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NEWS RELEASE

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**Eugene Japanese American Art Memorial Dedication
Day of Remembrance
February 19, 2007
Hult Center**

A sad chapter of American history should never be repeated. Rather, it should be kept alive so others can remember and learn from the experience so that unjust deprivation of civil rights never happens again to any person or group of persons. The Eugene Japanese American Memorial Art Project Committee extends an invitation to the community to attend a special dedication ceremony and Day of Remembrance event in commemoration of the Japanese-American citizens forced to relocate to internment camps during World War II.

The memorial dedication location is significant because the memorial site is almost exactly on the site of the Civil Control Office, located at 34 West 6th Avenue in 1942, where Japanese Americans living in Lane and adjoining counties were ordered, by Executive Order 9066, to report and register for internment during WWII.

PROGRAM

Noon-1:00 p.m. Dedication Ceremony at the monument facing West 6th and Willamette

Speakers:

- ◆ Peggy Nagae, Keynote Speaker
- ◆ Lawson F. Inada, Oregon Poet Laureate
- ◆ Kitty Piercy, Mayor, Eugene
- ◆ Shelley Hanson, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director

Recognition of committee and community supporters

Eugene Taiko celebratory performance

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hult Center Lobby

Speakers:

- ◆ Artist Kenge Kobayashi
- ◆ Artist David Clemons
- ◆ Peggy Nagae: In Recognition and Appreciation for Leadership in Times of Turmoil: The Role of Japanese Americans in Advancing Civil and Human Rights
- ◆ Mary Oberst, First Lady of Oregon - remarks
- ◆ Lawson Fusao Inada, Oregon Poet Laureate "Observances"
- ◆ Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach, Kalapuya Tribal member of the Grand Ronde Tribes, celebratory music on the Native American Flute

Open mike