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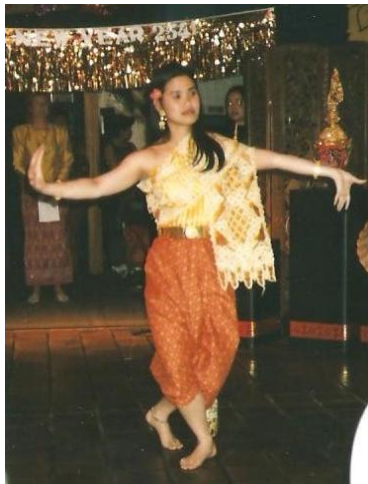
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Sawatdee Thai Restaurant Celebrates Thai New Year

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Sawatdee Thai Restaurant invites the public to celebrate Thai New Year at our downtown Minneapolis location at 607 Washington Avenue South on **April 12th and 13th** with seating at 6 PM or 8 PM. Our annual celebration will include traditional food, Thai dancing, a water blessing and more. A special dinner menu will also be available. **Space is limited, so please make reservations by calling 612-338-6451.**



The Thai New Year, known in Thailand as the Songkran Festival, celebrates the harvest over 4 days in April. The Songkran Festival involves throwing clear water in playful "water wars." The tradition traces back to the pre-Buddhist rituals of spring festivals where the throwing of water was meant as a symbol of luck to bring good rain for the crops. It was later converted to the religious custom of cleansing the statues of Buddha once a year. In many places there are parades with the statues of Buddha and as the parades pass, crowds shower the Buddha with water.