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Media Advisory

WHAT: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Events

WHEN: Friday, May 8; 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 15; 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History
10th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.
May 8 – Rotunda, first floor
May 15 – Baird Auditorium, ground floor

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with special family activities May 8 and 15:

- **23rd Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival** (May 8; 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Rotunda): Arts-and-crafts demonstrations including Chinese paper folding, Indian *rangoli* designs, Japanese doll making, Korean calligraphy and fiber art, Mongolian watercolor work and mask making, Philippine weaving and Thai soap and fruit carving.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Music and Dance Performance (May 15; 6:30 p.m.; Baird Auditorium): Traditional Asian Pacific music and dance performed by the School of Indian Odissi Dance Troupe and the Mongolian Dance Troupe, sponsored by Gankhuyag Ganna Natsag, director and founder of the Mongolian Preservation Foundation.

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