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Shen Yun: 5,000 Years of Civilization, Live on Stage!



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Tickets go on sale Monday, November 11

COLORADO SPRINGS (October 21, 2019) – In 2020, **Shen Yun Performing Arts** will bring a new, bold, and high-energy production to Pikes Peak Center for the Performing Arts on April 16-18.

The gong strikes and a journey across five millennia begins. From the mist, 60 dancers clad in traditional costumes emerge in front of a 30-foot tall video backdrop that morphs from the mountains of Tibet to the sprawling plains of Mongolia and points in between. A 40-piece orchestra rises with the sounds of western and ancient eastern instruments. The all-new spectacular Shen Yun tells the banned in Communist China stories of when heroes split mountains and swam with dragons, when divine beings walked the earth and when dynasties ruled supreme.

Click here to experience the wonder and spectacle that is Shen Yun.

Since 2007, more than five million people in 30 countries on four continents have enjoyed Shen Yun. Each year a new production is created and five touring companies travel the globe. In 2020, Colorado Springs will enjoy three shows, 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday April 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. Tickets will go on sale Monday, November 11. They range in price from \$83 - \$153, plus applicable fees. They can be

purchased at the Pikes Peak Center and The Broadmoor World Arena box offices and online at <u>PikesPeakCenter.com</u>, <u>BroadmoorWorldArena.com</u> and <u>AXS.com</u>.

"Shen Yun performs the essence of Chinese culture and the historical figures who have been nurtured by it," says H. Sue Gao, Vice President of Shen Yun's training school, Fei Tian College. "Shen Yun is using classical Chinese dance to present this culture on the world stage."

Over 5,000 years the traditions of martial arts, Chinese opera, folk dancing and acrobatics have linked to form traditional Chinese dance. Known for its incredible flips and spins, and its gentle elegance, classical Chinese dance is one of the most rigorous and expressive art forms in the world. Cherished stories from China's history like the tales of the heroine Mulan and General Yue Fei are told through large scale dance numbers featuring authentically detailed period costumes. The vibrant video backdrop transports audiences through time to ancient dynasties such as the Tang and the Qin, to the mountains of Tibet, the shores of a Dai village and the sprawling plains of Mongolia. The interactive video allows dancers to jump in and out of the screen delighting the audience.

The Shen Yun Orchestra combines the spirit, beauty and distinctiveness of Chinese music with the precision, power and grandeur of the Western symphony orchestra. Traditional instruments are combined with the 5,000-year-old-pipa and erhu resulting in two glorious traditions melding into one refreshing sound. Top composers from around the world create original music for each production. Bel canto soloists perform impassioned songs throughout the show.

China was once known as the Divine Land where deities and mortals coexisted peacefully. The culture of the Buddhist, Taoist and other disciplines along with calligraphy, music, medicine, attire and dance was said to be a gift from the heavens. Today, the Communist regime treats traditional ideas of harmony between heaven and earth as a threat to its existence. The stories once handed down from generation to generation are now forbidden in China.

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ABOUT SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS

In 2006, a group of leading classical Chinese artists came together in New York with one wish: to revive the true, divinely inspired culture of China and share it with the world. Entirely nonprofit and independent of the Chinese regime, Shen Yun Performing Arts enjoys the artistic freedom of New York, enabling it to now bring these ancient traditions to the stage. Shen Yun and its mission have drawn top talent from around the world; many artists are winners of international competitions in dance, choreography, and music. The five companies travel six months of the year, performing in more than 30 countries on four continents. To date, millions have seen a Shen Yun show.