IN-SCHOOL PERFORMANCES/ASSEMBLIES

DANCE & MARTIAL ARTS

FAN AND/OR RIBBON DANCE
Students work with professional dancers to learn Chinese ribbon and/or fan dance techniques. The specific Chinese hand gestures and their symbolic meanings. Drawing from the lesson, students discover how movement evokes feelings and images; how different movements are integrated and interspersed to create new ones; and how to compose a group dance. Simple Chinese language and vocabulary are integrated into the workshop.
(Grades 2-12. Length: 45 min.)

CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS
An introductory workshop that demonstrates traditional martial arts forms. Students learn to appreciate and perform these forms, which are based on ancient Chinese styles. They are encouraged to explore the unique methods of expression and self-discipline that these arts offer.
( Grades 3-12. Length: 45 min.)

WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCIES

Up to 30 students/program

CHINA PATTERNS
Performed in full, traditional Chinese costumes, China Patterns introduces students to Chinese culture through language, history, and performance. This cross-cultural program evokes a sense of wonder, historical drama, and timeless beauty. The program weaves through many varied terrains of time, region, legend and reality. The diversity of dance selections, authentic costumes, music, props, and narration illustrates and explains the history, customs and patterns of Chinese life.
(Grades K-12. Length: 45 min.)

LION DANCE PLUS
This 45-minute program, including a demonstration/interactive segment, introduces beloved ancient Chinese folk arts pieces, including excerpts from Peking opera featuring the popular Monkey King character, as well as the Chinese ribbon dance. (Note: The Chinese Acrobat could be added on for an additional fee.)
(Grades K-12. Length: 45 min.)

CHINESE ACROBAT
Our award-winning acrobatic artist brings a wide range of acrobatic acts, including plate spinning, trick-riding, foot juggling, and Chinese water bowl manipulations to demonstrate the physical skill on flexibility and coordination. Acrobatics are a form of art extracted from life, work and martial arts, and are known to have existed as early as the Qin Dynasty (221-207 BC).
(Grades K-12. Length: 45 min.)

ARTS & CRAFTS

CALLIGRAPHY AND/OR INK BRUSH PAINTING
Using an ink brush, the teaching artist shows and explains the relationship between ancient Chinese pictographs and modern day characters. The instructor also demonstrates how simple writing tools and a range of ink colors can create a canvas to create beautiful paintings. These techniques are integrated into scenic landscapes, plants, and flowers. Students get to participate by learning how to write with the brush and create their own paintings and Chinese symbols on rice paper.
(Grades 2-12. Length: 45 min.)

PAPER CUTTING & PAPER FOLDING
A unique hands-on experience! Students practice hand coordination through learning to create images ranging from animals to elaborate designs by simply cutting and folding paper.
(Grades K-12. Length: 45 min.)

CHINESE LANGUAGE
Learn Chinese language through fun and culturally enriching classes that use images, songs, games, and other activities to teach the basics of vocabulary, conversation, reading, and writing. Students will learn Chinese through grade appropriate language exercises. Classes may include arts and crafts, singing, and dancing.
(Grades K-8. Length: 45 min.)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS & RESIDENCIES
NYCCC offers individually-designed residencies and after-school programs in dance, martial arts, language, and arts & crafts to fit your schedule. Budget and requirements. Our teachers travel in traditional Chinese dance, Peking opera, language, Kang Fu, and visual arts, are available for all educational needs, ranging from beginner to professional levels. For further information or to book an in-school program, please contact:

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About the NEW YORK CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER

Founded in 1974, the New York Chinese Cultural Center (NYCCC), a nonprofit cultural and educational institution, is dedicated to deepening the understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture in global and local communities. NYCCC fulfills its mission by offering professional classes, workshops, and performances while nurturing creative and innovative new works that reflect the rich cultural heritages and diverse communities of today. Presented by professional dancers from Dance China N.Y., resident company of NYCCC, our assembly programs bring the richness of traditional folk dance, Peking Opera, and acrobatics to audiences across the nation. Every year, NYCCC provides over 3,000 classes and conducts workshops for more than 30,000 students in the tri-state area.

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“You have incredible educators that went above and beyond the call of duty to make this program possible for us. Thank you for hiring such capable and caring professionals!”
– Dance Residency, Dana Ameliano, Principal, Ossin Elementary School

“The program was excellent! …It was very engaging and the performers made learning fun” – Lion Dance Plus, New Rochelle school

“The energy and interest gravitated to the teachers, staff, and parents present for the performance. The dancers were very engaging with the student body, and as a result the student body was very receptive to them. …this was our best guest performance by far!”
– Assembly performance, Columbus Magnet School

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