Celebrate Chinese New Year on February 4 at the Auditorium Theatre with Jackie Chan’s Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe from Beijing

The Auditorium Theatre and the Chinese Fine Arts Society present Jackie Chan’s Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe from Beijing on February 4, 2017, as part of Chicago’s Chinese New Year celebration presented in partnership with Choose Chicago. The 11 members of the Long Yun troupe – hand-picked by famous martial artist, actor, and film director Jackie Chan – effortlessly combine elements of traditional kung fu, ballet, and modern dance in the mesmerizing program 11 Warriors. A pre-sale to Auditorium Theatre patrons and Chinese Fine Arts Society members runs from October 18 to October 23. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, October 24, at 10AM.

“We are so excited to bring Jackie Chan’s Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe to Chicago for only their third-ever appearance in the United States,” says Auditorium Theatre CEO Tania Castroverde Moskalenko. “We look forward to commemorating Chinese New Year with the incredible Chicago Chinese community during this celebratory week.”

Choose Chicago and the China International Cultural Association, under the guidance of the Ministry of Culture of the People’s Republic of China, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in
2015, strengthening cultural ties between Chicago and China. Under the MOU, the Long Yun troupe first came to Chicago in early 2016 to perform at the Logan Center for the Performing Arts at University of Chicago.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Auditorium Theatre to bring Jackie Chan’s Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe back to Chicago," says Julie Ma, President of the Chinese Fine Arts Society. "This engagement will give thousands of audience members a chance to see the astonishing combination of agility, strength, grace, and poignant storytelling which delighted the sold-out crowd at Long Yun's performances last winter."

“It is an honor and a pleasure to have Jackie Chan’s Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe return to Chicago for the second year in a row as part of our city’s Chinese New Year celebration,” says David Whitaker, President & CEO of Choose Chicago. “Their contribution to our Chinese New Year programming further builds on our bilateral cultural partnership with China and offers our local communities and visitors an enriching experience.”

About the Chinese Fine Arts Society

The Chinese Fine Arts Society is a Chicago-based non-profit that is dedicated to promoting the appreciation of Chinese culture, enhancing cultural exchange, and pursuing excellence in Chinese music, dance, and visual arts. Since its founding in 1984, CFAS has been a leading champion of Chinese culture, bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to celebrate the beauty and majesty of both traditional and contemporary Chinese art.

Performance and Ticket Information

Jackie Chan’s Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe from Beijing

Saturday, February 4 | 7:30PM

Tickets start at $33, and are available online at AuditoriumTheatre.org, by phone at 312.341.2300, or in person at the Auditorium Theatre Box Office (50 E Congress Parkway). Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, October 24, at 10AM. A limited number of VIP tickets offer a post-performance dessert reception with the Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe in the Dress Circle of the Auditorium Theatre’s historic lobby. The VIP Ticket also includes a commemorative program book.

A Chinese translation of this press release is available upon request.
Auditorium Theatre's 2016-17 Season Upcoming Events

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November 11: Chicago Jazz Philharmonic - Americana

November 18-20: Dance Theatre of Harlem

January 14-15: Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah

February 4: Jackie Chan's Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe from Beijing

March 11: Thodos Dance Chicago

March 22-26: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

March 31: Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra - By George! The Pops Plays Gershwin

About The Auditorium Theatre

The Auditorium Theatre, located at 50 E Congress Pkwy in Chicago, is an Illinois, not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community and educational programming to Chicago, and to the continued restoration and preservation of the National Historic Landmark. In September of 2014, the Auditorium Theatre was awarded the inaugural Fifth Star Award by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

The Auditorium Theatre 2016-17 Season is made possible in part with support from the MacArthur Foundation, the Illinois Arts Council and the Palmer House Hilton. For more information about programming, volunteer and donor opportunities or theatre tours, call 312.341.2310 or visit AuditoriumTheatre.org. For a complete listing of events at the Auditorium Theatre, please click here.

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