



## 第46届农历新年联欢会

Welcome to our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunar New Year  
Celebration!

*The Year of the Horse*

6:00 to 7:30 PM, Saturday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
Chenery Auditorium

**Emcee: Lynn Chen-Zhang (CEO, Zhang Financial)**

**Stage Art Installation: Julia Zhe Wang**

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made this event possible.**

## 1. Dragan Dance

CAGK Dragan Dance Troup

Let's kick off the New Year Celebration with an exciting Dragon Dance. It is a common belief that the Dragon Dance will bring people good luck.

## 2. The Four Elegant Arts

Guzheng: Luna Lu from Michigan State University

Chinese Calligraphy: Xiaoan Li

Tachi: Cheng Tao (WMU Asian Initiatives), Dino Tao, Joie Zhang

Chinese Fan Dance: Sophia Hu, Skyler Hu, Clare Li, Claire Yuan

Dance Choreographer: Ruyuan Yang from K College

Drummer: Mike Walling

Program Designer: Xuebing (Ruby) Chen

"Song of the Qin Mulberry" is a masterpiece piece for Guzheng-Chinese zither, accompanied by Tachi, Chinese calligraphy and fan dance. Creating a living painting-Sound, Motion, Ink and Breath. An immersive cultural experience celebrating the harmony between strength and elegance, tradition and reinvention. Luna Lu is an advance Guzheng player who has been playing the instrument for over 30 years.

## 3. Peacock Dance

Performers: Wenffany Xu, Sarah Xu, Leah Zhu

Organization: Inner action Dance

A dance, inspired by the peacock, from the Dai ethnic group of southwest China. Through the gentle arm motion, light steps, and elegant poses, the dancers bring the spirit of the peacock to life, sharing a sense of calm, beauty and joy.

## 4. Song Medley: "As You Wish" and "Because of Love"

Music Director: Ruyuan Yang

Performers: Sara Bush, Ryan Goodrich, Kassandra Koehler, Seonha Lee, Jay McDaniel, Julissa Ramirez, Jocelyn Suranyi, Sierra Winter, Ruyuan Yang

Organization: Kalamazoo College - Chinese Program

Love is timeless theme... In those songs, we celebrate the tenderness and power of love. May we keep loving what we love, may your wishes come true, and may every sincere feeling be appreciated and responded.



## 5. Xingjiang Dance - Balangzai

Program Director and Performer: Jennifer Jin

Performers: Eunice Zhang, Bo Yang, Bliss Huang, Ruby Chen

A lively and expressive Uyghur-style Xinjiang folk dance known for its bright energy, rhythmic footwork, and charismatic gestures. The song "Balangzai" tells the story of a young man pursuing his love, through gestures like giving roses and exchanging numbers, making it a beautiful echo of today's celebration of affection and devotion—a perfect tribute to Valentine's Day.

## 6. Fashion Fusion Show

Program Director: Karin Li, Echo Yu, Eliza Yuan

Lead Dancers: Eliza Yuan, Ziyan Yin, Aila Joy Schoenherr

Organization: Kalamazoo Chinese Academy

Let yourself be immersed in this lovely and joyful program brought to you by the local Chinese Language School -Kalamazoo Chinese Academy.

Featuring a delightful blend of singing, dancing, and a vibrant fashion show, this performance is designed to lift your spirit and keep a smile on your face from beginning to end.

## 7. Jump Rope

Performers: Isla Gleeson, Dylan Wang

Organization: University of Michigan

Get ready for an explosion of energy as performers combine rhythm, athleticism, and dance into one. Both dancers have been practicing this dynamic art since they were 8 years old, bringing years of skill, precision, and passion to the stage. Similar to other festive activities, this is used to ward off disease and welcome vitality during Chinese New Year celebration.

## Intermission - 15 Minutes

## 8. Song Medley: Let us Love

Performers: Families from Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church

Program Directors: Summer Kwong and Shawn Sun

At Chinese New Year, hearts find their way home, gathering in the gentle light of reunion. In this sacred season of renewal, we welcome you to a moment lovingly woven by our KCCC families—where the warmth of kinship meets the enduring love of God. May this celebration uplift your spirit and grace the coming year with harmony and blessing.

## 9. Chinese Yo-Yo Show

Program Director: Tristan Zhang, Yuan Yuan

Performers: Tristan Zhang, Sam Zhang, Ryan Fan, Reykishen Raveendran, Micah Dorr, Roger Bao, Erin Li, Alex Taylor

Organization: Kalamazoo Chinese Academy

*Our beloved Chinese Yo-Yo show has been a shining tradition in our Kalamazoo Chinese New Year celebration for more than a decade, delighting audiences year after year. The Chinese Yo-Yo, also known as diabolo, is a long-lasting traditional folk art. Its lively spins, rhythmic movements, and joyful spirit embody the timeless creativity of Chinese culture. Please enjoy this vibrant performance!*

## 10. Whispers of a Gentle Breeze

Program Directors: Dr. Ying Zeng and Karin Li

Performers: Karin Li, Claire Tong, Eliza Yuan, Eliza Cai, Sisi Chen

Organization: Western Michigan University, Asian Initiatives

*A Chinese classical dance is inspired by the quiet beauty of nature. Dancers use delicate gestures and fluid formations to express peace, harmony, and poetic elegance, creating a scene as serene as wind gliding across the landscape.*

## 11. Butterfly Lovers

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

Pianist: Shuaizhi Wang

*The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto is one of the most famous masterpieces in Chinese orchestral music. It is an orchestral adaptation of the ancient legend The Butterfly Lovers, written for Western-style orchestra and solo violin.*

## 12. Vast Land, Eternal Love

Choreographer: Ruyuan Yang

Performers: Kaylee Hanson, Kassandra Koehler, Seonha Lee, Jialu Yin, Yvonne Zhu

Organization: Kalamzoo College - Chinese Program

*Love brings warmth to all things and companionship gives meaning to every scene. The dance and the lyrics express longing and devotion. It traces a journey across the Vast Land in search of the one our hearts seek, and of an enduring love that transcends space and time.*

### 13. Lion Dance and Violin Ensemble - “unforgettable night”

Lion Dance Director: Sam Zhang

Lion Dance: CAGK Lion Dance Troup

Violin Program Director: Jacob Olbrot

Violin Ensemble: Suzuki Academy of Kalamazoo

Violin Soloist: Vela Sun

An unforgettable and memorable night!

Accompanied by the talented musicians of the Suzuki Academy of Kalamazoo, performing the famous Chinese piece “Unforgettable Night.”, the Lion Dance brings our celebration to a grand finale with a captivating retelling of Three Kingdoms stories.

See you next year!

We’re always looking for ways to make this event even better for our community. Please scan the QR code below and take a moment to complete our survey to win tickets for next year!



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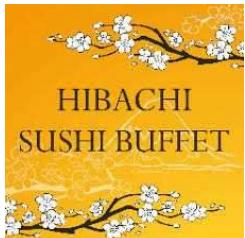
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