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## **Triangle Chinese celebrate New Year and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

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RALEIGH – Chinese Americans will celebrate the Year of the Bull and 3 decades of service in the area at the Triangle’s largest Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 9:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds, Exposition Center in Raleigh. The event is open to the public and will include stage performances, a talent competition open to audience members, food for sampling and sale, exhibits for all ages, and a timeline marking Chinese contributions to the Triangle. Come enjoy two dancing Chinese lions, a swirling dragon, cultural dancers in colorful costumes, more food and merchandise vendors that last year, and interactive small stage. Six hundred performers and volunteers bring this festival to life for more than 5000 attendees.

What you will see throughout the day: Cultural performances by Asian groups who celebrate Lunar New Year (Chinese Lion Dance, Dragon Dance, Japanese Taiko drumming, Korean fan dance), crowd pleasers like the Bouncing Bulldogs and Durham Bulls Mascot “Wool E. Bull”, arts and crafts, exhibits, tea sampling, an art and essay contest for public and private schools, and the highly successful Talent Competition with on-site auditions for a second year.

There will also a Gourmet Street of authentic regional Chinese food for sampling and sale. Children will enjoy activity stations including the BeActiveNC van, Chinese yo-yo lessons, New Year tattoos, and more. Adults can learn Chinese cooking and floral arrangement.

The first 200 paying attendees to arrive will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

Chinese New Year – the Year of the Bull in the Chinese zodiac – officially begins on January 26, 2009; this Festival is held early at the Fairgrounds to accommodate the large level of interest.

General admission to the Festival is \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Children 6 and under enter for free. Tickets, the performance schedule, and history of Chinese New Year are available online through [www.nctacas.org](http://www.nctacas.org). To photograph or film rehearsals, schedule interviews with performers or obtain photos, please contact [external\\_affairs@nctacas.org](mailto:external_affairs@nctacas.org).