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It is my pleasure to welcome Shen Yun to Canada during its 2019-2020 world tour.

In 2006, like-minded Chinese artists came together to revive the best of China's cultural heritage. Ever since, audiences the world over have been inspired by the spectacular beauty of 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture showcased by Shen Yun.

Here in Canada, artists are blessed with the Charter right to freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression, encompassing a panoply of artistic endeavours.

Sadly, millions of artists around the globe can only yearn for such freedom – as manifested in the cold reality that Shen Yun is not allowed to perform in its birthplace today.

Creativity requires freedom to thrive. Art must exist, not in subjugation to the state, but in the eyes, ears, and imagination of its audience. It must have freedom to grow, create, succeed, or fail on its own merit.

As Shen Yun performs in locations across Canada, we celebrate its rejection of totalitarianism in favour of harmony, peace, and above all else, freedom.

Welcome to Canada!

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