

PRESS RELEASE

Khon-Mask Dance at Thai Pavilion

Thai Pavilion proudly presents Thai *Khon*-Mask Dance. In the ancient time, it was traditionally performed at the court as royal entertainment. *Khon* portrays the epic *Ramakien* story, which is based on the Indian classic saga, *the Ramayana*. The performance involves singing, dancing, acting, acrobatics, and music.



The “*Khon Yok Rob*” performance is an excerpt from *Ramakien* depicting the struggle between two antagonistic forces, the Righteous King “*Rama*” and the demon King “*Totsakan*”. In the past life, the righteous King and the Demon King fought in the heaven and were reborn on earth.

“*Rama*” is assisted by his soldiers, which are mythical half man, half animal, including this most popular male character, “*Hanuman*” (the White Monkey Warrior). The lengthy battle brings the defeat of “*Totsakan*”.



Khon performers are elaborately dressed from head to toe. They are often selected to train for specific roles in accordance with their size or build. Certain hand gestures and body movements indicate different emotions or responses, emphasized by the appropriate music, narration and song. The formalized movements of *Khon* performances make the acting and dancing inseparable.

The program schedule of Thai *Khon*-Mask Dance “*Khon Yok Rob*” in July, 2005 is as follows:

DATE	12.30	14.00	16.00	17.00	18.00
9-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion		Thai Pavilion
11-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	GC6 Event Space (17.10)	
14-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion		GC6 Event Space (18.10)
16-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion		Thai Pavilion
18-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion		Thai Pavilion
21-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	GC6 Event Space (16.10)		Thai Pavilion
23-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	GC6 Event Space (16.10)		Thai Pavilion
27-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion		GC6 Event Space (18.10)
29-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	GC6 Event Space (17.10)	
31-Jul	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	Thai Pavilion	GC6 Event Space (17.10)	