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**The City of San Antonio Announces *The Year of Taiwan***  
*News Conference to be Held by the Office of Cultural Affairs*  
*Announcing a Series of Community-wide Events*

**Tuesday August 16, 11am**  
**International Center Building**  
**203 S. St. Mary's Street**

The City of San Antonio's rich tradition of international collaborations continues as the Office of Cultural Affairs partners with the **Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA), R.O.C., Taiwan** to announce the *Year of Taiwan*. The cultural exchange initiative is an extension of San Antonio's Sister City relationship with Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

A press conference to highlight the *The Year of Taiwan* calendar of events is scheduled for **11am Tuesday, August 16** in the first floor atrium of the International Center Building, located at 203 S. St. Mary's Street. At that time **Mayor Julián Castro** will officially announce the celebration. Also in attendance include; **Yen Chou** from the Taipei Cultural Center of TECO in New York; **John Johnston** from the San Antonio Museum of Art; **Michael Mehl** of FotoSeptiembre USA; and **Felix Padron**, Director of the San Antonio Office of Cultural Affairs.

Beginning this September, San Antonio cultural organizations will celebrate the rich cultural legacy of Taiwan with a series of events and performances featuring a select group of that country's most outstanding traditional and contemporary artists. Highlighting the *Year of Taiwan* will be a major exhibition organized by the San Antonio Museum of Art: *5,000 Years of Chinese Jade*, open from October 1 through February 19, 2012. Felix Padron, director of the Office of Cultural Affairs describes the calendar of events, "In a continued effort to help foster our sister-city relationship, we are proud to present a diverse calendar of performances and world renowned contemporary photographers as well as a first of its kind collection of Chinese jade." In addition to SAMA's 5000 Years of Chinese exhibition, highlights of the *Year of Taiwan* include: **Taipei Folk Dance**, **FotoSeptiembre photography exhibits featuring Taiwanese artists**, **3 Electronic Princes** and **Cloud Gate performance of *Water Stains***.

For a full schedule of events visit [www.SAHEARTS.com](http://www.SAHEARTS.com).