

## Allegheny County Council

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Title...

Proclamation welcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts to Allegheny County and Pittsburgh's Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on April 25-26, 2015.

Body...

WHEREAS, a unique feature of Chinese civilization is that its history has been documented, uninterrupted and passed down for 5,000 years, at times in vivid detail. This provides Shen Yun Performing Arts with a vast source of creative material, making it possible to revive this ancient culture in contemporary performing arts; and

WHEREAS, in ancient China, artists emphasized virtue, study, and meditation because they took to heart an ancient Chinese belief that to create true art, there must be inner beauty and purity. Today, the artists of Shen Yun follow in this noble tradition, immersing themselves in meditation and study of the classics and adopting the virtues of ancient China into their daily lives. The result is a performance that moves audiences in beautiful and profound ways; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun performances uplift humanity through messages of courage, virtue, and harmony as shared with the audience through a creative and fascinating stage presentation; and

WHEREAS, there are four Shen Yun Performing Arts touring companies that perform simultaneously around the world. Shen Yun is the first company to present classical Chinese dance to contemporary audiences on such a large scale;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council hereby welcomes Shen Yun Performing Arts to Allegheny County and Pittsburgh's Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on April 25-26, 2015, and congratulates the cast and crew for their brilliant performances and depiction of true Chinese culture.