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Experience a Divine Culture

7 Best "Behind-the-Scenes" Videos From Shen Yun World Tours

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and very skilled!"

—John McColgan, Riverdance producer



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"Simply gorgeous stage magic!
A must see."

—Broadway World



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Otherwise, please enjoy our story and the forthcoming glimpse into the lives of the Members of the Shen Yun Performing Arts.



Shen Yun's Live Performance will bring you an extraordinary experience!

Colorful costumes. Brilliant settings, both whimsical and dynamic. The Shen Yun Symphony Orchestra's

timbral union of over 5000 years of music



played by classic and western instruments.

Breathtaking moves to invigorate and thrill and a night never to be forgotten. A night that reminds us of how deeply we are loved, how important we are.

Your life is empowered by that love and you are filled with *inexplicable joy and hope.*

You feel more uplifted than you can remember.

All because you have just attended Shen Yun's Live Performance and it has touched you with divine inspiration and beauty.

Or maybe because you have just watched our *"Behind the Scenes" Videos* from our World tours – found at our playlist online:

The story of each video is also highlighted here in this book.

The following pages will lead you on a journey through determination, demand, divine beauty, the bold and fierce drive of the human spirit, struggle, sacrifice, strength, mastery, focus, courage, joy – the oppression and revival of a culture that won't be slain.

However you choose to experience the rich and unique culture of a Shen Yun Performance, you will be ^[L]_{SEP}inspired, enriched, and entertained. This memorable experience is sure to bring you joy and hope.

It is understandable that you may have a hard time leaving behind the daily stress in your life and making time to actually go out and

*see a
live performance.*

Maybe you just can't see
every show *every* time!

When you do find a night to let go your worries and leave behind your work burnout, grab your tickets (remember, there is a vast price range to choose from!) and to come to a magnificent show that promises to transform you with the quality and uniqueness of a Shen Yun Live Performance.

Though some people are convinced that it is not worthwhile to take time to see cultural live events, or more particularly that Chinese dance shows are low value, they couldn't be more mistaken!

Our Traditional Chinese Performances are fueled by excellence and hard work. They fuse the old with the new, tradition with innovation and the quality is mind blowing!

Don't just take our word for it! Because we work so hard to master the art of performing, it matters most to us what others think about our stunning performances. Here what others are saying about the Shen Yun World Tour:

*MSNBC calls our performance,
"Incredible...
Groundbreaking."*

Chicago Tribune says that our performers have, "A nimble mastery."

*"A must see!"
Broadway World, LA,
exclaims of the Shen Yun World Tour!*

*And as to our athletic abilities,
John McColgan,
the producer of Riverdance heralds:
"Elegant -- Very athletic and very skilled!"*

Be sure to check out our *"Behind the Scenes" Videos* where you can get your glimpse into the magical and transformative world of our upcoming:

Shen Yun World Tour!

Happy 10th Birthday, Shen Yun

Performing Arts! (CLICK TO SEE → <https://goo.gl/RxR6TL>) On our 10th

Anniversary, our members came together to create a wall mural that would encapsulate their time with the company.

One, by one, members wrote letters and added their own piece of gratitude and words of honor to the mural that hangs as a beacon of joy and a symbol of love. Here are just a few renditions of the encouraging things our members had to say:

These have been the best years of my life!

I have
performed in
100's of cities
&
in front of
Millions around the world

Shen Yun is my 2nd home, my 2nd family...



"We"
is
more important
than
"I"

Grab your tickets here → <https://goo.gl/Uy5Rpp>

I cherish those moments without praise that I experience
when I perform in the last row as much those moments
when I am leading up front...

Art is about giving the best to others
— not what I want to attain!

We put our hearts together to inspire others.

I left a lot to be here...

Shen Yun, you've shown me how
to be a better person.

Courage is not fearlessness
but it's the nerve to face my fears.

What's most important
is a
steady mind
and
a heart unmoved

Wow! He's been singing
for over 40 years as is still going strong.

It's really been a miracle!

Shen Yun, you have brought our cultural history,
which was almost destroyed,
back to life...

Now I see my heritage as a culture that can enlighten us all.

Loyalty

Modesty

Dignity

Faith

These past years have been a privilege and an honor!

*[Behind the Scenes] Shen Yun Rehearsal at
Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.* Keep

reading to discover other interesting facts about Shen Yun
Performing Artists found in this video...

Shen Yun has a meaning!

Shen: divine, godlike feeling + Yun: subtle spirit and inner
feelings of the Chinese
people

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*Shen Yun:
Divinely Inspired
and
Beautiful*



STUNNING
BACKDROPS that TELL the
STORY

A different amazing *costume*
For each dance piece from
Varying time periods

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Why are we Unique? Because of our

Mission:

To revive the essence of
5000 years of
Traditional Chinese Culture
in its purist form

And not just in the world but also among the members of our Company, many are Chinese Western dancers, who have learned about and are filled with pride in their culture, so they can then share that culture with the world.

You will not see a show like ours – even in China!

Feature Interview: Angelia Wang at the Dance Competition

(CLICK TO SEE → <https://goo.gl/9caylM>)

The dance piece: Spring Awakening

The story: Birds singing and flowers inspire a young girl

Inspired by: The line in Tang Dynasty poem, *Chun Xiao*,
*"How suddenly the morning comes in spring; on every side
you hear the sweet birds sing..."*

Chun Xiao

Chuan mian bu jue xiao

Chu chu wen ti niao

Ye lai feng yu sheng

Hua luo zhi duo shao

*How suddenly the morning comes in spring
On every side you hear the sweet birds sing
Last night amidst the storm—Ah who can tell
With wind and rain, how many blossoms fell.*

Q: In competition, what do you strive for?

A: Excellence.

Q: How do you get started when preparing?

A: I start by finding the character's feeling.

Q: What makes your performance so significant?

A: Choreographers tell us to present what is *most beautiful and pure*. So, when we are practicing, we try to *purify our hearts*.

Q: What is required of you in the contest?

A: We must show the techniques we excel in. I've fallen

down. I've hurt myself. But it's all part of the process.

Q: Why do you compete? Do you hope to win?

*A: Competition is not for winning, fame or money. It's about **improving self**. The process of preparing helps me in many ways...dealing with people and situations.*

Angelia won the competition! Congratulations, Angelia!

[Behind the Scenes] Shen Yun at Lincoln Center in New York - Fox 5

(CLICK TO SEE → <https://goo.gl/w4Bgn1>) Watch the cartwheel and backflip combinations, high kicks and sharp spins as we give you a sneak peak into the World's Premiere Classical Chinese music and dance company. A celebration of 5000 years of authentic Chinese culture.

At the core: Classical Chinese Dance

Where over 40 Dancers

and

Orchestra Members

along with stunning imagery...

take you from ancient China
to today, all complete with legends, fairy tales,
and culture tapestry of China.

In this video, you will find:

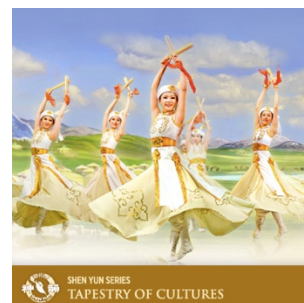
Power, bold color, elegance, committed
characterization, lotus fingers
spins, scarves, and fans
high jumps, fluid joy born of flawless technique...
A whole new appreciation for this culture.

Did you know?

*Acrobatics and gymnastics
originated from
Classical Chinese dance.*

Did you know?

*The Shen Yun Orchestra has over 40
musicians and uses both classical and
western Chinese instruments played
together.*





Check out the 2
string *Erhu*

This 4000+ year-old
erhu is a Chinese
violin with a unique
human voice-like
quality. It is played
vertically and has no
fingerboards so that
the player must
press against the
strings, pushing the
bow back and forth
between the strings
to create the music.

Chinese values past down through Generations

Behind the Scenes] Classical Chinese Dancer Training

(CLICK TO SEE → <https://goo.gl/WQ4/K8>)

1 minute on stage, 10 years in training

Schedule 7-9 hours daily training and rehearsal.

Before dawn: Turn off alarm

7am Calisthenics

9am Classical Chinese dance training

10am Rehearsal

12pm Break

1pm Academic studies

Evening: Training and rehearsal

Setting the Foundation

Training at the bar:

flexibility,

strengthening the ankles, balance.

Other training categories include:

Jumps, turns, flipping techniques

Watch dancers practice the
slanted body turns

over and over and over again!

Very difficult because their focus is down not
forward!

While other dancers find greatest challenge to be the
aerial flips which can be frightening first.

Until you feel like you are flying!

One last thought for those aspiring to be Shen Yun
dancers: use your heart to bring traditional Chinese
culture to life and bring character to life.

Speaking of aspiring Shen Yun dancers, check out the
next video where you will get to see Dennis
Pastorizo's exclusive audition!

Dennis Pastorizo Shen Yun Audition

(CLICK TO SEE → <https://goo.gl/GX1Xyk>) Get ready to get your giggles going as you watch Rocky showing Dennis Pastorizo how to stretch! This fun "audition" delightfully shows the skill and technique needed to score your place among the Shen Yun Performing Artists. Here you will see:

backwards bend to touch the toes

jumps and splits

a mic getting kicked out of Dennis' hand

spin: powerful! And all complete with a BOWTIE!

Will Dennis give up hope and just go for tickets to watch the show? Or...

Will Dennis knock down a few drinks with the promise that – he can do it! *"Trust me," He insists!*

Find out in this fun audition!

At One With Nature - Produced by Shen

Yun dancers (CLICK TO SEE → <https://goo.gl/Tc1UXm>) Illustrates the

emergence of the power of nature, triumph of the human spirit, the divinity of beauty and unites all. This video in verse:

*Dawn warms the forest
Shines through branches with its light
Rays searching shadow*

*Change, growth, death, rebirth
The sea swallows old, gives new
Change, growth, death, rebirth*

*Desert monuments
Acrobatics on the sand
Waterfall, vast snow*



*Sand, rocks, blowing clouds
Power, standing like a tree
Splash, hard, nimbus burst*

*Dancing in the brush
Backflips across the seashore
Footsteps in the sand*

*Sunrise, sweet sunrise
Streams of water reach the sea
Goodnight, sweet goodnight*

In verse, a sweet goodnight!

We thank you for taking a visual tour with us to our YouTube Playlist. You are most welcome to click the link below and watch again anytime! And please, if you do decide to just attend one cultural event this year, join us at a

Shen Yun Live Performance!

Do not miss it when it comes to your city! There you will always find an extraordinary experience, a uniquely grand production, and divine beauty.



Chinese people use the phrase, "all kind, all beautiful," to describe a flawless musical work.

盡善盡美
jìn shàn jìn měi

Join us by getting your tickets today. Click the link below!

Grab your tickets here → <https://goo.gl/Uy5Rpp>