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Chinese Arts and Culture Workshop for Youth Series KICK-OFF and OPENING CEREMONY Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Winnipeg Chinatown

WINNIPEG, April 14, 2009 – This year marks the centennial anniversary of Winnipeg's Chinatown. The Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre and Manitoba Great Wall Performing Arts Inc. have joined together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Chinatown with a "Chinese Arts and Culture Workshop for Youth" series. The **Kick-Off and Opening Ceremony** for the Workshop Series will take place on **Saturday, May 2nd from 1:00-2:00pm** at the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural & Community Centre.

The Opening Ceremony will include Chinese dance performances, a presentation on the history of Winnipeg's Chinatown, as well as the opening of the "Windows on Chinese Settlers in Western Manitoba" photography exhibit curated by Drs. Alison Marshall and May Yoh.

We welcome all to join us at the beginning of Asian Heritage month to become part of the living history of Winnipeg's Chinatown. "I'd like to welcome people to come to the Chinese Cultural Centre for this great historical event to help us celebrate Winnipeg Chinatown's centennial," says Dr. Joseph Du, President of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre.

The "Chinese Arts and Culture Workshop for Youth" series is the result of collaboration between WCCCC and Manitoba Great Wall Performing Arts. Established in 1983, the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural & Community Centre was incorporated as part of the overall development project in redeveloping Winnipeg's Chinatown. Its mission is to promote and advance awareness, knowledge and appreciation of Chinese culture in relation to the multicultural mosaic of Winnipeg.

Manitoba Great Wall Performing Arts is an independent, non profit, cultural performance organization. The organization aims to promote culture and art exchanges with other ethnic groups, enhance friendly relations with those groups, and raise awareness of Chinese culture and arts in the Canadian multi-cultural context.

The "Chinese Arts and Culture Workshop for Youth" series runs from May to October 2009. Workshops on Chinese dance, music, painting, history, religion, culture, and film will be offered. Programming and registration information will be available at the Opening Ceremony and Kick-Off on May 2, 2009.

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