



Dear Julie,

For almost twenty five years, CAAM Chinese Dance Theater has brought premier quality, locally produced dance and shared its expertise through classes, workshops, residencies and summer camps throughout the region, serving more than ten thousand annually. CDT is extremely grateful to everyone who volunteers their precious time and shares their financial resources.

We are very excited for our annual production at the O'Shaughnessy. Opening curtain is only a few weeks away. All the performers, staff and volunteers are very excited to share with you their work in "Dancing in Chinese Opera".



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Enjoy!

Sneak Peak: Dancing in Chinese Opera

Click here to view a sneak peek at a recent dress rehearsal to get a flavor for Dancing in Chinese Opera. Click on the video to watch or follow this link https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=6SySqUhooPq&feature=em-upload owner to see it in You Tube Directly.



dancing in chinese opera preview

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CAAM Chinese Dance Theater ("CAAM CDT") Celebrates 2015 Chinese New Year Year of the Ram with "Dancing in Chinese Opera"

Saturday Jan. 31 and Sunday Feb. 1, 2015 O'Shaughnessy Auditorium

For centuries choreographers in China have found inspiration in the literature, visual arts, music, storytelling, martial arts, and acrobatics of world famous multifaceted Chinese opera. CAAM Chinese Dance Theater's 2015 Annual Production pays homage to these Chinese opera traditions honed over a thousand years as well as explores new directions in contemporary dance interpretations of Chinese opera.

Diverse eye candy for this 90 minute performance includes vibrant colored opera masks, flashing swords and spears as well as a vivacious display of long sleeves, fans and feathers. Unique characters of Peking Opera including *sheng, dan, jing, mo, chou.*, representing desired values of traditional cultural, are revealed and explored. Intended to launch celebrations of the 2015 Chinese New Year season CAAM CDT's Annual Production, "Dancing in Chinese Opera", features dances to enlighten and entertain interwoven into a fantastical presentation CAAM CDT is known for!

CAAM Chinese Dance Theater has built a reputation in arts and dance circles of mounting professional quality



programs. A former stage manager for Joffrey Ballet commented, "Since the opening act of *Lion King* I have not experienced such a dazzling stage presentation as CAAM Chinese Dance Theater's Annual Production."

CAAM CDT's Annual Production is under the artistic direction of Lili Teng who is a distinguished dancer, teacher and choreographer having won many national awards in China over a career spanning almost forty years. After studying at Anhui Arts School and the Shanghai Dance Academy, both world class dance academies, and performing in and choreographing numerous national and provincial Chinese dance performances including those broadcast on national television, Lili Teng began choreographing and teaching in Minnesota in 1999. Since becoming CAAM CDT's artistic director in 2005, Lili has lead the artistic direction of all major CAAM CDT productions including "Ode to Flowers," "The Sound of Drums," "China, The Beautiful 1 & 2," "Magnificence: A Splendid Voyage," and 2014 Dance Drama "Homecoming: A Chinese New Year's Tale."

This production features over one hundred performers and would not be possible without the support of over sixty volunteers devoting thousands of hours as well as generous financial support from numerous individuals, foundations and governmental agencies.

CAAM Chinese Dance Theater - Grant Sponsors



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Tickets are available online at www.caamcdt.org, or 615-774-0806.

Date/Time:

Full length 90 minute program:

Saturday January 31, 2015 7 pm, and Sunday Feb. 1, 2015 2 pm Ticket: \$15 preshow or \$20 at door

Special shorter 45 minute matinee performance ideal for school and group field trips
Tuesday Feb. 3 (9:45am and 11:45 am)

Ticket: \$7

Venue: The O'Shaughnessy at The College of St. Catherine

2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN

CAAM CDT Offers Class in Western Suburbs

Check out new CAAM Chinese Dance Theater dance classes coming to western suburbs in February!

- Preschoolers of any ability are welcome to join a class Wednesday evenings
 February 25th through May 23rd 5:30-7 pm (3-5 yrs.) and 7-8:30 pm (6-8 yrs.) at 6855 Washington Ave. S. Edina MN; register at www.caamcdt.org
- Any elementary school student may enroll in a new CAAM Chinese Dance Theater class offered through Minnetonka

Community Education on Mondays Feb. 2-April 20 2:45 pm and 4:15 pm at Excelsior Elementary; register at https://minnetonka.ce.feepay.com/course/winter-spring-2015/chinese-dance





CAAM CDT Summer Camps

Even though snow covers the ground and Chinese New Year hasn't even arrived yet, summer is coming sooner than you know. Make CAAM Chinese Dance Theater part of your summer plans: CAAM CDT is rolling out plans for new sites and new summer dance and performance programing for Summer 2015! Based on feedback from performers, schools and communities CAAM CDT will offer summer camp experience on both the western and eastern suburbs of the Twin Cities in convenient central locations in Hopkins and Roseville. Every age group will be excited to try a variety of dance

and performance programming but also learn and grow in their understanding of Chinese culture and art. Offering one, two and three week options, starting in June 2015 make plans to spend your summer with CAAM Chinese Dance Theater! More details to come at www.caamcdt.org.



Upcoming CAAM CDT Events

- Dancing in Chinese Opera, Saturday, January 31, 2015, 7:00 PM, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, St. Paul, MN
- Dancing in Chinese Opera, Sunday, February 1, 2015, 2:00 PM, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, St. Paul, MN
- 2015 Chinese New Year School Show, February 3, 2015, 9:45 AM and 11:45 AM, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, St. Paul, MN

Feel free to contact us with any questions regarding CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. We can be reached at caamcdt@gmail.com.

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