



2009 China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day Celebration

SAN FRANCISCO-SILICON VALLEY

Jointly hosted by:

• China Songshan Shaolin Temple
—Established 495 AD
Birthplace of Chan (Zen) Buddhism
and Shaolin Kung Fu

• Shaolin Temple USA
—The 1st North American
branch organization of
China Songshan Shaolin Temple

• Honorable Senator Leland Yee, Ph.D.
—Assistant President pro Tempore,
California State Senate

Time and Location:

Saturday, March 21, 2009. 10am-5pm
Union Square, Downtown
San Francisco

Sunday, March 22, 2009, 3:30 pm
San Jose Center
for the Performing Arts

Discover Shaolin:

1,500 Years of Cultural Heritage

Chan Buddhism • Shaolin Kung Fu • Shaolin Medicine



Program:

Saturday, March 21, 2009. 10am-5pm
Union Square, Downtown
San Francisco

Spring Prayer:

Presided by the Venerable Shi Yongxin, 30th Abbot of China Songshan Shaolin Temple. This is the first time the Abbot of the 1,500-year ancestral home of Chan (Zen) Buddhism conducts a large-scale Buddhist prayer service in San Francisco.

Shaolin Photo Exhibit:

The photo exhibit will feature the history of Songshan Shaolin Temple, Shaolin Chan and Kung Fu Kung Fu culture, Shaolin Medicine, and the daily life of Shaolin Monks.

Kung Fu Demonstration by Shaolin Temple Kung Fu Monks:

Shaolin Kung Fu, Shaolin Hard Qigong, Wellness Exercises from the 1,500-year-old Shaolin classic manuals passed down from Bodhidharma, founder of Chan Buddhism and Shaolin Kung Fu: Shaolin Baduanjin, Shaolin Yijinjing and Shaolin Xisuijing.

Shaolin Cultural Booths:

Books on Chan Buddhism, Shaolin Temple and Shaolin Kung Fu; Shaolin Chan Tea and vegetarian cuisine tasting; Exhibits of Shaolin weaponry, Shaolin monk attire, the art of Shaolin, and much more...

Free Lessons:

Shaolin Kung Fu, Shaolin Wellness Exercises: Baduanjin, Shaolin Yijinjing and Shaolin Xisuijing.

Sunday, March 22, 2009, 3:30 pm

San Jose Center for the Performing Arts

Magnificent Shaolin, Performance of traditional Shaolin Kung Fu and Qigong by the world famous Shaolin Temple Kung Fu Monks. There is a saying that all martial arts under heaven originate from Shaolin." Shaolin Kung Fu is the oldest, largest and most influential martial arts system in the world. Shaolin Kung Monks have toured over 60 countries and performed for world audiences including many heads of state. The Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin will conduct a short Buddhist prayer service at the beginning of the performance.



\$15,000

Shaolin Temple Holy Statues of Wu-Fang Buddhas (1 set, includes 5 statues)

To commemorate a successful "2009 China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day" in the San Francisco Bay Area, China Songshan Shaolin Temple donates 3 sets of the Temple's treasured "Holy Statues of Wu-Fang Buddhas" to send blessings to the American people and to foster Shaolin culture on the fertile land of America. The Wu-Fang Buddhas shall bring good wishes and wisdom to the American people through the economic hard times. For those who collect and enshrine this very special treasure, the Wu-Fang Buddhas will endow them with blessings for the well being of their families and offspring: happiness, good health, longevity, good fortune in business, fending off bad luck and ensuring an auspicious future.

- Sponsor's full-page color ad will appear on the back cover of the souvenir program brochure for the event;
- Your company's name and logo will appear on all newspapers, TV, and Internet advertising for this event;
- Your company's banner will be displayed at the Union Square Event;
- 10 VIP tickets to Magnificent Shaolin – Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on January 22, 2009.
- Your company's name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry permanently collected by China Songshan Shaolin Temple. A Good Luck and Longevity Blessing plaque will be established for your family.

\$10,000

The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine (traditional Chinese thread-bound, 10 volumes per set)

To commemorate a successful "2009 China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day" in the San Francisco Bay Area, China Songshan Shaolin Temple donates 3 sets of the Temple's original classic manuals—The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine to foster friendship with the sponsors.

The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine is a compilation of classic works in Kung Fu and medicine, collected by accomplished Buddhist masters generation after generation. There is a saying that "All martial arts under heaven originated from Shaolin." Shaolin Kung Fu is well known all over the world. Yet The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine has rarely been seen by anyone outside of Shaolin Temple for a thousand years. You now have the rare opportunity to delve in the secrets between the covers. Would you like to study and discover the "Shaolin 72 Supreme Learnings?" The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine lets you in on a legacy of 1,500 years and unveils the mystery surrounding Shaolin Kung Fu. For the special occasion of 2009 China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day, the "Three Treasures Seal of Shaolin Temple," and the autograph of the Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin will grace these volumes.

- Sponsor's full-page color ad will appear in the souvenir program brochure for the event;
- Your company's name and logo will appear on all newspapers, TV, and Internet advertising for this event;
- Your company's banner will be displayed at the Union Square Event;
- 6 VIP tickets to Magnificent Shaolin – Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on January 22, 2009.
- Your company's name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry. A Good Luck and Longevity Blessing plaque will be established for your family.

\$5,000

1 "Consecrated Chinese Sword" —Guardian of Your Abode

To commemorate a successful "2009 China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day" in the San Francisco Bay Area, China Songshan Shaolin Temple donates 5 swords to foster friendship with the sponsor.

These 5 handmade swords from Shaolin Temple have been consecrated by Buddhist masters and the Venerable Shaolin Temple Abbot Shi Yongxin. It is believed that these swords have the special power to guard homes and offices against evil spirits day and night. They can also help bring you a better life and good fortune. Hanging a "Consecrated Chinese Sword" in your home or office will usher in harmony and balance to the environment, help to gather positive Feng Shui, avert evil spirits, and increase your financial resources, ensuring a successful career and enterprise. These blessings will be bestowed upon all abodes guarded by a "Consecrated Chinese Sword."

- Sponsor's full-page color ad will appear in the souvenir program brochure for the event;
- Your company's name and logo will appear on all newspapers, TV, and Internet advertising for this event;
- Your company's banner will be displayed at the Union Square Event;
- 4 VIP tickets to Magnificent Shaolin – Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on January 22, 2009.
- Your company's name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry. A Good Luck and Longevity Blessing plaque will be established for your family.

\$3,000

Sponsor's half-page color ad will appear in the souvenir program brochure for the event;

- Your company's name and logo will appear on all newspapers, TV, and Internet advertising for this event;
- Your company's banner will be displayed at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts Event;
- 6 tickets to Magnificent Shaolin – Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on January 22, 2009.
- Your company's name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry

\$2,000

Sponsor's half-page color ad will appear in the souvenir program brochure for the event;

- Your company's name and logo will appear on all newspapers, TV, and Internet advertising for this event;
- Your company's banner will be displayed at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts Event;
- 4 tickets to Magnificent Shaolin – Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on January 22, 2009.
- Your company's name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry

\$1,000

Sponsor's quarter-page color ad will appear in the souvenir program brochure for the event;

- Sponsor's name and logo will appear on all newspapers, TV, and Internet advertising for this event;
- 2 tickets to Magnificent Shaolin – Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on January 22, 2009.
- Your company's name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry



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Shaolin Temple

• Since 495 AD •

\$500 / \$300 - Individual Sponsors

- Guardian amulet consecrated by Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin of China Songshan Shaolin Temple;
- Your name will be listed on the "Gongdelin" Donor Registry

This event will be promoted via the following channels:

- Chinese and English Media headlines and articles
- 50,000 flyers (delivered to 500 Bay Area locations)
- 500 18" x 24" posters (delivered to 350 locations in bay area);
- 15,000 souvenir brochures of the event
- On-line promotion via all Internet resources, including websites, search engines, calendars, directories, emails, Youtube, blogs, social networks such as Craigslist, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.

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The Dragon Extends His Claws
Shaolin Temple USA Director Shi Yanran at the Song Mountain



五方寶佛

Holy Statues of Wu-fang Buddhas

中國古代很早就有了五方的概念，即把東、西、南、北加上中央合稱五方；與五方相配的有五行：金、木、水、火、土；而佛教認宇宙在空間上無量無邊，在時間上是無始無終，在方位上提出五方世界，五方世界各有一佛主管，即五方佛，又稱五智佛、五智如來。

五方寶佛是采五嶽（泰山、華山、恒山、衡山、嵩山）之靈石，集四大佛教名山（五台山、普陀山、九華山、峨眉山）之佛土，融黃河、長江之活水，並採用佛教傳統的配方和制作工藝，由少林寺方丈永信大和尚和僧親手制作而成；隨後少林寺方丈又邀請海內外佛教界高僧舉辦了少林慈善救助暨五方寶佛開光大法會。2003年11月15日，嵩山少林寺舉行慈善救助暨五方寶佛開光大法會大圓滿活動儀式，這次法會是少林寺近世以來的首次，期間，泰國副僧王、藏傳佛教大活佛、南傳佛教大佛爺和漢傳佛教諸多代表人物包括四大佛教名山和五嶽的方丈住持在內的60余位高僧長老親臨少林寺慈善救助暨五方寶佛開光大法會主法，由中外49位著名高僧和5000人次僧人五方寶佛開光加持，成少林寺近世以來規模最大的開光法會，也是中國佛教界規模最大的一次文化交流盛事。五方寶佛展示了少林獨特的文化活力，體現了中國宗、少林文化融彙儒釋道和中國優秀傳統文化的精神。

In traditional Chinese philosophy, geographic orientations can be divided into five cardinal points (or Wu-fang in Chinese): North, South, East, West and center, and is related to the Chinese Wu-Xing, usually translated as the five elements: metal, wood, water, fire and earth. The Buddhists believe that the universe has no limits or boundaries in time or space; in each cardinal direction there is a world that is under one Buddha's charge, making five Buddhas altogether, and hence the Wu-fang Buddhas.

The making of Wu-fang Buddhas statues is a sacred and meticulous process. They are made from materials collected from the most famous Chinese mountains and holy Buddhism mounts, blended with water of the Yellow River and the Yangtze River, and then hand-

made by Shaolin Abbot Shi Yongxin and the monastery monks according to the traditional Buddhist formula and techniques. Upon completion, Abbot Shi Yongxin invited accomplished Buddhist monks from home and abroad to attend the Shaolin Charity Event and Consecration Ceremony of Wu-fang Buddha Statues. During that period, over 60 distinguished Buddhist monks from the Buddhist community worldwide visited Shaolin Temple and presided over the ritual ceremony. The Consecration Ceremony of Wu-fang Buddha Statues was the largest in scale to date, and a great event of cultural exchange in Chinese Buddhism. 49 venerable elders and abbots participated in the 49-day ceremony, along with 5,000 monks from around the world.

Holy Statues of Wu-fang Buddhas represent the unique, outstanding characteristics and of Shaolin culture, and embody the spirit of Chinese Chan and Shaolin culture integrated with Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and the time-honored traditions in Chinese culture.

五方寶佛共制作2547套，與五行相配，具有護身護宅的功效。

A total of 2547 sets of Wu-fang Buddha Statues were produced. Matched with Wu-xing, they are empowered to protect people and their residences.

五方寶佛：不空成就佛、阿彌陀佛、寶生佛、不動佛和毗盧遮那佛。

Wu-fang Buddhas:

Amoghasiddhi, Amitabuddha, Padmasambhavatathgata, Aksobhyabuddha and Vairocanabuddha.

1· 不空成就佛（北方水）

黑色，北方屬水，能成就萬法，成就自利、利他的一切事業。象征能以大慈的方便，成就一切如來事業及眾生事業。

2· 阿彌陀佛（西方金）

白色，西方屬金，能使身心健康、清淨無憂，能使一切眾生愉悅歡喜，而生善心，無複苦惱，延年益壽。



- 3· 寶生佛（南方火）
赤色，南方屬火，專司一切財寶，滿足所有祈、願望，代表一切諸佛的廣大福德。
- 4· 不動佛（東方木）
綠色，東方屬木，能熄滅貪、嗔、癡等一切煩惱，又稱不動如來，能使人們快樂生活，身體清淨，內心安靜祥和。
- 5· 毗盧遮那佛（中央土）
黃色，中央屬土，除一切暗冥，生長萬物，增長無量功德。

少林武功醫宗秘笈

The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine

《少林武功醫宗秘笈》是彙集少林寺歷代高僧所珍藏的秘傳武功、以及醫術方面的豐富資料與寶貴經驗，發掘整理而成的一套圖書，由中華書局特別編輯出版，精選自唐、明、清等各朝少林武功及醫宗典藏，是當今中國武術界、醫學界、出版界專家、權威、學者共同研究的經典文獻。全書共十卷十三章，2000多幅精美插圖，充分展現中華傳統優秀文化的博大精深和少林功夫、醫術的原貌。

《少林武功醫宗秘笈》打破以往成書格局，採用傳統工藝、裝幀豪華，突出了中華民族古香古色的傳統風采。全書選用10多種材料，採用90多種工藝精制而成，被專家譽“輝煌燦爛的中原文化與精工細作的江南制造相結合之典範”，共發行3000套。

《少林武功醫宗秘笈》國際奧運會、亞運會特別贈品，是國家外事交往中向外國貴賓贈送的禮品，也是世界各國喜愛中國少林武功者之珍貴藏品；同時中國武術學校、武術館和世界各國武術團體，國內國際著名圖書館、博物館等機構收藏。

The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine is a compilation of classic works in Kung Fu and medicine, collected by accomplished Buddhist masters generation after generation. Compiled and published by Zhonghua Book Company, the book consists of ten volumes in thirteen chapters with over 2,000 beautiful illustrations. This series has illustrated in precision

the original features of Shaolin Kung Fu and medicine, and superbly demonstrated the richness and sophistication of Chinese traditional culture. The Secret Book of Shaolin Kung Fu and Medicine is beautifully printed and handsomely bound, with a limited edition of total of only 3,000 sets issued. It was chosen as a special gift for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics as well as the Asian Games. It has been also been collected by prestige libraries and museums around the world.

少林寺開光“扭轉乾坤鎮宅寶劍”

Consecrated Chinese Swords—Guardian of Your Abode

在中國民間，按百姓的習俗，人們喜歡用寶劍來祈福求吉，寶劍被認有鎮宅避邪的作用。鎮宅寶劍壹般使用桃木做柄套，懸挂于室內，懸挂時還要用八卦錢拴劍穗。古代壹般將寶劍懸挂于堂屋正面的牆上，今天的人們則習慣將劍挂在客廳裏正面的牆壁上。鎮宅所選用的劍壹般也是有講究的，要上陣殺敵見過血的，或是經法師開光的劍，才有鎮宅避邪的作用。

開光鎮宅寶劍擁有驅邪鎮宅、護佑家人之功效，又是觀賞、收藏的精品，集中華造劍文化精髓、高僧法力于一體，堪稱“鎮宅之寶”。開光鎮宅寶劍的劍身在制作方法上，採用了古代傳統造劍方法和祖傳秘方。除了具有堅韌鋒利，剛柔並寓，寒光逼人，紋飾巧麗四大特點外，開光鎮宅寶劍可貴之處在于經開光法會，彙集高僧之法力，具有驅邪鎮宅、積福降吉之神力。

In Chinese folklore, there is a custom to hang a double-edged straight sword (or “Jian” in Chinese) on the wall in the main hall of family homes. The sword needs to either have had the blood of enemies on the battlefield, or consecrated by Buddhist masters. It is believed that these swords have the special power of guarding the residence against evil spirits.

These consecrated swords are crafted from materials of high quality and with special ancestral techniques. In addition to being the symbol of auspices, they are of great value for collection and exhibition purposes.



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- Shaolin Temple USA
- Honorable Leland Yee, Ph.D., Assistant President pro Tempore, California State Senate

• Program •

March 21, 2009 • Sat. 10 am - 5 pm

Union Square, San Francisco

Songsong Shaolin Temple Day Celebration

• 10:30 am **Spring Prayer for America** presided by

Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin of China Songshan Shaolin Temple

• 12 noon, 3 pm **Shaolin Kung Fu Demonstration**

• **Free Lessons:** Shaolin Kung Fu, Qigong, Wellness Exercises

• **Photo Exhibit:** History of Shaolin Temple & Shaolin Kung Fu

• **Shaolin Cultural Booths:** Shaolin Medicine, Chan Tea & Cuisine Shaolin Monk Attire, Shaolin Weaponry, Books & Arts & much more...

March 22, 2009 • Sun. 3:30 pm

San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd., San Jose, CA 95113

The world famous Shaolin Temple Kung Fu Monks in

Magnificent Shaolin

Shaolin Kung Fu & Qigong Performance

The splendid harmony of Shaolin Martial Arts & Chan Buddhism that inhabits the ancient monastery comes to life on stage.

Long Term Goals of China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day Celebration:

- Hold an annual festival in the San Francisco Bay Area to promote Shaolin Culture and Chinese culture among the general public, with the goal to elevate the quality of spiritual life and physical health among all people, and help to build a harmonious society.
- Work towards the dedication and celebration of Shaolin Temple Day on March 21 each year nationwide and worldwide by Shaolin Kung Fu practitioners, Chan Buddhists and people interested in Chinese culture. Celebration, meaningful cultural and health enhancing activities can take place in parks, streets, stadiums, gymnasiums, theatres, museums, schools and homes...
- Work to put Shaolin Temple Day on calendars as a Chinese Festival such as Chinese New Year and the Moon Festival.
- Work with the City government/Visitors' Bureau to hold Shaolin Temple Day Celebration at Union Square as an annual cultural event of the city. The celebration can become a tourist attraction and part of the City's cultural and tourism promotion program.
- Spirit of Shaolin Temple Day: Kindness, equality, peace, respect and health.



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USA Shaolin Temple USA was founded in 2007 as the first North American branch organization of China Songshan Shaolin Temple by a team of 34th generation Shaolin Temple Kung Fu Monks who are disciples of the Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin, with the mission to spread Shaolin Chan and Shaolin culture in America, and to promote physical and spiritual wellness by directly sharing the 1,500-year-old Chinese cultural heritage with the American people.

Shaolin Temple USA has since established two Shaolin Culture Centers in San Francisco and the city of Fremont in Silicon Valley, offering lessons in traditional Shaolin Kung Fu, Shaolin Qigong and Shaolin Wellness Exercises to children and adults of all backgrounds, races and faiths. Shaolin Temple USA currently has a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic student body four hundred strong enrolled at the two Shaolin Culture Centers, and Shaolin Kung Fu programs offered by Shaolin Temple USA at Chinese schools, community centers, homes for children with special needs and the elderly. As Buddhists, seasoned instructors and exceptional performers of Shaolin Kung Fu, the Shaolin Monks at Shaolin Temple USA have built strong bonds with their students, and have made many friends in the local communities, the media and mainstream America, including government officials, educational institutions, arts organizations, the Buddhist and martial arts communities, and everyone interested in Chinese culture. Shaolin Temple USA has been featured in newspapers articles, magazines, national TV, local news coverage and many websites, blogs and chatrooms.

Most Kung Fu Monks at Shaolin Temple USA were members of the world famous Songshan Temple Kung Fu Monks Corps that has toured over 60 countries worldwide prior to their current mission at Shaolin Temple USA. As ambassadors of Shaolin culture, they continued to mesmerize audiences with their spectacular performances of Shaolin Kung Fu in many full-length productions of Shaolin Kung and community performances in the United States. In 2008, Shaolin Temple USA was invited by the prestigious dance company—Alonzo King's LINES Ballet to collaborate in the ground-breaking production of Long River, High Sky that truly integrates classical ballet and Shaolin Kung Fu. Long River, High Sky received phenomenal acclaim from audiences and critics alike wherever it was performed (a total of 18 performance in the United States and France to date).

中国嵩山少林寺日

China Songshan Temple Day, March 21, 2009

Shaolin

1,500 Years of Cultural Heritage

Chan Buddhism • Shaolin Kung Fu • Shaolin Medicine

On March 21, 2004, a Songshan Shaolin Temple Delegation led by the Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin was honored by the California State Assembly with the proclamation of "Songshan Shaolin Temple Day." A full scale Shaolin Kung Fu Performance by the visiting Shaolin Kung Fu monks followed at Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. This momentous cultural exchange event was initiated by California Senator Dr. Leland Yee (then Speaker pro Tempore of the California Assembly), an avid supporter of Chinese culture.

On Saturday, March 21, 2009, China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day will again be celebrated in California, followed by another breathtaking Shaolin Kung Fu Performance at San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday March 22, 2009, and a day of honor at the State Capitol five years after the proclamation Shaolin Temple Day in 2004.

Jointly hosted by China Songshan Shaolin Temple, Shaolin Temple USA and Dr. Leland Yee, President pro Tempore of the California State Senate, 1,500 years of Shaolin Temple's cultural heritage will be presented to the mainstream American public and tourists from around the world on March 21 at the Union Square in San Francisco, through photo exhibits of Shaolin Temple, Shaolin Kung Fu and Shaolin Medicine, booths on Chan Buddhist culture, Shaolin books and arts, Shaolin medicine, Chan tea and vegetarian cuisine, Shaolin weaponry, and many more. Live program of the day starts with "Spring Prayer for America" presided by the Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin, followed by Shaolin Kung Fu Exhibition by Shaolin Kung Fu Monks, and performance by students of Shaolin Temple USA, Free lessons in Shaolin Kung Fu and Shaolin Baduanjin, *Yinjijing* and *Xisuijing* will be offered to participants of the celebration. Government officials including the Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco, United States Senators and members of the US Congress, local officials and communities leaders will speak in the opening ceremony. On March 22, a full scale performance of Shaolin Kung Fu and Qigong will be held in the 2,665-seat San Jose Center for the Performing Arts. This is a long-anticipated event by the Chinese community, martial arts enthusiasts and the American general public. 100,000 people are expected to experience authentic Shaolin culture during the 2-day celebration in person or through live webcast of the Union Square celebration.

During his trip to the San Francisco Bay Area for Shaolin Temple Day, the Venerable Abbot Shi Yongxin will also conduct other cultural exchange activities, including a visit to the East Asian Library and the Electronic Cultural Atlas Project at the University of California in Berkeley, a visit to the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, and a celebration of China Shaolin Temple Day at the California State Capitol five years after the proclamation of Shaolin Temple Day on March 21, 2004.