

# Textiles and Lanna Dance



Presented by Ajarn Waewdao Sirisook, M.F.A Dance, World Arts, and Cultures, UCLA

The lecture/demonstration will focus on textiles that are associated with dance in Lanna. Ajarn Waewdao will explain the unique patterns and structure of the textiles which clearly identify the ethnic groups to which they belong (Tai Yuan, Tai Yai, Tai Lue, Tai Kiun, and Tai Lao) as well as the beliefs and meaning behind the motifs in the textiles. In addition participants will learn the technique and correct way to wear the Lanna textiles.

Ajarn Waewdao will be joined by three of her students and will demonstrate a variety of different ethnic dances including Fauwn Kan Dok Mala Thipayaya (Flower Blessing Dance, Tai Yuan), Fauwn Mong Serng Kai Lai (Thai Lue), Fauwn Pang Prateep (Tai Yai), Fauwn Hang Nok Yoong (Tai Kiun), and Fauwn Duang Champa (Tai Lao).

Aj. Waewdao first studied dance as a girl within her village community in Chiang Rai. In 2005 she traveled to the U.S. and earned a Master's Degree in Fine Arts in Dance and Choreography from UCLA's Department of World Arts and Cultures in Los Angeles. She was a 2006 APPEX Fellow and recipient of a major fellowship from the Asian Cultural Council and has performed in dozens of cultural programs abroad for the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Aj. Waewdao has also performed for Lifelong Learning Payap, most recently in May, 2024, where her lecture/demonstration on the "Revitalization of Lanna Dance" was enthusiastically received.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024**      **10 AM to NOON**

**COST: 500 THB (includes honorarium for dancers)**

**Location: Lifelong Learning Payap Center, Kaew Nawarat Campus**  
**Registration required at [www.illpayap.com](http://www.illpayap.com)**