

# NEWS RELEASE

## CAPONI ART PARK LEARNING CENTER

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### Explore China through Dance and Drum

*Caponi Art Park's Summer Performance Series presents  
CAAM Chinese Dance Theater August 8*

Eagan, MN – July 23, 2010– Caponi Art Park's Theater in the Woods stage is set to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of China with the **CAAM Chinese Dance Theater's (CDT)** 2010 production *The Sound of Drums from the Land of China* on **Sunday, August 8**. Audience members will learn about the important role of the drum in China's history through contemporary folk dance, vibrant costumes and music with cultural explanations in both English and Chinese. Join CDT on an educational and entertaining journey through China's long history and across the country's vast landscape—to witness ceremonial rituals, timeless children's games, rhythms of the ancient Silk Road, and the trials and tribulations along the magnificent Yellow River. In celebration



of 2010, the Year of the Tiger, dances of traditional lanterns and flower drums will bring blessings of peace, health and prosperity. This impressive 60-member dance group is part of CDT, a community-based organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the Chinese cultural heritage and enriching the cultural life of all Minnesotans through the universal language of dance under the artistic direction of world-renowned choreographer and teacher, Lili Teng. **Performance begins at 6:30pm in the Theater in the Woods amphitheater**, and is free and open

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to the public. A Chinese paper lantern making activity will take place from 5:30-6:30 pm. A \$4 per person suggested donation helps to make this program possible. *In the event of rain, the performance will be held on Sunday, August 15.*

Celebrate 10 years of outdoor concerts in the majestic Theater in the Woods amphitheater at Caponi Art Park's *Summer Performance Series*. Enjoy special family-friendly activities scheduled throughout the season to mark this milestone. The natural bowl and canopy of trees of the Theater in the Woods provides near perfect acoustics and an intimate experience for both performers and audience. Bring your blanket or folding chair and enjoy world-class entertainment against a backdrop of earthworks, sculptures and towering oaks. As a special treat, ice cream from local shop Ring Mountain Creamery will be for sale at each event. Caponi Art Park's *Summer Performance Series* is supported in part by United Arts and the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. *Program descriptions and a complete schedule of events are available at [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org).*



*Patrons are encouraged to bring a food donation for Eagan's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Food Drive to any of Caponi Art Park's 2010 season events. Food collected will be donated to the Eagan Resource Center to serve those in need.*

### **About Caponi Art Park and Learning Center**

Located on 60-acres of rolling wooded hills in Eagan, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a distinctive cultural center offering educational experiences in an inviting, natural setting that seamlessly blends art and nature. Caponi Art Park, a non-profit organization, is open to the public May through October, every day except Monday at 9:00 a.m. and is located at 1220 Diffley Road east of Interstate 35E, between Pilot Knob Road and Lexington Avenue.

For more information about Caponi Art Park or the *Summer Performance Series*, visit [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org) or contact our office at 651.454.9412.

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