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Save the Dates: March 4 – 6, 2010
7th Annual BaoBao Festival
West African Drumming, Dancing, and Storytelling

The 7th Annual BaoBao Festival presents a vibrant performance of traditional West African dance, drumming, music and storytelling March 4-6 in Boulder, Denver and Colorado Springs. Former members of the Ghana National Dance Ensemble will perform and host a night of performances by the Streetside Hip Hop Dance Troupe and more. This diverse and educational experience will engage and entertain world culture fans of all ages.

The baobab tree is a traditional gathering place in West Africa where community matters are discussed, stories are told, and people dance and drum. The BaoBao Festival, founded in 2004 and held in Colorado each March, draws on this tradition in its mission to build community through multi-cultural experiences in the performing arts. The festival, started by Boulder resident Adjei Abankwah, a lead dancer and choreographer with the Ghana National Dance Ensemble for 11 years, has been a perennial favorite among Boulder and Denver audiences.

BaoBao Festival 2010 is sponsored by:

- Ras Kassa's Ethiopian Restaurant
- KGNU
- Colorado College
- Metropolitan State College

BaoBao Festival 2010 Main Performance Schedule:

Other performances, workshops, classes, and events will be listed at www.baobaofest.org)

Thursday, March 4, 7 pm
Colorado College
Packard Hall
5 W Cache La Poudre St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719-389-6607
Tickets: Free

Friday, March 5, 7 pm
Auraria Higher Education Center
Kenneth King Center, Recital Hall
855 Lawrence Way, Denver, CO
Box office: 303-556-2296
Tickets: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students

Saturday, March 6, 7 pm
Boulder Theater
2032 14th Street, Boulder, CO
Box office: 303-786-7030
Tickets: \$19 general; \$15 students & seniors; children under 10 are free

Please see www.baobaofest.org for press photos from past events.

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Visit our website for more details on additional events:

Drumming Up a Library, January 16, 2010, 2 – 5 pm, The Tea Box, Cherry Creek, Denver. \$15 drumming lessons

BaoBao Fest Fundraiser, January 31, 2010, 12 – 3 pm, Ras Kassa's Ethiopian Restaurant, Buffet, Live Music and Silent Auction.
Admission \$12

Party with BaoBao, March 3, 8:30 pm, Laughing Goat Coffee House, Music and fun with BaoBao Fest performers.