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The Chinese Fine Arts Society Celebrates Chinese Cultural Week in Chicago with Free Events for the Whole Family In Millennium Park

The Chinese Fine Arts Society presents an array of events in Millennium Park as part of **Chinese Cultural Week in Chicago** from July 19 – 27. These include a dramatic reenactment of the Chinese legend – Qi Xi; daily family friendly music and dance presentations, and a classical concert on the Jay Pritzker Pavilion stage.

Kicking off the celebration on Sunday, July 19 at 2:30 pm is the **China Spectacle** – an engaging performance of music and dance which celebrates Qi Xi – the ancient Chinese love story of Niulang and Zhinu, the cowherd and the weaver fairy. This colorful presentation travels from Cloud Gate to Wrigley Square to the Crown Fountain and back, and features Little Star Dance Troupe, Skyland Chinese Opera, Chicago Chinese Cultural Center Lion Dancers, Betty Haag Magical Strings of Youth, Cheng Da Percussion Ensemble, All Star Kung Fu and Championship Martial Arts Academy – truly an experience not to be missed!

Beginning June 20 at 1 pm and 1:45 pm, there will be upbeat and inspiring Chinese traditional and folk music and dance performances on the **Family Fun Festival** stage on Chase Promenade North. The Little Star Dance Troupe performs on July 20 and 22, followed by renowned erhu player, Betty Xiang and the Magical Strings of Youth on July 23 and 25. Traditional Chinese instrumentalists Kerry Leung, Alexander Li and Judy Tseng take the stage on July 21 and the Chinese Fine Arts Society Chorus concludes the family performances on July 26

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Chinese Fine Arts Society pays tribute to its late founder, Barbara Tiao with an exquisite classical music concert at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion – **In Tribute: A Chinese Voyage**. The performance features luminaries such as internationally renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine, erhu player Betti Xiang, Chicago Symphony Orchestra assistant concertmaster Yuan Qing Yu and clarinetist John Bruce Yeh, the Chicago Pro Musica and the Cheng Da Percussion Ensemble. This concert is part of Millennium Park's new series, Dusk Variations: A Chamber Series taking place on select Monday nights this summer.

The Chinese Fine Arts Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting an understanding of Chinese culture through music and arts programs and events. For further information, visit www.chinesefinearts.org

Millennium Park is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is bordered by Michigan Ave. to the west, Columbus Dr. to the east, Randolph St. to the north and Monroe St. to the south. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage (entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph) and at the Grant Park North and East Monroe Garages, all located within a short walking distance of Millennium Park.

For more information about all of the events in Millennium Park, visit www.millenniumpark.org or call 312.742.1168.

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