

# Massachusetts Asian Restaurant Association 2022 Gala

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 6:00 to 10:00 PM**

(Doors open at 5:00 PM. Outdoor event. Will move indoors in bad weather.)

## Agenda

- 5:00 PM            Doors Open
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM    Guest Check-In, Networking and Entertainment:
- Chinese Music
  - Bubble Tea
  - Culinary Art / Painting
  - Magician
  - Balloon Artist
  - Gift Shop
- 6:30 – 6:35 PM    Opening Remarks (Andy Kuang & Bob Wong)
- 6:35 – 7:00 PM    Speeches by Tiffany Chan, Steve Clark & Representatives  
from Massachusetts State House Asian Caucus
- 7:00 – 7:30 PM    Lion Dance
- 7:30 – 8:30 PM    Entering Banquet Room: Buffet Station & DJ Music
- 8:30 – 8:50 PM    Speeches by Nam Pham, Tiffany Chan and Representatives  
from Massachusetts State House Asian Caucus
- 8:50 – 9:40 PM    Visit Vendors' Booths, Group Photos,  
Networking & New Member Sign Up
- 9:40 PM            Event Wrap Up

**MCs:** Bob Wong & Andy Kuang

**Venue, Food and Drink:** Kowloon Restaurant

## Guest Speakers



**Donald Wong**



**Tackey Chan**



**Vanna Howard**



**Maria Robinson**



**Rady Mom**

Massachusetts State House Asian Caucus



**Steve Clark**

President And CEO of  
Massachusetts Restaurant  
Association



**Nam Pham**

Former Assistant Secretary of Business  
Development and International Trade,  
Government of Massachusetts



**Tiffany Chan**

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## Special Guests

**Mary Chin**, CEO of Asian American Civic Association (AACA)

**Hong Soon Bok**, Deputy Consulate General of the Republic of Korea

**Helen Kwong** of Chinatown Business Association (CBA)

**Philip Hong and Shaohua Moy**, Presidents of Chinese Freemasons of Boston

**Fei Pan**, Executive Director of Asian American Association of Boston (AAAB)

**Tom Truong & Richie Wong** of Asian American Real Estate Association of America (AREAA)

**Nam Pham** (President), **Qian Ge**, **Ye Edward Huang**, **Xin Liu**, **Rose Pan**, **Deb Rose**, **Andrew Stuckey**, **Mary Truong** and **Jackie Xie** of Asian American Political Action Committee (AAPAC)

## Live Performance



### Yazhi Guo

Yazhi Guo is a well-known virtuoso of wind instruments and an inventor of musical instruments. He is a highly sought-after performer of various Chinese traditional and western wind instruments on the international stage. Guo is considered the world's premier suona virtuoso. Guo graduated from the Folk Music Department of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing in 1990 and stayed on to teach at the Conservatory. In 2000, Guo was appointed as the principal suona by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra. In 2012, Guo furthered his pursuit of music in the United States. While in the US, he gave lectures and concerts at colleges such as Harvard University, The University of the Arts, and Berklee College of Music among others.



### Zhantao Lin

Zhantao Lin is an erhu player based in Massachusetts. He was an Associate Professor at the Guangxi Arts Institute, and a member of the board of Chinese Professional Erhu Player's Guild in China. Zhantao moved to the US in 1999. He participated in Yo-yo Ma's Silk Road concert series, and he was invited by the Spanish Strings Association to Santiago, Spain to participate in the 2016 Summer Music Week. In 2018, he acted as the main actor and played as a musician in a short film "Descendants of String", and recorded music for the film with the lead instrument erhu. The film won an award at the Los Angeles Asian Film Festival in October 2019. Zhantao was named Blodgett visiting Artist by Harvard University Music Department in January 2019.



### Yi Ding

Yi Ding began to learn Guzheng (Chinese Zither) when she was 6 years old. She has achieved the highest level in Guzheng performance in 2004. She is the honor member of City Traditional Music Association. She has Advanced Teacher Certification of Central Conservatory of Music. In the last three years, she keeps being rewarded as Excellent Instructor of Central Conservatory of Music Chinese Instrument Grade Examination. Her students have won a lot of rewards in many international competitions.



### Darren Yong

Darren Yong has been doing magic full-time over 20 years. He is New England's premiere magician for some of the biggest corporate events. His style of magic is fast paced, hilarious, and jaw dropping. He will be the talk of your event for days after. Darren gives a breath of fresh air for magic, he performs regularly at Fortune 500 events, hotels, weddings, fairs, festivals, birthday parties, private events, bar/ bat mitzvahs, colleges, trade shows, and school assemblies. No event is too small or too large as he offers many different programs.



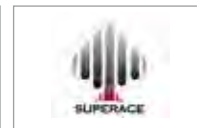
### Alex Woo

Alex Woo has made balloon sculptures and animals since he was 6 years old. During the pandemic, Alex took his skills to a new level and started Sunrise Balloon Art, which specializes in themed figures such as Disney and Marvel themed characters in addition to a vast variety of other themes for all types of events. Alex is also a Martial Arts (Kung Fu) & Taiji Instructor and a former performing artist with Cirque du Soleil.

**Tiffany Chan**  
 Reporter | WBZ-TV  
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**Deanna Pan**  
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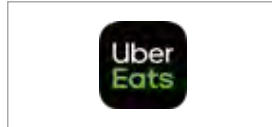
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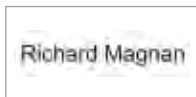


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MARA provides Asian restaurant businesses the resources and guidance needed to advance in the industry. MARA is a platform connecting Asian restaurant members with professional service providers as well as relevant governmental entities to enhance the communication collaboration and mutual benefits. Visit [www.ma-ara.org](http://www.ma-ara.org) to learn more.