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**MALAYSIAN ENSEMBLE HANDS PERCUSSION CREATES A VERITABLE BANG WITH
THEIR GROUNDBREAKING AND INNOVATIVE DRUMMING**

*The Group Preserves Their Cultural Heritage While Exploring
Contemporary Percussion Music And Different Cultures*

LONE TREE, CO – With groundbreaking, innovative performances which include contemporary and traditional percussive music, Hands Percussion joins us from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Adorned with traditional colorful costumes, this high energy ensemble is so admired they are sought across the globe.

Hands Percussion comes to the Lone Tree Arts Center to perform *Drumbeat Inferno* Sunday, March 22 at 7pm.

Hands Percussion (HANDS) made a bang in the music scene in Kuala Lumpur in 1997. Over the past few years, HANDS has been invited to perform overseas and have participated in the following international art festivals: Abu Dhabi, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Thailand, France, London, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Greece, Australia, and Qatar. The ensemble's performances have been highly regarded and admired, as they endeavor to preserve their cultural heritage while introducing new dimensions to theatrical drumming by venturing into contemporary percussion music and exploring different cultures. The team has produced and performed extensively in the arts scene as well as at corporate events. Its art form has been described as contemporary theatrical drumming infused with Shigu (獅鼓) drums and diverse Southeast Asian musical instruments.

For *Drumbeat Inferno* the ensemble will be playing the Chinese Shigu drums, Malay gamelan, and other percussion instruments with music and choreography influenced by the different cultures in Malaysia. Mat Din Hussin, a guest artist, from the popular Geng Wak Long Productions, will add elements of authentic Kelantanese music to the program.

Hands Percussion is led by Artistic Director Bernard Goh. Music Director is Ng Siu Yee, with Principal Drummer Jimmy Ch'ng. Jack Wan is Rehearsal Master. Performers are Tee Wee Lin, Tee Leong Hoe, Phang Jian Hao, Goh Kok Wei, Tan Zhe Hao, Yee Moong Hui, and Lim Pui Yi.

Hands Percussion: Drumbeat Inferno

Sunday, March 22 at 7pm

Tickets: \$38-\$48

Tickets may be purchased by calling 720-509-1000, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm or at www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org.

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