



## Festival Highlights

### Launch Celebration

**Date:** Friday, 23 January 2009  
**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Venue:** Belmore Park  
Across Eddy Avenue from Central Station  
**Cost:** Free

Lions and dragons will come to life and red firecrackers will scare away the previous year's misfortune. See the latest in Chinese-Australian culture as performers on stage present ancient traditions with a modern twist.

### Chinese New Year Markets

**Date:** Friday, 23 January - Sunday 25 January 2009  
**Time:** Friday 4:00pm - 10:00pm  
Saturday/Sunday 11:00am - 10:00pm  
**Venue:** Belmore Park  
Across Eddy Avenue from Central Station  
**Cost:** Free

Delicious Asian food and all the glitz of traditional New Year gifts will be on offer from more than 50 stalls. In the activity marquees you can take a tai chi class, learn Chinese drumming or Lion Dancing, try your hand at mah jong, see how to make delicious Chinese food or create your own lantern to take home.

### Chinese New Year Twilight Parade

**Date:** Sunday 1 February 2009  
**Time:** 7:45pm - 9:30pm  
**Venue:** Town Hall to Chinatown  
Followed by fire works at Cockle Bay  
**Cost:** Free  
**Seating Area:** \$60+GST per person

Starting at dusk, Sydney's streets will be transformed with a stunning night time procession of costumes, lanterns, lights and illuminated floats making its way from Town Hall to Chinatown. Featuring 2,600 people, including 500 dancers, musicians and martial artists from China's Henan Province, the Twilight Parade will showcase the very best local and international performers.

### Dragon Boat Races

**Date:** Saturday 7 February - Sunday 8 February 2009  
**Time:** 8:00am - 5:00pm  
**Venue:** Darling Harbour  
**Cost:** Free

More than 3,000 paddlers converge on Darling Harbour for two days of heart stopping racing. With almost 200,000 spectators, it is the largest event in the Chinese New Year Festival calendar.

## Food & Flavours

### **Billy Kwong Banquets**

**Date:** Monday 9 February 2009  
**Time:** 6:30pm for 7:00pm seating  
**Venue:** Billy Kwong Restaurant  
3/355 Crown Street Surry Hills  
**Cost:** \$150 per person (includes food and beverages)  
**Event Type:** Food

Join Festival Ambassador Kylie Kwong for an evening of unique cuisine showcasing the finest organic produce.

### **Tea Appreciation Workshop & High Tea**

**Date:** Saturday 31 January, Sunday 1 February,  
Saturday 7 February, 2009, Sunday 8 February 2009  
**Time:** 11:00am or 4:00pm (sessions approximately 2.5hrs)  
**Venue:** Zensation Tea House  
656 Bourke Street, Surry Hills  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Event Type:** Food

Zensation will guide you through an array of the finest quality Chinese teas, from the freshest greens, delicate whites, complex Olongs, earthy black teas and herbal tonics.

## Film

### **NEW! Sydney China Film Festival**

**Date:** Saturday 31 January – Saturday 7 February 2009  
**Time:** Various  
**Venue:** Greater Union  
George Street, Sydney  
**Cost:** Adult: \$16.50, Concession: \$13.50

Sydney China Film Festival is Sydney's only festival devoted entirely to Chinese cinema. This inaugural Festival will feature eighteen of the latest commercial films and art films from Mainland China and Hong Kong.

## Performing Arts

### **The Chinese Gardens Chamber Music Festival**

**Date:** Thursday 5 February 2009 – Sunday 8 February 2009  
**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:30pm  
**Venue:** Chinese Garden, Darling Harbour  
**Cost:** \$65 - \$85 (Including a Chinese Meal)

Australian composer John Z. Huie, who has lived and worked in China for 18 years, introduces us to the brightest musical stars from China & Australia playing unique ancient, modern and new Chinese music in the beautiful Chinese Garden of Friendship.

### **ACCA Fun Day to Welcome the Year of the Ox**

**Date:** Friday 23 January 2009  
**Time:** 10:00am – 1:00pm  
**Venue:** Australian Chinese Community Association (Club House)  
2 Mary Street, Surry Hills  
**Cost:** Free

Australian Chinese Community Association's Chinese New Year Banquet is one of its major annual events for members, guests and friends featuring a sumptuous banquet, entertainment, raffles and prizes to be won.

## Visual Arts

### **Cinema Alley - Nostalgia by Qiu Anxiong**

(A streetside video art project by Gallery 4A)

**Date:** this will be confirmed  
**Time:** TBA  
**Venue:** TBA  
**Cost:** Free (Registration required)

For one night, a Haymarket street will be transformed into a 'street cinema' presenting video artworks by important young Asian artists, Qiu Anxiong.

### **Year of the Ox – Karen Choy Ceramics**

**Date:** Saturday 31 January – Wednesday 25 February 2009  
**Time:** 11:00am – 6:00pm (Opening Tuesday to Saturday)  
**Venue:** Robin Gibson Gallery  
278 Liverpool St, Darlinghurst

**Cost:** Free

Celebrating her love of animals through ceramics, second generation Chinese-Australian artist Karen Choy's exhibition will entice art lovers and anyone interested in contemporary Chinese culture in Sydney.

## **Culture**

### **Feng Shui**

**Date:** Friday 30 January 2009  
**Time:** 12:15pm – 1:00pm  
**Venue:** Customs House Library  
Level 2 Meeting Room  
31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay

**Cost:** Free

Translated as "wind water", Feng Shui is an ancient Chinese practice believed to improve your life.

### **Calligraphy Demonstration**

**Date:** Friday 23 January 2009  
**Time:** 12 noon – 3:00pm  
**Venue:** Haymarket Library  
744 George Street, Haymarket

**Cost:** Free

Take a bright red calligraphy couplet home for free to bring you and your family happiness, wealth and longevity in the New Year!

### **Kids Museum: The Year of the Ox**

**Date:** Sunday 1 February 2009  
**Time:** 12 noon – 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Macleay Museum  
Gosper Lane, off Science Road, The University of Sydney

**Cost:** Free

Hear stories in Mandarin and English, and take part in art activities such as decorating our Ox. Open to children ages 5-12.

## **Heritage**

### **Sze Yup Kwan Ti Temple Tour**

**Date:** Monday 2 February and Wednesday 11 February 2009  
**Time:** 2:00pm  
**Venue:** Sze Yup Kwan Ti Temple  
Edward Street, Glebe

**Cost:** Free

With 110 years of history, Glebe's Sze Yup Temple is a living link to the heritage of Australia's vibrant Chinese community.

### **Chinatown Historical Tour**

**Date:** Tuesday 27 January and Thursday 29 January 2009  
Monday 2 February and Wednesday 4 February 2009  
**Time:** 11am – 12:30pm  
**Venue:** Start at the corner of Dixon and Hay Streets, Chinatown beneath the Arch  
opposite Covent Garden hotel

**Cost:** Free

Yum Cha - \$15 per person

Experience the fascination and mystical magnetism of Chinatown and its historical contribution to Sydney.

### **Red Tape Gold Scissors, the Story of Sydney's Chinese**

**Date:** Saturday 7 February 2009  
**Time:** 2pm  
**Venue:** Mitchell Theatre Sydney Mechanics School of Arts

280 Pitt Street, Sydney

**Cost:**

\$2

Chinese people have played a colourful and conspicuous role in Australia's oldest city.