

Clearwisdom Review

An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 11 MARCH 26, 2009

Pure Art Impresses the People of Taichung

(Clearwisdom.net) Shen Yun Performing Arts completed a seven-show run at Chung Hsing University in Taichung, Taiwan, on the evening of March 8, 2009. The Taichung audience was deeply impressed by the exquisite presentation, which brought China's divinely-bestowed culture to life.



Audience responds to the Shen Yun performance in Taichung, Taiwan

Mr. Liu Hsuan-yong, Chairman of the National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra, commended the Shen Yun show as a top-notch artistic performance. He thought the performers' training in the fundamentals was remarkable and felt that the theme of each number was designed around a good story. He had looked forward to hearing the live orchestra. He commented, "I heard in the orchestra's accompaniment many traditional Chinese musical instruments, which enhanced and enriched the performance. A live orchestra like this is much better and more impressive."



Liu Hsuan-yong

Huang Ming-ying is an oil painter who specializes in realism. He is the honorary chairman of the first and second Chinese Contemporary Artists Association. He was amazed at Shen Yun's reproduction of the lost 5,000-year-old Chinese culture. He said, "Integrating the spirit of truthfulness, compassion, and beauty into the performance and presenting them through dance, I feel is a perfect way to present such a realm. It is very difficult to achieve this artistically. I'm deeply impressed."

"The Shen Yun performance has reached the highest pinnacle," Mr. Huang stated. Mr. Huang, who has 40 years' painting experience, felt a resonance with Shen Yun's artistic expression. He explained, "What touched people's hearts most was the dance related to the persecution of Falun Gong. When the cultivator was persecuted, divine beings came from the other side, and the two were integrated. I feel such a presentation of stage scenes to be quite innovative. The show expresses another layer of meaning."

The Shen Yun show gave Mr. Huang hope that kindness will definitely conquer evil. "Because, humanity will change, politics will also change, but kindness is everlasting; the five thousand years of culture is eternal. You can persecute someone at one point in time, but it will be different dozens of years later. Kindness will ultimately triumph over evil," said Mr. Huang.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Child with Encephalatrophy Is Given a New Life

In a small town in Lanzhou City, Gangsu Province, China there is a little girl named Tiantian. She could barely walk until she was three. When she walked, she fell easily. Her hands couldn't hold things tightly and she couldn't stretch her fingers. Her parents worried about her very much and took her to the provincial hospital for treatment. She was diagnosed with encephalatrophy (atrophy of the brain) and told that there was no way to treat it. The doctors persuaded the parents to give up hope for a cure, and to just have another baby. The parents felt very sad and helpless. They took Tiantian home.

One day Tiantian's grandma came and comforted her son and daughter-in-law. "Don't be so sad," she said, "there is still hope. Let me take care of her from now on." Tiantian's grandma is a Falun Gong practitioner. When Tiantian lived with her grandma, she would say respectfully, "Falun Dafa is good! Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good!" Not long afterwards, Tiantian was able to walk properly without falling down and she was able to hold things in her hands. Now Tiantian is in her first year in elementary school and she is a very good student.



Persecution Tragedy: Mr. Zou Zhongyou Dies, His Sister Unlawfully Imprisoned

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Zou Zhongyou and Ms. Zou Lizhi, his older sister, were Dafa practitioners from Yi County, Liaoning Province. They were both teachers at the Dayushubao Town Middle School. After the persecution began on July 20, 1999, they continued to practice Falun Gong, despite suffering persecution. They were arrested, detained, and sentenced to forced labor and prison several times. Mr. Zou died under persecution in the Jinzhou City Forced Labor Camp two years ago. He was only thirty-five years old. On February 12, 2009, the Yi County Court sentenced his sister to five years in prison. She is now in the Liaoning Province Women's Prison.

In October 1999, Mr. Zou went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong but was arrested and sentenced to two years in the Jinzhou Forced Labor Camp. In March 2000, he managed to leave the camp and went to Beijing again to appeal for Falun Gong. He was arrested again and sent back to the labor camp. The guards beat and kicked him. They shocked him on his neck and back with electric batons. During the day he had to work with handcuffs on, while at night he was handcuffed to his bed. On October 12, 2000, Political Commissar Zhang Haiping, Deputy Director Jin Fuli, and several prison staff tortured Mr. Zou because he refused to renounce his belief. They used electric batons to shock him on his head, face, genitals, belly, and his entire body. He then went on a hunger strike to protest the persecution. The guards tried to force-feed him with cornmeal mush mixed with a large quantity of salt, but he refused to open his mouth. When the camp doctor tried to pry open his mouth he damaged Mr. Zou's teeth. Mr. Zou was emaciated within a month, had very low blood pressure and swollen shins. Under extreme pressure, he compromised against his will. He was released on April 25, 2001.



Illustrations of tortures common in Chinese labor camps:

A guard shocks a Falun Gong practitioner in the mouth with an electric baton (left).



Practitioners are forced to sit on small iron stools for extended lengths of time (left).

In October 2001, Mr. Zou was arrested again for speaking up for Falun Dafa. He was sentenced to two years in the Jinzhou Forced Labor Camp. The guards beat him brutally and shocked him with electric batons. He was locked in solitary confinement for a long time. The guards also forced him to sit on an iron stool and deprived him of sleep.

In July 2002, the labor camp staff instigated inmates to beat Mr. Zou. His legs and chest were swollen for more than ten days as a result. Mr. Zou was in handcuffs for three months and was forced to sit on a stool for fifteen hours every day. He was forced to sit like that for four months, and his use of the toilet was severely limited. He suffered from dysfunction of the heart, lungs and kidneys, coughing, and shortness of breath. Mr. Zou passed away on May 29, 2006, just thirty-five years of age.

For more current information of Falun Dafa worldwide, please visit www.clearwisdom.net
To learn more about Falun Dafa as a practice, please visit www.falundafa.org