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## Personal Message from Mayor Bonnie Crombie



Dear Friends.

On behalf of the City of Mississauga and Members of my Council, I am delighted to welcome the performing artists, leadership and attendees of the Shen Yun Performing Arts back to Mississauga's Living Arts Centre for their 2019 show.

In Mississauga, we celebrate the diversity of our citizens; their backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. Over half of all Mississauga residents were born outside of Canada. Our residents speak a remarkable 200 different languages from over 150 different countries that span all 4 corners of the globe. Mississauga is truly a global city.

We take immense pride in the diversity of our people. Our City is home to an active, engaged and vibrant Chinese-Canadian community who have made important and lasting contributions to our great City's arts and culture scene.

Mississauga is honoured to join other world-class cities in hosting this international showcase of spectacular traditional Chinese culture, music and dance.

Shen Yun's onstage performers are supported by hundreds of professionals who work tirelessly behind the curtain to make sure the show goes off without a hitch. Costume designers, choreographers, art directors and stage coordinators have all demonstrated meticulous attention to detail. Their passion and professionalism is essential in bringing to life the story of ancient Chinese culture and timeless traditions. Without them, this tremendous display of talent would not be possible.

Once again, I am pleased to welcome the performing artists, leadership and attendees to this year's 2019 Shen Yun Performing Arts show. May all those attending have a joyous and memorable evening.

Warmest Regards,

Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D Mayor, City of Mississauga