

MEDIA ALERT & PHOTO OP:

**Asian American Heritage Month at History Park  
Sunday, May 20 from 11 AM to 4 PM  
San Jose Taiko's Junior Taiko Performing Ensemble  
to Perform at 2 PM**

*San José, CA – May 16, 2012* – May is Asian American Heritage Month and History San José will host a spectrum of activities at History Park on Sunday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**1:30 PM – Lotus Preschoolers, from San Jose's Japan Town, will perform Japanese singing**

**2 PM - San Jose Taiko's youth program, the Junior Taiko Performing Ensemble**

- Stanford Archaeology Center students will assist visitors by conducting a mock excavation, screening, artifact identification and artifact reconstruction. This family educational program will allow individuals to collect stickers for each activity to place in Archaeology Passports and become 'certified' as a Junior Archaeologist.
- The trolley will be available, as well as handcar rides.
- The book *Chinatown, San Jose, USA* by Connie Young Yu, is available in the Museum Gift Shop.
- Other activities will include visits to the Print Shop.
- Making fish kites will help celebrate Japanese Children's Day.
- There also will be Samarai hat-making, Vietnamese lanterns, Chinese drums and more.
- The Ng Shing Gung of the Chinese Heritage Cultural Project (CHCP), located inside History Park, will be open.

For more information call [408 918-1047](tel:4089181047) or visit [www.historysanjose.org](http://www.historysanjose.org)

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About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization that collects, preserves and celebrates the stories of diversity and innovation in San José and the Santa Clara Valley. HSJ manages one of the largest and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 1784 Spanish governmental records to twenty-first century Silicon Valley technology.

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