Pagoda Floating Restaurant Debuts at JCCCN 40th Anniversary Event Celebration

San Francisco (August 24, 2012) – The award-winning Pagoda Floating Restaurant from Honolulu, HI, will make their San Francisco debut at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) 40th Anniversary fundraising event on September 21, 2013.

Best known for its tranquil waterfall and 360 degree views of the Japanese koi pond surrounding the restaurant, Pagoda Floating Restaurant and Executive Chef, Jason Takemura, will create dishes that reflect the local flavors of Hawai‘i to create an equally unique dining experience right in San Francisco’s Japantown.

On the menu: Ahi & Sea Asparagus Poke Salad with Nalo Micro Greens and Baby Kale; Kim Chee Oxtail Fried Rice; Pan Seared Hawaiian Kampachi w/ Taro and Hamakua Mushroom Hash and Lu‘au Sauce; Sake Soy Braised Short Ribs; Wasabi Mash Potatoes; and Lomi Tomato Crispy Onions.

As part of the 40th anniversary celebration, four Bay Area restaurants will take guests back in time to when the JCCNC sold gyoza and yakisoba at street fairs to raise funds to build the Center. Bay Area restaurants, Bridges, La Mar, Pa‘ina, and Roy’s will create their own take of these traditional Japanese dishes to serve as appetizers to guests as they arrive.

Registration opens at 3:00 p.m. with the dinner program commencing at 4:00 p.m. Cost is $175 per person for reserved table seating and $50 for children 6-12 years. Limited number of seats still available.

For more information, call (415) 567-5505 or visit their website at www.jcccnc.org.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the development of dynamic cultural, educational, social, and outreach programs that serve the 185,000 visitors the Center welcomes each year. These programs open doors to the Japanese and Japanese American culture, history and heritage, to build community with people of all ages through the shared experience of culture.

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Auction

One of the event's highlights will include a silent and live auction featuring a tempting lineup of popular trips to destinations like Japan and Hawaii joined by an exciting list of gift certificates, services, unique experiences, Japanese ceramics, food and wine, electronics, and much more.

Leading up to the Annual Event, there will be an online auction at Biddingforgood.com that begins September 10 with some of the items closing online September 23 and some moving to the silent auction at the event. Preview the auction items beginning September 8 at http://bit.ly/QiqWmj.