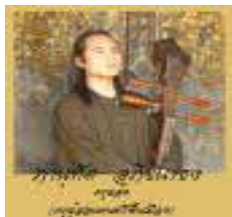




PRESS RELEASE

“Celebrate a Golden Week with Thai Music and Art of Life inside Thailand Pavilion

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, which is a representative of Royal Thai Government, invite all visitors to enjoy a Golden Week with Thai Music and Art of Life inside Thailand Pavilion at Global Common 6 during May 1st - 5th, 2005.



Thai folk music in the northern part of Thailand has been heavily influenced by the Lanna civilization, which held sway over the area from the 11th to the 18th centuries. Today, traditional northern groups called 'salaw saw serng' play three instruments ('salaw', 'pisaw' and 'serng') to accompany local folk songs.

The 'salaw' is a bowed string instrument, similar to those played in central Thailand. It is rather crudely built and does not have the refinement of other stringed instruments. 'Saw' (or 'pisaw') is a wind instrument played by mouth. The 'serng' is a four-stringed instrument, practically identical to the guitar or banjo.

'Salaw saw serng' is popularly performed on merit-making occasions. The performance is sometimes accompanied by dance and song relating the sad and dramatic story of a man called Pra Law, and two women called Puan and Pang. Nighttime performances sometimes involve male and female singers with a humorous repertoire.



“Kim”



“Vegetable

&

Fruit Craving Art”

Performances :

1. Thai Classical Music “Kim”

By Ms. Sunetra Lekuthai

Date : May 1st , 2005 (Sunday)

Time : 11.00, 13.00, 14.30 hrs. (Duration of each show : 30 mins.)

2. Thai Folk Music from the northern part of Thailand

By Mr. Isra Yanatan and Mr. Yuji Baba

Date : May 3rd , 2005 (Tuesday)

Time : 11.00, 13.00, 15.30 hrs. (Duration of each show : 20 mins.)

3. Demonstration of Vegetable & Fruit Craving Art

By Mr. Fujio Nakamura

Date : From May 2nd May 5th ,2005 (10.00-20.00 hrs)

Venue : Thailand Pavilion at Global Common 6



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