

Japantown Craft Fair and Island Jam presented by Union Bank of California

Union Bank of California presents the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) 4th Annual Japantown Craft Fair and along with the Japantown Island Jam on Saturday, June 21st, 2008.

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San Francisco, CA (June 16, 2008) – On Saturday, June 21st, 2008, the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco's Japantown which provides services for children and youth, will celebrate its 38th year by hosting the 4th annual Japantown Craft Fair event along with the Japantown Island Jam in San Francisco. The Craft Fair will take place at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) on 1840 Sutter Street from 10AM-4PM while the Island Jam portion of the event will be taking place at the same time in the Buchanan Mall.

The event is being presented by its Title Sponsor, Union Bank of California. "Union Bank of California has been one of JCYC's longest and most consistent supporters as well as involved heavily in the San Francisco Japantown community. Their office presence in Japantown is evident of their commitment to the area. In 2002, Union Bank helped JCYC launch the organization's first state-wide endeavor, the Nikkei Community Internship program. We appreciate Union Bank of California for their generosity and support of JCYC's mission," said Mr. Jon Osaki, Executive Director, Japanese Community Youth Council.

"We are proud to be able to sponsor this year's Japantown Craft Fair and Island Jam. We believe in JCYC's vision of raising healthy and productive community members of tomorrow. It is critical to provide our next generation with vast opportunities so they can build a better future for themselves and also give back to the local community," said Mr. Keiji Miyoshi, Vice President and Japantown Branch Manager.

The Japantown Craft Fair will showcase unique crafts, gift items, and clothing vendors from all over California. The all-new Japantown Island Jam will include contemporary Hawaiian entertainment, children activities, and unique foods. The combined events will be a major community attraction.

For additional information, including full list of sponsors and craft vendors, visit our website: www.jcyc.org.

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Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC)

Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) is a San Francisco based children and youth non-profit organization, which provides a broad range of child and youth development services. Since 1970, JCYC has grown to annually serve over 8,000 children and youth from all ethnic backgrounds in the San Francisco Bay Area. For more information, please visit www.jcyc.org.

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