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Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival Celebrates 25th Anniversary April 12-13 at Barnes Park

Monterey Park, Calif. — March 26, 2025 — The [Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival](#), to be held April 12–13, 2025 at Barnes Park, marks a milestone 25th anniversary with a bigger-than-ever celebration of Japanese and Asian Pacific Islander culture. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Attendees will enjoy main stage performances including Japanese dancing, taiko drumming, and performances by Kokoro, City Pop Jam, and many more. Watch thrilling martial arts exhibitions, Polynesian dance showcases and performances by local student musical groups.

On Sunday, festival-goers can join J-Pop idols for fun activities and festival games, presented by Asayoru Maid Cafe. For music lovers, the festival will also welcome DJs spinning City Pop hits. Auto-enthusiasts will love the festival's Itasha exhibition, featuring cars decorated with anime characters.

Inside Monterey Park City Hall, visitors will find a variety of cultural displays, including calligraphy, origami and tea ceremonies. On Sunday, visitors will also be able to make their own Japanese dolls at the craft station.

The festival marketplace will feature a record-number of vendors offering merchandise with unique cultural flair. Community booths will also provide resources on local health, social, and education services.

No festival would be complete without delicious food. Attendees can indulge in chicken teriyaki, spam musubi and mochi desserts from Little Tokyo's Fugetsu-Do, just to name a few.

For easy access, take the free shuttles from Langley Senior Center and Ynez and Repetto elementary schools. The festival is free to all.

For more information, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/cherryblossom or email recreation@montereypark.ca.gov. Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue in Monterey Park.

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