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2019

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Japanese American New Year Celebration

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### **Mochitsuki, Portland's Japanese New Year Event, Celebrates 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary at New Venue!**

*Family-friendly festival offers a wealth of cultural experiences, tastes and entertainment*

**Portland, Ore.** — Presented by Portland JACL, for over two decades organizations and families have gathered to celebrate the New Year by sharing Japanese culture with the community. Joined by Portland State University's Institute for Asian Studies department, Mochitsuki festivities continue for its 23<sup>rd</sup> year on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at PSU's newly remodeled Viking Pavilion.

“Mochi-tsuki” translates to the pounding of individual rice grains into mochi, a sticky rice cake that symbolizes the community coming together to start off a New Year full of hope, happiness, and good fortune ahead. The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Mochitsuki event in Portland is a family-friendly festival that offers stage performances, hands-on activities for all ages, cultural foods, vendors, and a wide variety of demonstrations.

Stage performances to include koto, taiko drumming, Japanese dance, storytelling, and popular music with appearances by Portland Taiko, Takohachi, Unit Souzou, Utsukikai, Oregon Koto Kai, Sahomi Tachibana Dance, Alton Takiyama-Chung, A-Key Kyo, and Joe Kye. Consul General Takashi Teraoka from the Consular Office of Japan in Portland will offer words of welcome.

Community partners at the festival look forward to sharing traditional Japanese foods that are rich in symbolism for the New Year. Utsuki Kai returns to Mochitsuki to provide live mochi pounding demonstrations throughout the day in which children are able to participate. Free mochi samples will be distributed during the festival by Konko Church of Portland. Live food demonstrations making traditional and contemporary Japanese dishes and foods by local talent grows in interest. Returning this year are: Umi organic ramen Life Sampling, Yume Confections, Connie Masuoka, and Cooking with Mazzy - Alex and A'misa Chiu. Daizu Kitchen once more will lead the popular children's bento cooking lessons. A number of food vendors will also be featured at the 2019 Mochitsuki festival for those who want to take home a taste of Japan.

There are also opportunities to take part in hands-on cultural experiences, including tea ceremony with Nikkei Fujinkai, calligraphy with Sekko-Kai Calligraphy School, Ikebana flower arranging activity with WILD Chiharu's Flowers, yukata photobooth, picture opportunity with Hello Kitty, and more. Live demonstrations include large display flower arranging by Ikebana International, and martial art groups Obukan Kendo, Obukan Judo, and Rose City Shindokai.

Presented by Portland JACL, and co-produced by Portland Taiko, Konko Church of Portland, Portland State University Institute for Asian Studies, and Oregon Nikkei Endowment.

Sponsored by the Consular Office of Japan and Japanese Ancestral Society.

**WHAT:** Mochitsuki 2019, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Japanese American New Year celebration in Portland, featuring a feast for the senses. Enjoy traditional foods, art, performances and many exceptional hands-on cultural experiences for the whole family at Portland State University's Viking Pavilion.

**WHO:** Over 2,000 attendees of all ages plus cultural organizations, artists and performers mentioned above.

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 11:00am to 4:00pm

**WHERE:** Portland State University Viking Pavilion  
at the Peter W. Stott Center  
930 SW Hall Street, Portland, OR 97207

**TICKETS:** Advanced Sale \$10 Adult  
\$7 Student (w/ ID), Senior (62+)  
\$4 Child (ages 4-12)

Day of Event \$12 Adult  
\$9 Student (w/ ID), Senior (62+)  
\$5 Child (ages 4-12)

**Free Admission For:**

Children three years of age and younger  
Honored Seniors 88 (beiju 米寿) and older

Tickets available online at [www.mochitsuki.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.mochitsuki.brownpapertickets.com)

**VOLUNTEER:** We always need volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested in volunteering please visit our website [www.mochipdx.org](http://www.mochipdx.org).

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