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MEDIA ADVISORY

SNEAK PREVIEW OF *Zhejiang Shaoju Opera Theatre* AT CHICAGO'S CITY-WIDE CHINESE NEW YEAR KICK-OFF AT CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER, **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, NOON**

- WHO:** Direct from China, the *Zhejiang Shaoju Opera Theatre*
- WHAT:** Offers a preview of their upcoming Symphony Center performance. Titled, "Grand Bustling Chinese New Year," this performance presents the festive and joyous celebration of the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year), through the impassioned and sonorous music of Shao Opera, and utilizes the art of face-changing, long silk dancing, somersault acrobatics, and the skills of dragon dancing and lion dancing. This free lunch hour ceremony also includes performances by Chicago's finest traditional Chinese dancers and musicians...
- WHEN:** **Friday, January 24, 2020, 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
- 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 2020 as the Year of the Rat and the beginning of the zodiac cycle.

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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; an award-winning dance performance from Hao Dance; and Members of the Tuvergen Band Tamir Hargana and Naizal Hargana.

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 **Julie Tiao Ma**, President of the Chinese Fine Arts Society, and representatives of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, and Choose Chicago.

For more information on Chicago Chinese New Year festivities, please visit www.chinesefinearts.org.
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The Chinese Fine Arts Society (CFAS) is a Chicago-based organization dedicated to promoting the appreciation of Chinese culture, enhancing cultural exchange, and pursuing excellence in Chinese music, dance, and visual arts. Since its founding in 1984, CFAS has been a leading champion of Chinese culture, bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to celebrate the beauty and majesty of both traditional and contemporary Chinese art. Throughout its 35 year history, the Chinese Fine Arts Society, has been a leader of Chicago's Chinese New Year festivities.