

The political and military whims of the superpowers fractured the gentle land of Cambodia, ultimately claiming the lives of one-fourth of the population in one of the worst genocides of the twentieth century. These tragic stories have made the dangerous journey from the Killing Fields of Cambodia, to the makeshift shelters along the Cambodian-Thai border, to the Refugee Holding Centers in Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, and finally to communities in countries around the world, including the United States of America, Canada, Australia, France, Japan, New Zealand, and England, where traumatized Cambodian refugees resettled, seeking freedom and opportunity. The poems are the testaments to the hardship and ugliness of war, as well as the resilience of the survivors who have struggled for the past thirty years to find peace in their hearts, justice for those lost, and healing for the Cambodian survivors and refugees themselves.

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The Cambodian Refugee Poetry Book & Smot will launch a National Touring and Community Readings across America in a month of April 2010 featuring an editor/publisher, Samkhann C. Khoeun, and also two young exceptionally gifted artists from Cambodia, Ms. Srey Peov Phoeun and Mr. Sinat Nhok, who are both students of the Cambodian Living Arts, a project of the Marion Institute.

**APRIL 1** LOWELL, MA Middlesex Community

College **APRIL 2** 

LYNN, MA Vatt Sanghikaram APRIL 3

RHODE ISLAND Cambodian Association of RI & Wat Thormikaram

**APRIL 4** LOWELL, MA Glory Buddhist Temple & Cambodian Children Radio Program

**APRIL 9** LOWELL, MA

Angkor Dance Troupe's Khmer New Year

**APRIL 10-11** PHILADELPHIA, PA

Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia & Preah Buddha Rangsey Temple

**APRIL 13-14** LOWELL, MA Glory Buddhist Temple

APRIL 15 LOWELL, MA Trairatanaram Temple

**APRIL 21-22** APRIL 16 LOWELL, MA ST PAUL, MN United Cambodian Associa-

American Textile History Museum

**APRIL 17-18** SILVER SPRING, MD Cambodian Buddhist Society

**APRIL 19-20** CHICAGO, IL Cambodian Association of Illinois & Vatt Khmer

**APRIL 23** FRESNO, CA

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**APRIL 24** 

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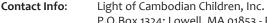
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