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**KULOVPRESENTS ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THEIR
SEVENTH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S TEA FESTIVAL
FEATURING TEAS & FLAVORS OF JAPAN**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007, 3-7pm
at ELECTRIC LODGE Performing & Visual Arts Center
1416 Electric Avenue, Venice, CA 90291**

celebrate community & culture with tea ceremonies, origami & calligraphy workshops, sushi, mochi & other food specialties, plus art, music, dance, performances, interactive installations, raffle prizes and other surprises

\$10 in advance/\$15 at the door (free for children under 12)

plus \$1 - \$3 for workshops and special programs

proceeds to benefit Electric Lodge

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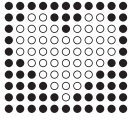
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On the Sunday before Valentine's Day, Electric Lodge Performing & Visual Arts Center in Venice will be transformed into a microcosm of exotic teas and flavors, celebrating Japan and its culinary and cultural influences. The event will include all things Japanese, from fresh contemporary art to the refinements of the traditional tea ceremony. There will be lots to see, hear, eat and do sure to engage and entertain adults and children alike – play with the interactive displays, marvel at the art, munch on mochi, and even learn how to master an origami animal or two. All proceeds will benefit Electric Lodge.

"Every year around Valentine's Day we host a cultural event honoring a country with a strong tradition of tea," says event producer Kulov. "Last year, we celebrated India and the response was quite enthusiastic. People spent the entire afternoon at our event and were having such a fantastic time that they didn't want to leave. And children had a blast too with all there was to eat, explore and experience. We're looking forward to seeing them back again this year."

"Los Angeles enjoys a special richness in its various communities," he continues, "and yet they often seem isolated from one another. Part of this is because everything is so far apart and spread out. But we like to mix it up a little by creating community-building events that are both fun and informative. And probably the biggest compliment we received last year was that people wished L.A. was always like this."

"As a Japanese person, I'm always fascinated with how other communities interact with and re-interpret my own culture. And this festival promises to be an interesting fusion of Japanese and Western sensibilities," notes Yuki Machida, the Japanese consultant for the event.



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The festival organizers involve quite a few local retailers and businesses as part of their support network and fundraising efforts. For those who want to make a day – or evening – of it, the event is within walking distance for Valentine’s Day shopping beforehand and an excellent choice of restaurants for dinner afterwards.

“The venue is in a wonderful part of Venice, just off Abott Kinney Blvd.,” Kulov sums up, “With so much to discover, people come from all over L.A., as well as out of state, spending many happy hours exploring the neighborhood. One of the goals of the tea festivals, in fact, is to generate curiosity and good will that extend into the community at large. It’s going to be a terrific day. **Omachi shite orimasu!**”

*We look forward to seeing you there!

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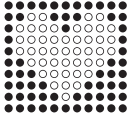
song, dance & drumming by troupe **TYT**
contemporary art & installation by **Masami Tsuchikawa**
and by **Kotaro Hatch** www.kotarahatch.com

origami workshops by **Peggy Hasegawa**; calligraphy workshops by **Kazuni Nakamura**
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plus additional performances & workshops by **Claudia Choi, Kokoe Johnson, Florence Lang, Karen Linderman** and others

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EVENT ORGANIZERS:

For the past decade **KulovPresents** have lent their marketing, branding and public relations skills to producing events for many arts and other not-for-profit organizations both in the U.S. and in Europe. Among these are Randolph Street Gallery, The Hyde Park Arts Center and The Museum of Contemporary Art. This is their seventh annual Valentine's Tea event. KulovPresents are currently based in Santa Monica.

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EVENT BENEFACTORS:

Electric Lodge's mission is to function as a laboratory for performing and visual artists of all genres. To involve the complex Venice community of artists, as well as those of the City of Los Angeles at large. And to attract artists from elsewhere in the United States and internationally in order to expand and inspire the local visual and performing artists.

In addition, Electric Lodge is to be a home for world ecological change and to be a focal point for joining forces worldwide in order to change society to a sustainable ecological system. As such, the Lodge is a solar powered venue.

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