

ASIAN CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Famed pianist Nakamatsu to perform in Fort Worth

Jon Nakamatsu aced one of the top piano competitions worldwide. In 1997, he snagged the gold medal at the Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth. Since then, he has appeared as a soloist with major orchestras in the United States and abroad, collaborating with conductors such as Raymond Leppard,

Keith Lockhart and Michael Tilson Thomas. He has performed as a recitalist at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York as well as halls in Boston, Paris, London and Milan.

The pianist comes to Fort Worth on Saturday to perform with the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth. Mr. Nakamatsu will play Brahms' Sonata

for Violin and Piano in G Major, Op. 78, and Schubert's "Trout" Quintet, D. 667.

The concert will be at 2 p.m. in the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$5 for students. Call 817-877-3003 or visit www.chambermusicsocietyoffortworth.com.

Upcoming events

Today

The Crow Collection of Asian Art will have University Night from 7 to 9 p.m. today. The event includes Japanese music, calligraphy, kabuki theater, films and sushi-making demonstrations. The museum is at 2010 Flora St. in Dallas. Call 214-979-6430.

Friday

The Fort Worth Chapter of Ikebana International will present a demonstration and workshop on "Shades of Fall" at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Texas Garden Club headquarters, 3111 Old Garden Road in Fort Worth. A paper ginza sale will be after the workshop. 817-332-6602. www.ikebana-dfw.org.

Saturday

A **Tai Chi** exhibition will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the University of Texas at Arlington's Hereford University Center, 300 W. First St. 817-272-2099. www.uta.edu/multicultural.

Monday through Nov. 21

The University of North Texas celebrates International Education Week from Monday through Nov. 21. Among the events scheduled is a screening of *The Namesake* at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Call 940-565-2209 or visit www.international.unt.edu.

Tuesday

A seminar on "**The Secrets of Success in Japan's IT Market**" will be from 8 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. Tuesday at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1001 W. Bush Turnpike in Richardson. Speakers include Yasuhiro Mimura, John Gordon and Makoto Abe. Free; advance registration required by Friday. www.jetro.org.

To submit items for *Asian Culture and Community*, e-mail metro@dallasnews.com.



Fifth-grade winners at the North Texas Youth Spelling Bee were (front row, from left) Aditi Mukund, third place; Manasa Muppirala, second; and Pooja Marella, first. With them are co-chair Richard Hung, award presenter Wendy Kao and co-chair Alicia Young.

Spelling bee update

The 2008 North Texas Youth Spelling Bee, chaired by Richard Hung and Alicia Young, was Nov. 2 at Sun Ray Chinese School in Carrollton. In addition to the first-place winners announced last week, others taking home trophies included second-place winners Falak Shah, Aniket Matharasi, Harshith Vanam, Eena Lin, Manasa Muppirala, Narahari Bharadwaj and Sindhu Garimilla.

Third-place finishers were Nathan Hartojo, Shivani Amara, Corey Li, Justin Chen, Aditi

Mukund, Anita Basavaraju and Ari Gao.

UT Southwestern announces faculty

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas recently announced new faculty appointments. Dr. Jonathan Cheng has joined the faculty as assistant professor of plastic surgery. He's a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Sandhya Iyer was named an assistant professor of ophthalmology. She earned a medical degree from the University of Pune in India.

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