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2021 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival Performance – Jin Yu Yuan Puppet Theatre

The Theatre was founded by Chin Tung Chao, who has performed, since his childhood, traditional hand puppet shows at temples nationwide with his father. At that time, he was fascinated with the popular puppet shows on television. Hence, he has determined to learn, promote and spread this traditional culture and founded Jin Yu Yuan Puppet Theatre in 2008. He has applied the computer animation technique in the photo studio in addition modern laser technology, Sichuan face-changing, marionette flying stunts to the open-field shows and recreated large-scale wooden puppets shows.

The Troupe is also active in the pop-music circle and had helped produced MV for Huang Fei, a Taiwanese song singer, and featured MV jointly with Zhenlan Temple of Dajia.

He has insisted in promoting Taiwanese puppet theatre culture despite hardships in various environments in reality and the Troupe had been invited to perform the shows in several countries such as Japan, Vietnam, Canada, Bulgaria and China among others.

Recent plan includes the production of 36 puppet shows of filial act to promote filial piety. Puppet show is not just for entertainment but a legacy of technique of promoting the traditional Taiwanese culture of loyalty, filial piety, integrity and righteousness. Since 2018, the shows have been brought as a charitable tour to various hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages and schools in remote areas.

Awards:

- 1) Yunlin International Golden Palm Award for Puppet Theatre Contest
2014: Best Award in Script
2016: Best Award in Visual Effect
- 2) Outstanding Team of Taichung City
2015, 2017, 2015 & 2017



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About the Leader Chin-Tung Chao

1991 - Entered "Wenyao Huang's TV Marionette Team"

1992- Stylist, field director, operator, playwright for Tianyu TV puppet shows

1993 ~ 1999 - Playwright of 120 episodes for Tianyu TV puppet shows

2000 - Director of Mingchen Shen TV Drama Group for producing historical drama with special effects

2006 - Advisor to Puppet Study Club at Tunghai University and Hongguang University

2009 - Panel discussant at Taiwan Puppet Theatre Festival

2009 - Voice actor and operator of the puppet show "Jigong pacified demons" at Mingdao Forum

2009 - Advisor to puppet show club in Ta Ming High School "A decade of skill transfer for a century of drama show"

2011 - National Artist Achievement Award – 100 Outstanding Artists in Taiwan

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