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9,000 Needles Showing Almost Sold Out

If you are planning to join the Texas Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (TAAOM) at the Anderson Lane Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Austin on Sunday, January 16th to see the film 9,000 Needles, you need to buy your tickets online as soon as possible. Tickets may not be available at the door. The 80 seat venue for the limited screening at 4:00 p.m. has already sold out, and although the showing has been moved to a somewhat larger theater space, tickets are selling fast and there are now less than 35 seats remaining. Act now for a rare opportunity to see the inspiring documentary. This special screening will be presented by the TAAOM as a community awareness effort and with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the TAAOM. Conveniently located right next door to the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema on Anderson Lane is a perfect venue for watching this award winning film. With spacious seating, a full restaurant menu, and attentive wait staff, the screening will be a uniquely enjoyable theater experience. The film is an eye-opener for those new to acupuncture, and an inspiration for those who are already advocates for the profession as it documents the efforts of an American stroke victim who travels to China for the help available only available by combining conventional medical treatment with traditional Chinese methods including acupuncture. For more information about the film see http://9000needles.com/9,000_Needles/Welcome.html and to buy tickets online go to [Alamo Drafthouse](#).

Cultural Heritage of Acupuncture Recognized by UNESCO

This last November, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), a specialized agency of the UN, acted favorably through its Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, to approve the nomination of acupuncture and moxibustion of traditional Chinese medicine. With this action UNESCO will implement various measures in the years ahead to safeguard and promote this important aspect of cultural heritage so widely revered and respected in China and internationally. This long awaited recognition and status has been welcomed by the worldwide oriental medicine community. TAAOM applauds this action and sees it as one more positive step in furthering world peace by encouraging the interchange of ideas, culture, and scientific achievements while advancing education and improving the human condition.

Texas Legislature Now in Session

The 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature began on January 11th and will run through May as the House and Senate struggle to address a projected budget deficit in the billions and the historically contentious process of political redistricting. At the same time, legislators will be faced with evaluating and acting on thousands of proposed pieces of legislation including some related to the practice of acupuncture. Currently, filed bills that are directly related to acupuncture are limited to SB 190 (Nelson) which makes favorable changes to the Acupuncture Practice Act to improve temporary licensing and post graduate training permits. To track legislation and follow the action, go to [Texas Legislature Online](#). For a basic overview of the legislative process, check out the legislative page of the TAAOM website at [TAAOM Legislative Update](#). TAAOM will continue to monitor, report, and act on acupuncture related legislation throughout the ongoing session.

TAAOM to Celebrate the New Year

To welcome the New Year and to build camaraderie among the association and the Texas acupuncture community, the TAAOM will be hosting a dinner in Houston at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011. Although the location has not been finalized, the American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) has generously offered to donate the costs for this social event so that TAAOM members and prospective members can celebrate the promise of the New Year and network for the benefit of the profession and those it serves. Keep an eye out for

more information in upcoming emails and on the events section of the TAAOM website at www.taom.org.

TAAOM Newsletter in Final Production - Advertisers Wanted

The Winter 2010-2011 edition of the TAAOM hard copy newsletter is fast approaching final production. At this time, advertising space is still available. Advertising for this newsletter which is widely circulated among Texas acupuncturists is both affordable and effective. It also helps to support the profession and the TAAOM. To obtain rates, reserve space, and receive an advertising contract, email a request to taom.execdir@gmail.com.