



Chinese American Association of Greater Kalamazoo

欢迎来到第 45 届农历新年联欢会!

Welcome to our 45th Annual Lunar New Year Gala!

Chenery Auditorium

Saturday, January 25 from 6:00-8:30pm

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contributions, as well as every volunteer who has
helped make this event possible.**

- 1 **Dragon Dance, Little Stars Dance (Climbing Spring Mountain)**
CAGK Dragon Dance Troupe, KCA Little Stars Dance Group

Let's start the New Year Celebration with an exciting Dragon Dance and a traditional Chinese youth dance. It is a common belief that the Dragon Dance will bring people good luck.

Introducing Emcee Elyse Ribbons 柳素英

- 2 **Kung Fu**
Grand Rapids Golden Tiger Kung Fu Academy

We are honored to welcome Master Han Mei, a 6th degree black belt and seven-time women's Wu Shu champion. She will be accompanied by her students.

- 3 **Dancing in the Snowy Realm (雪域起舞)**
CAGK Adult Dance Group
Choreographer: Jenny Jin

On the top of the snowy prairie, Gesang flowers blossom tenderly. Brothers and sisters sing and dance happily to the tune of the flowers on the beautiful prairie as they cherish life.

- 4 **March of the Toreadors from the Opera *Carmen***
Baritone Singer: Lei Pan (Renmin University professor, opera singer, drama actor)

- 5 **Dancing to the Moon**
Choreographer: Michelle Fan

CAGK Youth Dance Group will present a Chinese C-Pop dance that integrates elements of a traditional Chinese fan dance into modern hip-hop.

6 The Four Seasons: Winter (L'Inverno) Allegro

Soloist: Sophie Tang (WMU professor, accomplished violinist, artistic director, award winning musician)

Orchestra: Guanqun Li, Zirui Xi, Jiaqi Wang, Yuxuan Xiao, Junxiao Liu, Hongrui Zhu, Melody Lebert

7 Dream Back to Chang'An

Asian Initiatives, HIGE, Western Michigan University

A dream will bring us back into the former city of Chang'An when the recitation of an expressive poem is accompanied by a Tang Dynasty Chinese dance.

8 TongNian

The Mickeys

Singers: Amy Sherman, Julie Peebles, Nick Moored

A local, renowned Indie Americana band “The Mickeys” will present an English version of a well-known Chinese song named “Tong Nian,” which translates to “Days of My Past” in English.

15-minute intermission commences

9 Peace

Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church

Conductor: Mr. Jacob Olbrot, Suzuki Academy of Kalamazoo

Although life has its storms, you can find peace in God's protection like an umbrella when it is raining. As we perform Peace with strings, choir, and Chinese dancing, we wish you a peaceful and blessed New Year!

10 Promise of the Peach Blossom

Chinese Program, Kalamazoo College

This performance integrates singing, fan dancing, and a pleasing flute duet to showcase the profound artistry of Chinese classical tradition.

11 Chinese Yo-Yo Diablo

Kalamazoo Chinese Academy's beloved Chinese Yo-Yo group is performing fancy tricks that amaze the audience and symbolize the diablo's cultural significance. For context, the diablo is widely acknowledged for being a traditional Chinese toy.

12 Rouge the Lips

Dancer: Leah Zhu (Winner of youth national championships and standout awards in dance)

Choreographer: Sharon Kong

A woman gracefully moves, her gestures tend with anticipation. She applies lipstick, each stroke a quiet prayer, her dance embodying the hope and longing for her husband's return.

13 Winning the Red Envelope

Magician Alan Smith will captivate you by utilizing his magical powers to showcase four red envelopes. Our special VIP guests will draw four lucky numbers for audience members to win a special prize. We wish you the best of luck!

CAGK Board of Directors come on-stage

14 Chinese Lion Dance

CAGK Lion Dance Troupe

The Chinese American Association of Greater Kalamazoo is showcasing regional students to conclude the night with a joyful act that wards off evil spirits whilst bringing in good luck.





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