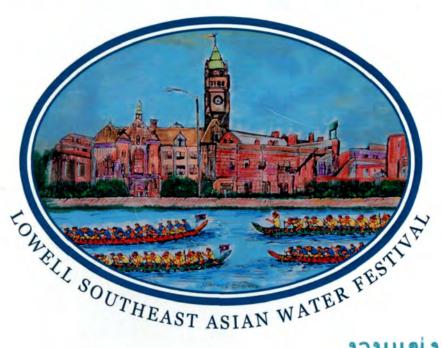
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EVENT COORDINATOR Sambath Bo Welcome to the 11th Annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival. We hope that you enjoy the variety of Southeast Asian food, merchandise, performances, and arts and crafts that you will encounter throughout our two-day celebration.

The Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival was initiated in the summer of 1997 by a number of community members, including but not limited to Mr. Samkhann Khoeun – former Executive Director of the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Dr. Linda Silka – Director of the UMass Lowell Center for Work, Family and Community, Chath pierSath – Community Activist, Blong Xiong – Lao Family Mutual Assistance Association, and Cheryl West and Khan Chau of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell campus, among others. Their concern had been the environmental cleanliness of the Merrimack River as well as surrounding bodies of freshwater.

With the intention of bringing a thousand year old tradition from Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand and tying it to water education here in the Greater Lowell area, the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival was begun and has progressed to what it is today. As a result, approximately 60,000 participants are drawn to this event annually, with attendees coming from all walks of life and ethnicities throughout the United States, Canada, France, and Australia.

To celebrate the 11th anniversary of the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, a special water education section has been included in the program book. While the entire event is revolved around boat racing, we also feel that it is vital to teach young children on the importance of clean water in our everyday lives. After all, without the water in both the Mekong River and the Merrimack River, we wouldn't have been able to begin this unique tradition.

Organizing the Water Festival is a big endeavor. It takes many volunteer hours, ongoing year-round effort, and dedicated board and committee members. To join in the effort to support this important annual event, please consider making a donation or sign up to volunteer for future years. Donations can be sent to Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival c/o CMAA, 165 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852. A volunteer form is included in the back of this book as well for your convenience. Please visit our website at www.lowellwaterfestival.org for more information.

Last, but not least, have a safe and fun time, and thank you for making the 11th annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival possible!

Best wishes,

Sayon Soeun, President

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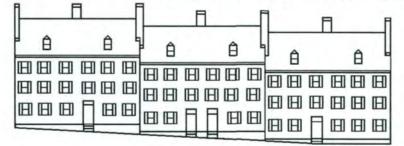


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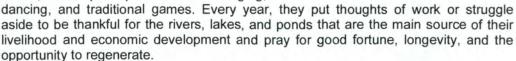
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Written by Bopha Tum

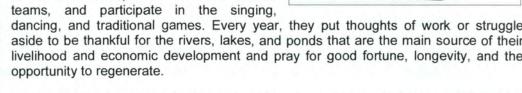
Water is life. To people from different background and religions, it embodies birth and rebirth. To the Southeast Asian people, water not only signifies renewal, but it symbolizes cleanliness, purity, and prosperity. For Southeast Asians, water connects all aspects of being: food, agriculture, spirituality, and economic success. Whether it is known as Bon Om Tuk in Cambodia, Boun Son Hae in Loas, or Keng Loeur in Thailand, for centuries the Water Festival has been an annual celebration of cleansing and rinsing past sins accrued during the old year to replenish for the new year.



The Water Festival is the most popular and strident celebration in Southeast Asia. Millions of people from remote areas of the countries journey to the capitals to compete in the boat races, cheer for their favorite



For Southeast Asians, whether this important and fun-filled festivity takes place in their



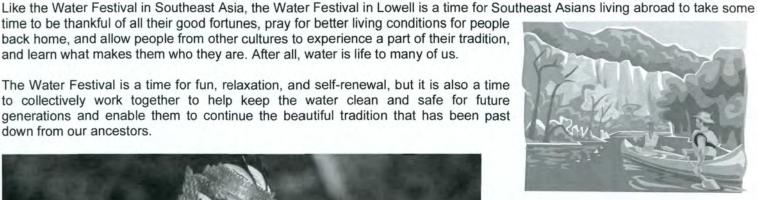
who they are, and their values and beliefs. Each year, on the third Saturday in August, Cambodians and other Southeast Asians come together to Lowell, Massachusetts to celebrate the Southeast Asian Water Festival along the Merrimack River and reminisce about life along the Mekong River.

mother countries or the countries they now call home, it is essential for them to preserve their tradition, take time to celebrate the event, and share and teach younger generations of Southeast Asians and people from different cultures and background of

time to be thankful of all their good fortunes, pray for better living conditions for people back home, and allow people from other cultures to experience a part of their tradition, and learn what makes them who they are. After all, water is life to many of us.

The Water Festival is a time for fun, relaxation, and self-renewal, but it is also a time to collectively work together to help keep the water clean and safe for future generations and enable them to continue the beautiful tradition that has been past down from our ancestors.





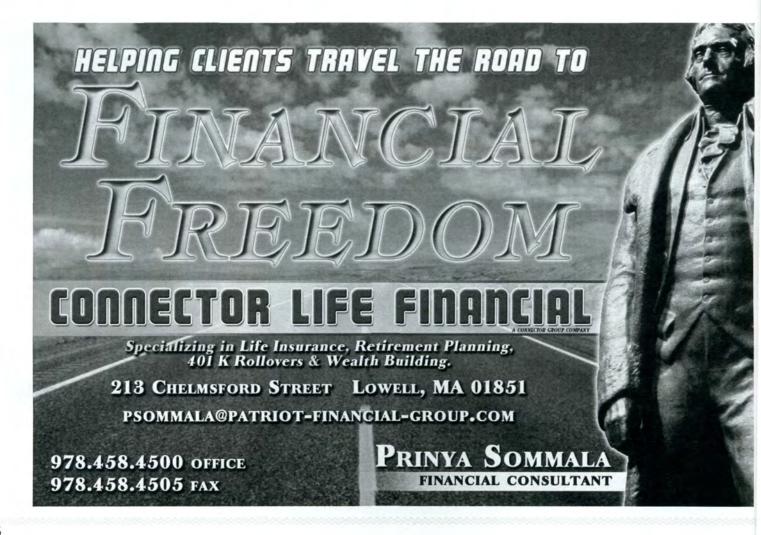
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6:30 pm	Khmer Traditional Music by LCCPS Group
6:35 pm	Buddhist Blessing Ceremony lead by Ven. Ajhan Mangkone
	Speakers: Rep. of Ven. Sao Khun & Ven. Ajhan Mangkone
6:55 pm	Boung Soung Prahma by Somaly Hay & Co.
7:05 pm	Speakers (Sambath, Sayon, Billetc)
6:35 pm	Puong Neary by Somaly Hay & Co
6:45 pm	Tro/Chapey by LCCPS Group
6:50 pm	Tepmonorum by Somaly Hay & Co.
7:15 pm	O Duang Champa (Lao National Flower Dance) by Wat Buddhabavana Summer Cultural School Troupe
7:25 pm	Kup Tupp Toum Laung Prabang (Folk song and dance from Luang Prabang, and old ancient city of Laos) by Wat Buddhabavana Summer Cultural School Troupe
7:35 pm to	Candlelight Floating Ceremony (Introduction by Ajhan Mongkone)





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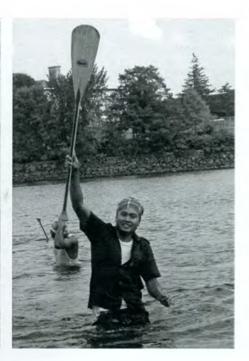
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Program Saturday August 18, 2007 Main Stage

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Program Saturday August 18th, 2007 Stage II

10:30 am	Introduction by MC
10:35 pm	Lao Band by Laos Star Band
12:10 pm	Javelin Record Inc.
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1:15 pm	Laos Dance (Tamara Phongsavat) by Wat
	Buddhabavana SCS Troupe
1:25 pm	3 rd World Entertainment
1:45 pm	Lao Band by Laos Star Band
2:25 pm	Stage Close: Boat Racing Observation
3:10 pm	Lao Band by Laos Friendship Band/Semifinal Results
	Announcement by MC
3:45 pm	PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT: Boat Race Final Results
	Reward Trophies at Main Stage
4:35 pm	FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Boat Racing Final Results
	Reward Trophies at Main Stage

Closing Ceremony

5:00 pm











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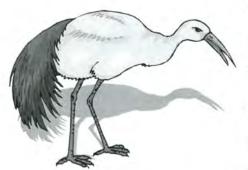
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Old Crane and Brother Crab

In the middle of the forest, there was a pond that Old Crane inhabited as his home. One day, Old Crane was too weak to go searching for food. He acted very worried so that everyone can see.

Brother Crab who was nearby noticed Old Crane looking desolate so he asked him, "Why are you so sad looking, Big Brother? Why don't you go look for food?"

Old Crane laments, "Oh, Brothers and Sisters! The fish in this pond had been my food source! But I had overheard some humans talking with each other about a fisherman who will soon catch all the fish here! If there is to be no more fish here, then my death is near approaching! That is why I am worried...too worried to think about my hunger!"

All the fish discussed among themselves and decided that Old Crane might have some ideas to help them. "Oh, Brother Crane," all the fish called out, "Do you have any plans to help all of us?"

Old Crane tells them, "The only way of keeping all of you safe is to get you to another body of water. I can bring you to a pond nearby one at a time. I have seen that pond. There are not that many humans there."

All of the fish were very happy with that plan and agreed to have Old Crane transport them to another pond. One by one, Old Crane carried the fish out of the pond and one by one, he ate them all before returning.



Once all of the fish were gone from the pond, there was only Brother Crab left who asked Old Crane, "Oh Brother Crane, please bring me to that pond as well. I want to go live with the rest of the fish."

Old Crane was ecstatic that Brother Crab wanted to go with him...he had never eaten crab meat before! So he had Brother Crab hang onto his neck while he flew him towards a mound of land. But Brother Crab was very attentive and, while in the air, noticed fish bones scattered all over the place. "Huh! Am I coming so soon into my death?" he thought to himself. "No, I must find a way of saving myself!"

When Old Crane and Brother Crab were on006Cy a few feet from landing, Brother Crab took his claws and squeezed Old Crane's neck until Old Crane was no longer breathing. And that was the end of Old Crane's life. Brother Crab had to find another place where he can continue his life. But upon finding no other pond nearby, he went back in the direction he came from and luckily found his old home. From then on, Brother Crab passed down his true story about not trusting old cranes to the fish in the pond and he lived a long, happy life.



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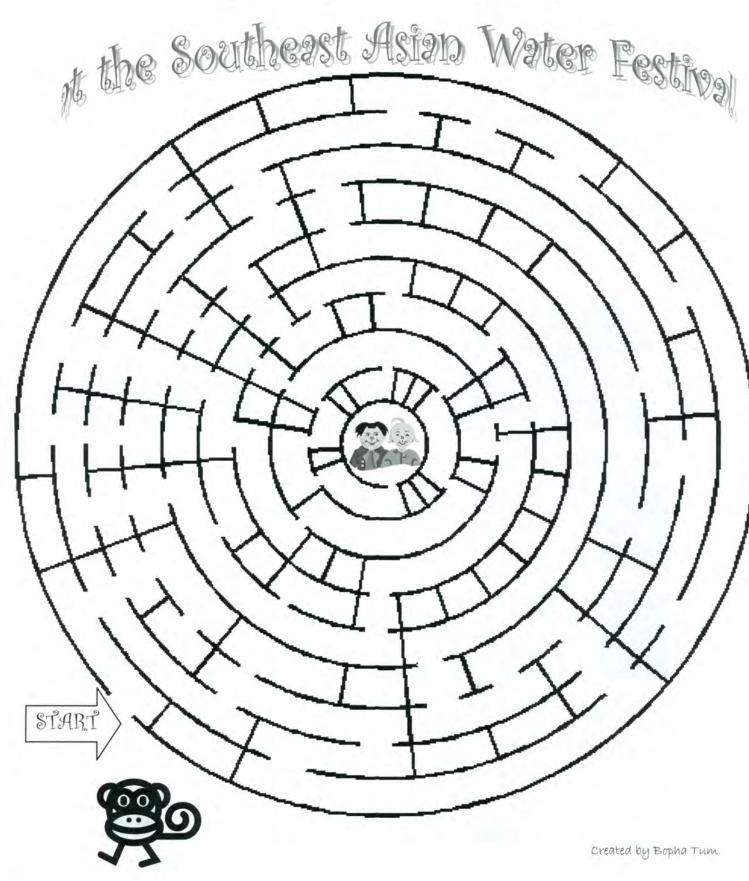
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Wat Buddhabhavana of Ma., a Buddhist Temple and Meditation Center in Westford is happy to offer a traditional dance presentation as part of the Water Festival's, multi-cultural entertainment program.

The annual Summer Cultural School Program 2007 offers the children a variety of activities and classes related to their spiritual and cultural heritage. They are happy and eager to share a sampling of dances they have been learning under the guidance of Mrs. Phouvieng Vatthavisack, who has volunteered her expertise in Lao Dance and her obvious love for children.

The goal of the Summer Cultural School Program 2007 is to strengthen the children's connection with the treasure of their Cultural Heritage and the respect for it and that of all others that it promotes in a wholesome and fun-filled environment. The Name of The performers are as follows:

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