

## **Announcement: Shen Yun performances at Kennedy Center are cancelled**

To our Shen Yun patrons at the Kennedy Center:

In order to control the spread of COVID-19, Kennedy Center has canceled all public performances and events scheduled through Sunday, May 10, 2020, including Shen Yun show scheduled April 7-12.

Since its debut at Kennedy Center in 2009, Shen Yun has become an annual fixture in Washington DC's cultural life. Shen Yun dancers and musicians have performed 96 times at Kennedy Center Opera House. Close to 180,000 Washingtonians have seen Shen Yun show and they loved it, and Shen Yun artists love Kennedy Center as well. It has become one of the favorite venues for Shen Yun dancers and musicians.

Entirely non-profit, and independent of the Chinese regime, Shen Yun enjoys the artistic freedom in the U.S., and is the only independent performing arts company in the world that has the courage to showcase timeless, traditional values that have been brutally suppressed under the Chinese communist regime. This is an immense undertaking.

In a typical season, one touring company would travel 25,000 miles by bus, load and unload 250,000 lb. of equipment. In a season, 1.5 million kicks would be performed by dancers during their basic warm up routines, and 496 flips performed by one principle dancer. There is 0 sick day and an infinite number of audience smiles.

Unfortunately, you will miss Shen Yun this season. While canceling performances is necessary for the health of all our patrons, staff, artists, and volunteers, it will be a huge loss for Shen Yun Performing Arts. We ask you to consider donating the cost of your tickets because ticket revenue is the sole income source for Shen Yun artists.

Please choose the following options by **April 30, 2020**:

**1. Donate your tickets to Shen Yun, and receive a tax deduction for the total ticket value**

Shen Yun Performing Arts, Inc. is a Not-for-Profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Your generous donation will allow Shen Yun to continue to share a precious cultural heritage with audiences around the world and prepare talented young dancers and musicians for professional performing arts careers. In return, we will send you a receipt for your tax-deductible contribution.

**2. A full credit towards any future Shen Yun shows**

We will issue you a gift card for the full value of your ticket order. This gift card can be used to purchase ANY Shen Yun show or Shen Yun Symphony Orchestra tickets in DC/VA/MD area.

**3. Receive a refund for the value of your ticket order** (minus any applicable shipping fees and ticketing fee)

You will receive a full refund for the value of your tickets on the same credit card number you used for ticket purchase.

We strongly encourage you to consider donating your ticket back to Shen Yun. Due to anticipated volume, we encourage you use this form URL to submit your option:

<https://tickets.shenyun.com/myorder>

At this difficult time, we are thankful to be a part of the Washington DC arts community with all of you – our friends, colleagues, and patrons. If you would like to provide additional support to Shen Yun, please visit: <https://www.shenyunperformingarts.org/support>

We look forward to welcoming you at Kennedy Center soon.

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