

Gee Yung International Martial Arts & Lion Dance Association

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Mission: To preserve and propagate the Sil Lum style of Chinese Martial Arts in particular and Chinese physical culture in general.

History: The Gee Yung Chinese Physical Culture Association was founded in 1941 by the Sun Kung Sifu Lum Dai Yong, who arrived in the islands in 1935, at the invitation of the Jeng Moo Tai Yuk Oui Association of Honolulu. Lum Sifu (*Lin Shifu* 林師父), born in 1895, was the youngest person ever trained at the Shaolin monastery, and would become a Daoist priest and eventually a personal bodyguard for Dr. Sun Yatsen. The title Sun Kung (characters?), bestowed to honor those expert not only in martial arts but in areas such spiritual healing, exorcism, and herbal medicine as well, was given to Lum to acknowledge his skill as a bone setter.

Lum Sifu brought his own distinct style of kungfu—the Fut Ka Kuen (*Fojiaquan* 佛家拳), one of the oldest styles in the Shaolin repertoire—to Gee Yung. In 1939, he began training Arthur Yau Sung Lee, the 9-year old protege of a master teaching the Hung Gar Kuen style in the Jing Moo Chinese Physical Culture Association. Young Lee was talented and dedicated, and when Lum Sifu died in 1957, leadership of the Association passed into his care.

In 1994, a West coast branch of the Association was formed, and is rapidly growing. With the growing popularity of lion dancing, and the addition of a branch of the association in France, the Association decided to change its name, so in 1997, it replaced “Chinese Physical Culture” in its name with the more descriptive “International Martial Arts and Lion Dance.”

Lee Sifu will be succeeded by his son Harlan Dai Tong Lee and grandson Brandon Jett Gum Lung Lee, who will carry forward the heritage of the Fut Ka Kuen.



Activities Lee Sifu has participated in numerous seminars around the US, to bring his art to the American public. He is advisor to the AAU Chinese Martial Arts division, the USWKF Federation, Tiger Claw, and TC Media, and was appointed to the Jiangsu Wushu Academy. He has been recognized by the Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Association, and has been featured on the covers of numerous magazines *Inside Kung Fu*, *Wushu Qigong*, and *Black Belt Martial Arts Magazine*. Lee Sifu travels regularly to mainland China to improve his own knowledge of Chinese martial arts.

The Association has produced instructional videos, and its student members have won a number of championships worldwide. Recently, the school has been focusing on lion-dance competitions. As one of the first schools in Hawaii to play on *jongs* (poles), Gee Yung participated in the 1999 World Invitational Lion Dance Championships in Hong Kong. When the club did not place, it was motivated to train harder, and has registered as students of the world renowned Master H.P. Siow of Malaysia, trainer of the six-time world champion Kun Seng Keng Lion Dance team. Subsequently, the club took first place in the 2000 Dragon Festival Lion Dance held in Hawaii. The next challenge was the coveted Genting World Lion Dance Championship Cup held in Malaysia in July, 2000, where Gee Yung placed 12th out of 22 international teams. In the 2002 Genting World Cup, Gee Yung placed 2nd for the Western Lion King title.

Gee Yung was asked by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to play the first Lung (dragon) to be brought to the Hawaiian islands, on the occasion of the Bicentennial of Chinese immigration to Hawaii (1984). This immense and luminous dragon was once again played on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the club (2001).

The club also performed the Lion Dance opening number for Jackie Chan's Martial Arts Expo at the Neal Blaisdell Arena in 2002.

Classes for Shaolin Kung Fu training are held on Tuesdays & Thursdays 7 pm–8:30 pm, and Saturdays 11am–12:30 pm for adults. Childrens' classes are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 6 pm–7pm, & Saturdays 10am–11am. Currently, the predominant style the Association teaches is the Sil Lum Fut Ga Kuen (林佛家拳 "Young Forest Monk Family Fist").





Association president

1957–pres. Arthur Yau Sung Lee

Membership:

Quick Startup Promotion:

*1 person – \$65 for 1 month
(includes uniform) or \$150 for 3 months (includes uniform)

Thereafter:

*1 person – \$65 per month

*2 people (Family Discount) –
\$100 per month

*3 people (Family Discount) –
\$135 per month

*4th & 5th family members are free

Volume Discount:

*1 Member – \$150 for 3 months
(Total Savings \$45)

*2 Members – \$285.00 for 3 months
(Total Savings \$75)

*3 Members – \$345 for 3 months
(Total Savings \$105)

*4th & 5th members free

Military Discount:

*5% off the regular prices

Gee Yung currently has 80 core students, two key instructors and four assistant instructors.

Sources: United Chinese Society Centennial Publication, and correspondence with Harlan Lee.