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Renowned Composer: The Music and Dance Complemented Each Other Perfectly

(Clearwisdom.net) Renowned composer Professor Ma Shuilong attended the first Divine Performing Arts (DPA) *Chinese Spectacular* in Taipei on March 15, 2008. Professor Ma has composed original music for the repertoire of many well-known performing companies. After seeing the performance, Professor Ma praised the detailed designs of the stage sets, the close match between the music and dance, the simple but effective choreography, and the solid skill of the performers.



Professor Ma Shuilong

The Music and Dance Are Seamless – Ma held three music release conferences in 2007. His works were played in concert at the Lincoln Center in New York. Ma said it is difficult to complement music and dance, yet the DPA matched them flawlessly. He said the dancers and the composer must have coordinated and worked very well with each other in order to achieve such a perfect show.

The Backdrop Is Marvelous – Ma Shuilong is adept at putting visual aesthetics into his music. He believes that stage design should not be overly complex, otherwise it would be too dominant. He felt that the stage design of Divine Performing Arts is very appropriate, and the backdrop and the dancers complement each other. "The animations on the backdrop are fantastic," he said.

The Performers Have Solid Skills – Mr. Ma said that the show focused on traditional Chinese dance. "In terms of choreography, every piece was simple but effective, and very neatly done. The dancers have solid skills, not only in traditional Chinese dance but also in Western dance." He recognized that the DPA performers have received rigorous training. They put their thinking into a body language, which he found truly remarkable.

The Erhu Was Played with Heart – As a professional musician, after listening to the Erhu soloist perform ("Predestinated Relationship"), Ma said, "Although the playing of the music is not that difficult, it's hard to interpret it. I think the entire performance was interpreted with the player's heart."

Promising Future – Ma remarked that the DPA performers have a profound understanding of Eastern tradition. "At the same time, they have received excellent and rigorous dance training. And they communicated very well through their body language. I think their future development should be promising."



Divine Performing Arts of New York answers a curtain call

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

The Doctors Kept Saying, "Miraculous!"

(Clearwisdom.net) I am 57 years old. In September 2006, I was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer in my right lung. The doctors recommended chemotherapy. However, at the time, my work had not paid my salary for nearly one year. I could barely afford to eat. My family members went everywhere trying to borrow money to cover the medical expenses. Due to the physical suffering, and mentally stressed because of finances, my health got worse.

One day at the end of December 2007, I happened to meet a Falun Dafa practitioner who told me the truth about the persecution of Falun Gong. He told me that if I sincerely recited, "Falun Dafa is good" and, "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance are good," it would help me. I believed what he said and immediately recited those words in my heart. In the meantime, I asked him to help me withdraw from the Chinese Communist Party's Young Pioneers.

Since then, my asthma disappeared and I could breathe easily. I stopped feeling tired and my health improved every day. The color returned to my face. My family was very happy to see the changes in me.

In mid-March 2008, I asked to be discharged from the hospital. The doctors did a CT scan on me. They were shocked after they got my CT result; it showed a clear lung profile, as if I never had any disease. The doctors kept saying, "Miraculous!" Falun Dafa has given me a second life. I sincerely thank Falun Dafa and Teacher Li Hongzhi.

Deaths of Falun Gong Practitioners in China from Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) Zhang Xiaodong Beaten to Death in Lanzhou City, Gansu Province – Dafa practitioner Mr. Zhang Xiaodong, 32, was from Huining County, Gansu Province. He was an employee of the Gansu Aluminum Company. In October 2001, plainclothes police officers broke into his dormitory door and arrested him. They seized his Dafa books and all his cash. On November 10, 2001, Mr. Zhang was taken to the Xiguoyuan Detention Center in Lanzhou City. He was secretly sentenced to seven years.

During the two years at the detention center before his death, Mr. Zhang was subjected to all kinds of torture and constant humiliation. The center denied all family visits. On October 24, 2003, Mr. Zhang Xiaodong was beaten to death by guards at the Xiguoyuan Detention Center. When his family members arrived at the detention center, they found that the guards had tampered with evidence at the scene in order to conceal their crime.



Zhang Xiaodong

Zhou Huimin Died in Chengdu City, Sichuan Province – On the evening of September 26, 2007, officers from the Shengdeng Police Station and the Chenghua District Police Department arrested Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Zhou Huimin. She was detained at the Chengdu City Detention Center. Ms. Zhou went on a hunger strike to protest the illegal detention. On February 5, 2008, her health deteriorated because of torture and abuse, and guards took her to the Qingyang District People's Hospital. On March 10, 2008, a friend of Ms. Zhou heard a Domestic Security agent from the Wuhou District Police Department say that Ms. Zhou was dying. However, State Security agents in the Sichuan Police Department ordered that she not be released. Ms. Zhou died at 5:30 a.m. on March 13, 2008.

Zhang Zhijun Tortured to Death in Xi'an City Prison, Shaanxi Province – Dafa practitioner Mr. Zhang Zhijun was from Nanchong City, Sichuan Province. He was illegally arrested and incarcerated because he practiced Falun Gong. On February 23, 2008, his family received a call saying that Mr. Zhang had died. They rushed to the Xi'an City Prison in Shaanxi Province. His family fought hard to be able to see Mr. Zhang's body. His face was swollen and there were purple rope marks on his neck. His family demanded legal representation, but no lawyers dared to accept this case for fear of reprisal from the Communist Party. The police cremated the body on February 24, 2008.

Chong Cunjie from Hebei Province Dies as a Result of Persecution – Mr. Chong Cunjie, 63 years old, was an employee of the Hebei Province Labor Camp. He began cultivating Falun Gong in 1995. On July 20, 1999, the Hengshui City Legal Bureau arrested Mr. Chong. He was sentenced to two years in prison. He was released on July 26, 2001. He was arrested again on March 16, 2002, and released five years later on March 16, 2007.

As part of the persecution, Mr. Chong was fired from his job. He had an 89-year-old mother and young grandson to care for. His son and daughter-in-law are both in prison for practicing Falun Gong. Mr. Chong's health was severely damaged from being imprisoned for seven years. He had lost his voice and was very ill. He died following a heart attack, in the Yongxing Hospital on February 5, 2008.