

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Northeast Cultural Coop invites you to share in a celebration of Vietnamese Culture this July at Geneva Point Center in Moultonboro, NH. Three unique programs are offered free and open to the public.

**Monday, July 24:** Vietnamese director Tran Anh Hung's beautiful film "*The Scent of Green Papaya.*"

For one screening only at 7:00 pm. on the big screen at the Meeting House at Geneva Point. Please arrive a few minutes early to get a seat. You may bring your own refreshments. No reservation necessary. This film won the Camera d'Or at the 1993 Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. It is set in the 1950s and 60s in the Vietnamese city then known as Saigon. It is a beautifully filmed story of a young girl sent to work as a household servant. This film is a visual feast and appropriate for ages 10 and up. 104 minutes in length. Vietnamese with English subtitles.

**Tuesday, July 25: 7:00 pm at the Meeting House- Music and Poetry with Nhan Thanh Ngo and Co Boi Nguyen.**

Professor Nhân Thanh Ngo, of NYU, is an expert on Vietnamese and Vietnamese-U.S. issues and an accomplished musician. He will play the Dan Trahn, a traditional Vietnamese 16-string zither and offer commentary on his native country of Vietnam. Offering recitations of Vietnamese poetry as well as vocal selections of traditional Vietnamese folk songs is special guest Co Boi Nguyen, assistant conductor of the Cosmopolitan Orchestra in New York. She made her highly acclaimed debut with the Vietnam National Symphony Orchestra at the Hanoi Opera House in July 2002. She is a graduate of the conducting programs at the Curtis Institute of Music and the Juilliard School. Both of these musicians are featured on the Billy Bang CD called "Vietnam Reflections."

**Wednesday, July 26: 7:00 p.m. on the Geneva Point Chapel stage, Chi Potter and her dancers.**

The Homeland Dance troupe will perform a program of Vietnamese Folk Dances: including the Chopstick Dance, the Drum Dance, and the Fan Dance, among others. Chi Potter began her dance career at the age of 7 in her native country of Vietnam and has been teaching and performing for many years all over the U.S. She currently lives in Merrimack, NH. and is frequently featured as an “artist in the schools.”

*The Northeast Cultural Coop is an organization based in Amherst, NH that celebrates cultures near and far through programs for teachers and the general public. This series of performances is funded through a grant by the Freeman Foundation and all are welcome to attend one or more of these programs. Visit [www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org](http://www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org) for directions or more information.*