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## Chinese New Year Celebration Returns to The Domes

Milwaukee, WI (Jan. 18, 2016) – Chinese New Year at The Domes, a family-friendly cultural festival celebrating Year of the Monkey, will be presented by the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC) in partnership with the Milwaukee County Parks, Saturday, Jan. 30 from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

“In 2016 people should be feeling smart!” said Shane Wen of the MCCC. “The Chinese zodiac names this year for the animal described as smart, witty, clever, and intelligent. This is a good year for learning and an even better year for learning about Chinese culture!”

Traditional performances of music, dance, and martial arts will be offered during three, one-hour time slots. Saturday’s performance times are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday’s, at 11:30 a.m.

Throughout the weekend, a variety of exhibits will be on view. New this year is a wedding display, which includes traditional wedding dresses and head pieces, as well as a wedding wagon from long ago. Chinese arts and crafts will also be shown, and Chinese calligraphy will be demonstrated.

Food will also play a role at the event. Visitors will learn about dumpling-making through demonstrations and will have opportunities to purchase a variety of authentic Chinese foods.

Hands-on activities and games for kids of all ages will include giving the Chinese Zodiac Fortune Wheel a spin and playing Chinese yo-yo and other traditional games.

All visitors will be invited to participate in the Dragon Parade, a tradition in Chinese New Year celebrations.

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The Chinese Marketplace will offer a variety of hand-crafted items in all price ranges.

Chinese New Year at The Domes is included in regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC), a non-profit organization, has been organizing this event at the Mitchell Park Domes for the past seven years. This event celebrates the Chinese New Year with local communities, showcases and promotes Chinese culture, and raises funds for Chinese education, youth leadership development, and culture enrichment.

For more information visit [MilwaukeeChinese.org](http://MilwaukeeChinese.org) or call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5611.

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