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Title Lao Community New Year Celebration, Morris, 2009

Date 2009

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Medium born digital photography

Description Photographs from the 2009 Lao New Year celebration at the Wat Lao

Buddha Ariyamett Aram Temple in Morris, Connecticut. Ceremonies, activities,

Lao Narthasin dancers, decorations, Buddhist sculptures, and buildings are

pictured. (.40) Image of the entrance to the temple. (.41) Image of Buddha

statues near the temple entrance. (.42-.43) Images of the money stupa, a part of

the ceremonial decorations. The money is donated to the monks. (.44) Image of

celebrants in a procession at the temple grounds. (.45-.48) Images of members

of the Lao Narthasin dance group at a ceremony inside the temple and

performing on the outdoor stage. (.50) Image of the “Nang Sungkarn” event

presenting and celebrating the young women of the community who exemplify

Lao cultural values such as kindness, learning, grace, respectful behavior, and

good character. The participants, dressed in traditional clothes, give speeches to

the gathering and take part in ceremonial processions. Pah khuane are visible. (.51)

Image of Manola Sidara's daughters Jessica and Miriam. (.52-.53) Images of

Manola Sidara with her daughters. (.54-.55) Images of Manola Sidara's

daughters. (.56-.58) Images of young dancers from Lao Narthasin. (.59) Image of

young women participating in the “Nang Sungkarn” event onstage.