# Reviving 5,000 years of civilization

# SHEN YUN 2014 神韻晚會

THE GLOBAL SENSATION RETURNS FOR 3 DAYS ONLY!

Best Holiday Gift!

ALL-NEW SHOW ACCOMPANIED BY THE SHEN YUN ORCHESTRA

JAN 17–19, 2014 Keller Auditorium





— Robert Stromberg, Academy Award-winning production designer for Avatar

## **BEFORE THE DAWN OF WESTERN** CIVILIZATION, A DIVINELY INSPIRED CULTURE BLOSSOMED IN THE EAST...

EMBARK ON an extraordinary journey across 5,000 years of Chinese civilization! From ancient dynasties to the modern day, witness inspiring stories and legends come alive on stage. Featuring classical Chinese dance, a full orchestra, exquisite costumes, and dazzling animated backdrops, Shen Yun will transport you to another world.

Experience a performance that can truly touch your soul.

Experience Shen Yun.



# WITNESS THE DIVINE CULTURE'S RETURN

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, China was known as the Divine Land. Its rich culture, said to be from the heavens, valued virtues like integrity, compassion, and tolerance...

Then, under 60 years of communist rule, this glorious culture has been almost destroyed. That is why you cannot see a performance like this in China today.

In 2006, leading Chinese artists from around the world came together in New York with a mission to revive authentic Chinese culture. They formed Shen Yun, and now invite you to witness the divine culture's return.

Read more on: ShenYun.com/story

"I see more Chinese culture here than I did in China... You have to see it to believe it." - Steve Tobin, creator of 911 memorial sculpture

#### "Mesmerizing! Reclaiming the divinely inspired cultural heritage of China." — Donna Karan, creator of DKNY



#### THE NAME SHEN YUN

"Shen Yun" is an elegant Chinese name that can be translated as "the beauty of heavenly beings dancing." Shen (神) means "divine" or "divine being," and Yun (韻) refers to a dancer's bearing and the meaning behind his or her movement. Together, the name expresses what Shen Yun aspires to achieve: an experience so beautiful and joyous that it evokes a sense of the heavens.





# AERIAL MASTERS

**THROUGHOUT** the 5,000 years of Chinese civilization, martial arts techniques—tempered on the battlefield—were incorporated into classical Chinese dance in what has become a vast repertoire of jumps, spins, and tumbling techniques. Over the centuries, each dynasty instilled profound wisdom and different aesthetic principles into classical Chinese dance. Today, authentic classical Chinese dance is one of the most demanding and expressive art forms in the world.

Experience what dance can be.

Watch videos about classical Chinese dance: ShenYun.com/dance

**DAZZLING ETHNIC AND FOLK DANCES.** From snowcapped Tibetan peaks down to lush tropical valleys and open Mongolian grasslands, ethnic groups in and around China exhibit a rich array of traditions. Timeless ethnic and folk dances fill Shen Yun's stage with color and energy, as resounding drums awaken the dusty plateaus of the Middle Kingdom.

"Vigorous physicality!"

- Denver Post

"Elegant—very athletic and very skilled!"

— John McColgan, Riverdance producer

# WATCH ANCIENT MYTHS & LEGENDS COME ALIVE

**BRAVE GENERALS**, heavenly maidens, mischievous monks, and, yes, even a flying pig! China's 5,000 years have yielded an endless trove of legends, myths, and literary classics. Through the wonder of classical Chinese dance, Shen Yun brings these stories to life in vivid detail.

Experience a performance that not only entertains, but also educates and inspires.

More about Shen Yun's stories and legends on: ShenYun.com/learn

#### EXQUISITE COSTUMES & STUNNING ANIMATED BACKDROPS

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Hundreds of gorgeous costumes drawing from China's diverse dynasties and ethnic groups, along with dramatic animated backdrops, instantly whisk you to faraway lands.

"It was **an extraordinary experience** for us and the children... The level of skill, but also the power of the archetypes and the narratives were startling. And of course it was **exquisitely beautiful.**"

- Cate Blanchett, Academy Award-winning actress





# HEAR TWO CLASSICAL TRADITIONS IN ONE **GLORIOUS SOUND**

**FROM THE MOMENT** the gong is struck to herald the beginning of the show, you know you are in for something memorable. The Shen Yun Orchestra masterfully blends two of the world's greatest classical music traditions, Chinese and Western. Ancient instruments like the soul-stirring *erhu* and the delicate pipa lead the melody on top of a full Western orchestra, creating an exhilarating sound.

A refreshingly new musical experience.



ACCLAIMED TENORS AND SOPRANOS. Resounding voices of bel *canto* soloists are an integral part of the Shen Yun experience. The performance is heightened by their impassioned songs, giving voice to the virtues that have shaped Chinese culture for centuries.

"Super! Fantastic! A tenor of his caliber, one can only find once in a rare while—anywhere in the world." -Mircea Nedelescu, renowned tenor

Listen to samples of Shen Yun's music on: ShenYun.com/music

# A DIFFERENCE YOU WILL FEEL

**THROUGHOUT HISTORY,** almost every culture looked to the divine for inspiration. Art was meant to uplift, bringing joy and renewal to those who created and experienced it.

Today, Shen Yun's artists follow in this noble tradition, incorporating study of traditional culture, meditation and a mindful lifestyle into their rigorous daily training. This spiritual connection is the heart behind each dance movement and each musical note. It is why audiences feel there is something different about Shen Yun, something deeply heartening that continues resounding long after the performance.

Experience the Shen Yun difference.

learn more on: ShenYun.com/spirituality

#### "The finest event I've ever been to in my life!

The human spirit, the dignity, the power, the love coming out of those people was astounding."

— Jim Crill, producer

"It showed that there is a deep spiritual side to Chinese culture and Chinese belief ... this show really has a great spiritual core."

— Gurinda Chadha. Director of "Bend it Like Beckham"

#### "The dancers were graceful and beautiful!

There was something pure, bright, and very dignified about them."

- Anna Liceica, former Soloist with American Ballet Theatre



# AN INTERNATIONAL SENSATION



MILLIONS OF PEOPLE have seen Shen Yun. Sold-out shows and standing ovations at the world's top theaters have made Shen Yun a global phenomenon.

Thousands of hours of training and rehearsals culminate each winter in a remarkable achievement a completely new production every year.

The divine culture now returns to Portland. We invite you to join us, and be part of this moment.

### Don't miss this opportunity!

"The ancient Chinese wisdom it conveyed will not only benefit the Chinese people, but also the whole world." — Ted Kavanau, founding Senior Producer of CNN



Tickets.ShenYun.com

# Secure your best seats. Order tickets today!

#### **4 SHOWS ONLY!**

#### **KELLER AUDITORIUM** 222 SW Clay Street

Portland, OR 97201

Fri Jan 17 Sat Jan 18 Sat Jan 18 Sun Jan 19

#### Tickets: \$60 - \$150





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| Visit:      | ShenYun.com/Portland           |  |
| Box Office: | Portland'5 Box Office          |  |
|             | 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, OR |  |

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## **DATES & TIMES**

7:30pm 2:00pm 7:30pm 2:00pm

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#### Moore-Love, Karla

From: Sent: To: Subject: Xiaoyang Wang [xiaoyangw@q.com] Tuesday, November 19, 2013 2:49 PM Moore-Love, Karla Speaking at City Council meeting

Hello Karla,

I just spoke with you over the phone. I would like to speak at the council meeting on Thursday, January 2. Here is my information.

Name: Xiaoyang Wang Address: 203 SW Hamilton Street, Portland, OR 97239 Phone: 503-228-1514 Topic: Shen Yun (A classical Chinese dance and music performance at Keller Auditorium on January 17-19)

Thank you, Xiaoyang Wang

#### Request of Xiaoyang Wang to address Council regarding Shen Yun at Keller Auditorium January 17-19 (Communication)

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