East-West Center Arts Program presents

Songs of Memory: Music & Ceremony of Highland Southeast Asia
A Performance-Demonstration

Monday, May 14, 2012

East-West Center Gallery
John A. Burns Hall
1601 East-West Rd.
Honolulu

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free Admission
Open to the public
Limited seating

Parking is available on U.H.
Manoa Campus.

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In connection with the EWC “Songs of Memory” exhibition, three visiting artists/specialists will present a multi-media program.

The mountainous region of Northern Thailand, and parts of Laos, Myanmar/Burma, and China, are home to a wide range of highland cultures, most of which have developed impressive music and ceremonial traditions. The related exhibition features musical instruments, traditional dress, and jewelry of six major communities—Hmong, Mien, Lahu, Akha, Lisu, and Karen.

Guest curator Victoria Vorreiter is a musician, researcher, filmmaker and photographer based in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She holds an M.A. in music, and is a specialist in the Suzuki Method of music instruction. She has taught in Europe, Asia, and the U.S., and has researched a number of world musical traditions. Songs of Memory is the result of a decade of work among the indigenous peoples and cultures in remote villages of Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, and China.

Aju Jupoh, a respected member of the Akha community of Chiang Rai, is co-founder of the Association for Akha Education and Culture in Thailand. An accomplished musician, he has coordinated the development of the Akha writing system, and has been involved in documentary films on Akha culture. He has performed and lectured throughout SE Asia, and in China, England, France, and Brazil.

Chi Suwichan, a member of the Karen community, is a noted musician on the traditional te na ku harp, and has been active in cultural, political, and social developments for the Karen people. He holds an M.A. degree from Chiang Mai University. His involvement in research and performances has taken him to Japan, Burma, Singapore, Vietnam, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, and to the U.S. in 2009.