

Next PDAA

Meeting

Wednesday, April 7,
2010

Woman's National
Democratic Club

1526 New Hampshire
Ave, NW, Washington,
DC

Speaker:

Dana Tai Soon Burgess,
details at right

- Cash bar 11:30 am
- Lunch 12 noon
- Speaker 1:00 pm

\$25.00 per person

Reservation deadline:

Friday, April 2, 2009

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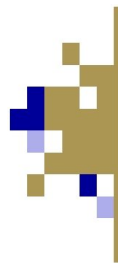
PDAA Annual Dinner

May 16, 2010

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Choreographer-Educator to Discuss Value of Cultural Exchanges at April PDAA Meeting

Dana Tai Soon Burgess, a noted choreographer, chair of George Washington University's theater and dance department, and a distinguished alumnus of the State Department's exchange programs, will share his personal perspectives on the value of cultural exchange at the PDAA luncheon on April 7, 2010 at the Woman's National Democratic Club in Washington, D.C.

Burgess has been an American Cultural Specialist for the United States Department of State six times. He received Senior Fulbright grants in 2006 and 2008 to teach at the National University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru. Burgess has also established exchanges with dance companies in Peru and India. In 2009, he assisted the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs with the DanceMotion USA dance exchange program.

Dana Tai Soon Burgess uses his expertise as a dancer, choreographer, and teacher to encourage dancers and audiences alike to explore dance -- and art more generally -- as an expression of the global connections among individuals and communities. Burgess' exchange experiences in Pakistan, Peru, Mexico, India, Egypt, Israel, and Panama have bolstered his belief that dance is a shared language capable of building international bridges of understanding.

Burgess incorporates the value of cultural exchange in his work as artistic director of his own dance company, Dana Tai Soon Burgess & Company. A prominent Asian-American company, it is recognized for its international character, always infusing international themes to enlighten American audiences.

Burgess grew up in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He studied at the University of New Mexico and George Washington University. His choreography has been presented and commissioned by



the Smithsonian Institution, Asia Society (NY), the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, La MaMa, NY and the United Nations.

Also speaking at the luncheon will be Colombia Barrosse, Chief of the Cultural Programs Division, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, who will give us an update on the Department of State's cultural exchange programs.

This PDAA event will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 11:30 a.m., at the Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. To reserve your place, please return the coupon on page 11, or the form at www.publicdiplomacy.org/MeetingAnnounce.htm, by Friday, April 2, 2010.

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