

For Immediate Release  
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Re: Chinese New Year Festival on Fourth Street, Berkeley  
Free Event  
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**PRESS RELEASE &  
CALENDAR LISTING (BELOW)**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL ON FOURTH STREET**

Berkeley, CA – A traditional lion dance performance in celebration of Chinese New Year will begin at 2:30pm on February 20th near Peet's on Fourth Street in Berkeley. Families are invited to this full day of free activities to include: Storytelling by the Tea Professor (12:30pm), Martial Arts Demonstration (1:30pm), Lion Dance begins (2:30pm), Gong Hay Fat Choy Greetings by children at participating merchants on the street (12:30-5pm), Store Blessing Procession by the lion and drummers (3pm) plus the final Lion Dance performance (4:30pm). The Second Annual Festival on Fourth Street will bring together all cultures as we observe and participate in these ancient Chinese gestures and events. Rich in symbolism, Fourth Street will glimmer in red, gold, yellow and orange decorations for good luck. As in Asia, our local teahouse Teance, will host a very animated session of story telling for all children under the age of 12. Participating merchants will hand out fruits and candy for the kids. Lions will go into stores to bless and wash away evil and the day will finish with a spectacular lion dance of peace and prosperity. [www.Teance.com](http://www.Teance.com) and [www.FourthStreet.com](http://www.FourthStreet.com).

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**CALENDAR LISTING**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL ON FOURTH STREET – Story Telling, Martial Arts Demonstration, Traditional Lion Dance, Store Blessing Procession with Drummers and treats for the kids. February 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-5pm near 1780 Fourth Street, Berkeley. Free. [www.Teance.com](http://www.Teance.com) and [www.FourthStreet.com](http://www.FourthStreet.com).**