



# *Day of Remembrance*

*February 15, 1992  
11:30 a.m.*

*Japan America Theatre  
Los Angeles Little Tokyo*

## **NCRR Fighting Spirit Award**

The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations has recognized individuals who have dedicated themselves to the fight for justice in the Nikkei community. Past awardees of the NCRR Fighting Spirit Award are Frank Emi, Rev. Paul Nakamura, Amy Uno Ishii and Tom Shiroishi. Each of these awardees, in their own way, has symbolized the fighting spirit and dedication that ensured the success of redress. During this the 50th Year Remembrance, NCRR is proudly recognizing three individuals who continue the spirit and tradition of award winners:

Bert Nakano has long been active in the fight for redress and was a founding member of NCRR. He has continued to serve as the National Spokesperson for the organization. Bert is a Nisei who was a leader for redress long before it was a popular issue in our community. He has served as a member of the State Central Committee and Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic Party and was elected to be a Jesse Jackson delegate to the 1984 and 1988 Democratic National Conventions.

Bernadette Nishimura serves as the In-home Supportive Services Coordinator for the Japanese Community Pioneer Center. As a long-time member of NCRR, she has represented the organization on numerous occasions. Bernadette serves on the Executive Board of the Los Angeles City Council on Aging and is active on the boards of the Catholic Commission on Aging, Little Tokyo Service Center, Asian Pacific Coalition on Aging, and the downtown LA chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Lily Okamoto is the current President of the Little Tokyo Towers Resident Council and has been a key leader in ensuring that the concerns of the residents are represented and addressed. Along with being an active supporter of redress, Lily is a member of the board of NCRR. Her commitment to the Japanese American community has also meant serving on the boards of the Little Tokyo Service Center and the Japanese American Society of the Blind. Lily is also a vital member of the Senshin Buddhist Church and the Toastmistress Club.

# PROGRAM

San Fernando Mugen Taiko  
directed by Hongo Sensei



Welcome



Memorial to Ralph Lazo



Remarks by Mayor Tom Bradley



Opening Remarks

Aki Maehara, NCRR



Multimedia Presentation:  
"We've Come This Far"



Fighting Spirit Award Presentations



Remarks by Councilman Michael Woo



Recognition of Day of Remembrance  
Essay Contest Winners



Closing Remarks

Jimmy Tokeshi, JACL



Closing

# **“We’ve Come This Far”**

**an original multimedia performance**

**Directed by Betty Muramoto**

**Written by Mari Sunaida and Perry Miyake, Jr.**

**Video Producer .....Alan Kondo**  
**Producer .....Meg Imamoto**  
**Technical Director .....G. Shizuko Herrera**  
**Video Concept/Script Consultant.....Guy Aoki**  
**Video Technician .....Abraham Ferrer**

## **Characters**

**Frank Saito.....Benjamin Lum\***  
**Mitsuo Saito .....Henry Hayashi**  
**Michiko Saito/**  
**Diane Saito-McKinley.....Jeanne Sakata\***  
**June Saito/Jessie McKinley.....Susan Haruye Ioka\***

*\*Actors appearing courtesy of Actors Equity Association*

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