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PRESS RELEASE

Second Annual Lunar New Year Edmonds to Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit

EDMONDS, WA (January 21, 2022) – Decorative red lanterns adorn downtown Edmonds in anticipation of the second annual Lunar New Year Edmonds celebration, which will welcome the Year of the Rabbit with family-friendly festivities on Saturday, January 21st.

This year's festivities will include a traditional lion dance and kung fu demonstration by Master David Leong's Northwest Kung Fu and Fitness. Lunar New Year Edmonds is also excited to welcome Seattle's own international superstar breakdance crew, Massive Monkees. The performances begin at 11am in Centennial Plaza, at 5th Ave N. & Bell St, Edmonds.

Lunar New Year Edmonds will once again coincide with the opening day of the Edmonds Winter Market (121 5th Ave N., Edmonds). Over 80 vendors, including expanded food options for Lunar New Year, will be on hand.

The Edmonds Theater will join in the fun on Thursday, January 19th with a screening of the Bruce Lee classic, Enter the Dragon. Doors open at 6pm, film begins at 7pm. Admission is free.

Lunar New Year themed art by students from Madrona K-8 in Edmonds will be on display at local businesses around downtown Edmonds and at Brigid's Bottleshop in Salish Crossing.

Several local bars and restaurants including Kelnero, Bar Dojo, Salt & Iron, the Market, Shore Pine Coffee & Gelato, Fire & the Feast, Charcoal, Santa Fe, and Calypso will offer Lunar New Year themed food and drink specials.

Lunar New Year Edmonds grew out of a discussion among members of the Edmonds Diversity Commission about the importance of representation in city recognized holiday celebrations. A group of Edmonds community members and business owners formed a planning group to launch the first annual Edmonds Lunar New Year celebration in January 2022, despite the myriad challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the overwhelming success of that Lunar New Year event, the event organizers formed a new non-profit, Multicultural Association of Edmonds (MAE). MAE seeks to empower the diverse cultural communities of our city to share their traditions and celebrations.

MAE Board President Karin Butler: "We are so excited for our second Lunar New Year Edmonds celebration! Building on the awesome attendance of last year and the support for our Harvest Moon Gala - we can't wait to come together again in celebration of community and culture."

More information at www.lunarnewyearedmonds.com and www.maedmonds.org