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An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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Artist Describes Show as 'Very Uplifting,' 'Encouraging'

TAINAN, Taiwan — The Divine Performing Arts 2009 World Tour presented a beautiful evening of classical Chinese dance and traditional culture at the Tainan Municipal Cultural Center on February 22.

Axel, an artist who trained at the Waldorf School of Art in Germany, was in the audience. He has seen many other live performances before, but the Divine Performing Arts (DPA) show was new to him. He said he enjoyed the spiritual aspect of the performance, calling it "very uplifting."

"Chinese culture is very nice, very beautiful." He found the dance movements very interesting. "It's a different style," he said.



Story-based dance as well as thunderous drumming sequences are a trademark of DPA. "The drums were good. I liked the drums. I also liked the "Dance of the Snow-Capped Mountain" and I liked the Spring dance ["Welcoming Spring"]."

The artist said he also enjoyed the last performance, "Knowing the True Picture Offers Ultimate Hope." "The part about the Buddha, and this whole concept that life is more than making money and being self-indulged in our mundane life. Instead, [we should] try to look into our true selves, who we really are, in the center of our hearts. It's just encouraging, very nice."

Chinese classical dance has at its foundation China's divinely-inspired culture of 5,000 years and its own complete set of training methods. "I liked the arm movement of the ladies; just fantastic, almost like water," Axel said. "For me as an artist, I'm very critical, so I'm looking at the professionalism in the dance. It was very well performed." Regarding the content of the individual pieces, he said, "When we speak about spiritual subjects, when you share your experience of the divine, I would say it would be very moving for me."



Axel said he took home the message that there is "more to life than making money, more than being self-consumed, eaten away by desires, having a nice car, a nice house, and a nice wife. If we look within, we can discover and enjoy more, and have a more joyful life."

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.

Falun Gong Saved My Father

(Clearwisdom.net) My father is 73 years old. Two years ago, he had lumbar inter-vertebral disc protrusion. Since he already had arthritis, this made his health even worse.

In a hospital, examination and X-rays showed that the protrusion was very severe. The doctor said that surgery could not cure it. Since my father is of advanced age, the doctor did not recommend surgery but advised him to take medicine. The following day, after my father took the medications, his body was swollen and very itchy. We then used other medications but the allergy symptoms did not go away. Finally, we recommended that he start practicing Falun Gong. We told him that my mother, who practices Falun Gong, could teach him. We also asked him to recite the words, "Falun Dafa is good" and, "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good."

There is a saying among older people, "When a person's feet swell twice, he is about to die." That is to say, it is believed to be extremely serious for a man to have his feet swell twice. My father's foot was swelling. When his foot was swollen for the second time, we started to prepare for his funeral. In despair, my father started to read *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong. Since he could not read very well, my mother helped him word by word. My father maintained a pure heart when reading the book.

Two months later, I visited my father and found him reading *Zhuan Falun*. He smiled, "My back has recovered now and the pain is gone. My legs also feel better and I no longer need a cane."

This year, my parents planned to plant 2 mu (about 0.3 acre) of crops. I advised them not to, since my father is very old. However, he said it was alright because he had helped other people with their planting and harvesting last year!

A long time has passed since my father's initial recovery, and he is still very healthy. When asked by neighbors, my father tells them that Falun Dafa cured him. He also urges people to remember, "Falun Dafa is good," and "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good."



Details about the Torture Death of Mr. Gai Chunlin

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Gai Chunlin from Bawanggou Village, Nankouqian Town, Qingyuan County, Fushun City, Liaoning Province, started to practice Falun Gong in December 1997. Before, he frequently became ill, so he was very sensitive to cold and could not work in the winter. After practicing Falun Gong, all of his diseases disappeared, his formerly bad temperament became gentle, and his whole family lived together in peace and harmony.



Mr. Gai Chunlin

On April 17, 2005, officers from the Fushun Municipal Police Department, the Qingyuan County Police Department, and the Nankouqian Town local police station forcibly entered Mr. Gai Chunlin's home, arrested him and took him to the Nankouqian Town Police Station. They later transferred him to the Fushun Municipal Police Department. Five days later Mr. Gai was taken to the Fushun Luotaishanzhuang brainwashing center. On May 6, Mr. Gai's family was informed that he had died from heart disease.

When Mr. Gai's family rushed to the brainwashing center, they saw that his body was covered with a cloth. His younger brother said, "My brother did not have heart disease, how could he suddenly die of it?" Then they saw the scalds on Gai Chunlin's distorted face and the right side of his chest, and demanded an autopsy.

The autopsy results showed that Mr. Gai's lower esophagus had been cooked by boiling water and would peel away with the stroke of a finger, and his apex cordis (lower area of the heart) was white. These findings were consistent with intubation with boiling water. As soon as the family members learned this they realized that Mr. Gai had been tortured to death, and they refused allow the cremation of Mr. Gai's remains. The so-called "medical examiner" from Fushun City declared that Mr. Gai had died a natural death, but he was unable to explain the wounds on Mr. Gai Chunlin's body. The family tried to seek justice through legal means, but no lawyer would take the case for fear of reprisal from the Chinese Communist Party. Two months later, Wang Song from the Nankouqian Town government ordered a hasty cremation.