute (UKCI) continued co-sponsoring this event including the student Essay/Art Work contest. The UK Chinese Students and Scholars Association (UKCSSA) sent volunteers and singers to participate in the celebration.



UKCI Director, Dr. Huajing Maske announces the winners from contest of student essays and art work.



UK CSSA President Xiang Xie co-hosts the performances.

## Chinese Essay and Art Work Contest

UKCI Director Huajing Maske and KYCAA President Wei Luo present awards to the winners selected from over 100 contestants.





**Cheryl Pan**

**Chinese dances directed by our artistic Director Cheryl Pan were featured on the stage with performances by many children and adult dancers of our community.**



**Lily Cheng, Shuqian Liu, Cathy Cao, Qi Zhou, Michelle Wu, Cindy Lin, Mei Chen, Julia Zhu**



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## **Follow-up**

Blessing Hands, a public charity dedicated to helping and nurturing Chinese students, contacted us at the festival and we forwarded their newsletter about helping rural Chinese students to KYCAA members after the event. Blessing Hands president Ms. Cutts wrote to us next day, "Because you sent out the newsletter a student in China now has a \$500 college scholarship. It changed a girl's life."

## **Upcoming events**

The Chinese New Year Celebration on January 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm at UK Singletary Center.

More coming up. Stay tuned!

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