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Chinese Fine Arts Society

### MEDIA ADVISORY

## **SNEAK PREVIEW OF *China National Peking Opera Company* AT CHICAGO'S CITY-WIDE CHINESE NEW YEAR KICK-OFF AT CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER, **TUESDAY, FEB 5, NOON****

- WHO:** Direct from China, the *China National Peking Opera Company*
- WHAT:** Will offer a preview of their upcoming Symphony Center performance, the comedic and acrobatic "At the Crossroads," a famous opera based on a story from *Water Margin*, one of the great novels of Chinese literature. This free lunch hour ceremony also includes lion dancers and performances by Chicago's finest traditional Chinese dancers, martial artists and musicians...
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, February 5, 2019, noon-1pm**
- WHERE:** Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street
- WHY:** Presented in partnership with Choose Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, this event officially kicks off Chicago's Chinese New Year festivities and celebrates 2019 as the Year of the Pig!

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- OTHER:** Also performing at the Cultural Center will be the Chicago Chinese Cultural Center Lion Dancers; Silk Road Ensemble pipa master Yang Wei; the award-winning Flying Fairies Dance Troupe; Zhonghua Kung Fu Master Guili Wang and guzheng master YuQi Deng.

**Mark Kelly**, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will serve as the host of this event and will be available for interview immediately following, along with other speakers including **Consul General Liu Jun**, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago; **David Whitaker**, CEO of Choose Chicago; and **Julie Tiao Ma**, President of the Chinese Fine Arts Society.

For more information on Chicago Chinese New Year festivities, please visit [www.chinesefinearts.org](http://www.chinesefinearts.org).

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