

TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCE
AT USC PRESENTS



Blooming

BOVARD AUDITORIUM
SATURDAY, MARCH 4 2023
DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM



A LETTER FROM OUR *co-captains*

Dear Friends and Family,

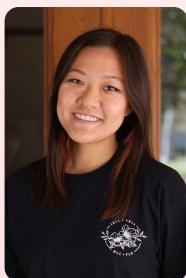
USC Traditional Chinese Dance welcomes you to our 18th annual showcase, *Blooming*.

On behalf of all our performers tonight, we are thrilled to present to you what we have been working so hard on since last August. It has truly been a privilege and joy to lead such a talented group of dancers and witness their growth throughout the year. We hope that tonight, you will join us in sharing our passion for the unique beauty that is Chinese dance.

All the dances being performed tonight were choreographed and taught by our student choreographers. In the first half of Blooming, we present to you a collection of performances from our dancers as well as special guests from USC Kung Fu and Kazan Taiko. We hope to showcase the many styles and eras of traditional art forms. In the second half of our show, our dancers will be bringing to life the famous drama *Eternal Love*, or 《三生三世十里桃花》, a Chinese love story that transcends lifetimes.

Sit back, relax, and we hope that you enjoy the show.

Sincerely,
Kailyn Xu
Luna Liu



KAILYN XU

Junior
Business
Administration

Going to Chinatown,
KBBQ drama bonding,
and seeing all the
dances come together
at Spring Preview!



LUNA LIU

Junior
Business
Administration &
Economics

Getting mobbed by
little kids, KBBQ,
and trying tang hulu
for the first time!



executive board



ANGELA MA
Junior
Computer Science

Drama bonding at
KBBQ and
squishing into
Ben's tiny car.

DIRECTOR OF ARTS
& CREATIVITY



SERENA XIAO
Junior
Accounting

Practicing fight
scene :).

DIRECTOR OF
INTERNAL RELATIONS



RAYMONDA LEI
Graduate
Analytics

Weekly group
practices with my
girls .

DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC RELATIONS



A SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME OF OUR CHOREOGRAPHERS



LEYA LI
TCD Alumna
Pharmaceutical
Science

Drink with Yeqing
☺.



YIQI XIONG
TCD Alumna
Applied Data
Science

Dance dance
dance .

DANCER BIOS OUR FAVORITE TCD MEMORIES



ANNA LIU
Freshman
Biochemistry

My favorite TCD memory is of the USC Pacific Asia Museum performance! Not only did I get to dance, I was able to get to know the other members better.



BENJAMIN XIE
Sophomore
Neuroscience

The egg roll incident.



CHENG CHANG
Graduate
Digital Social Media

Love every practice!
Enjoy the time
dancing with my
TCD friends!



GEORGE YANG
Sophomore
Computer Science

Our drama bonding
trip!



DANCER BIOS

OUR FAVORITE TCD MEMORIES



JASMINE HSIA
Junior
Health and Human Sciences

Photoshoot day!



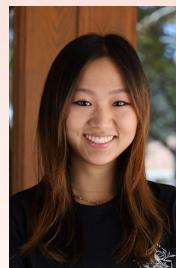
JENNY GUO
Sophomore
Computer Science & Business Administration

Last year's spring showcase!



JOYANNA JIANG
Junior
Computer Science & Business Administration

TCD Potluck! When we watched Eternal Love and no one understood what was going on in the movie haha.



KARINA YANG
Junior
Computer Science

Getting allergic to Benjamin :D.



KARISSA YAN
Freshman
Biological Sciences

My favorite thing has been reconnecting with Chinese dance with new friends!



KENDAL WIN
Freshman
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Our potluck + movie night at the beginning of the year!



KYLIE MENG-LIN
Sophomore
Neuroscience

Dancing together at the LA Chinatown festival, even though we messed up the timing of the choreography the first time and had painful feet the next day.



LINGLI MENG
Graduate
Landscape Architecture

When I got my costume and dance with my groups!

DANCER BIOS

OUR FAVORITE TCD MEMORIES



MARINA (XIAOWEI) DI
Junior
Human Biology

Loving how everyone's
shining on the stage
and radiating their
energy :).



MUCHEN ZHANG
Graduate
Law

Dancing with my
friends and
performance .



NANXI WANG
Freshman
Financial Engineering

Chinatown
performance, I am so
proud of our talented
TCD dancers!



OLIVIA DU
Junior
Computer Science &
Business
Administration

Our watch party
and potluck for the
drama theme movie!



ROBIN ZHU
Freshman
Economics &
Applied & Computational
Mathematics

Egg roll!!!!



ROSIE DING
Junior
Choral Music &
Public Relations

Learning Kailyn's
dance and having
our photoshoot in
the fall!



SISSY HE
Freshman
Applied and
Computational Math

Make best friends in
the dancing group
and discuss and
practice the dance
together.



WENQI FAN
Graduate
Economics

Practice.



DANCER BIOS

OUR FAVORITE TCD MEMORIES



XIRAN YAO
Graduate
Applied Economics
Met so many lovely friends! I enjoyed the time when we collaborated to complete a piece of beautiful dance.



YEQING LI
Graduate
Public Administration
Rehearsal together.



YILIN DU
Graduate
Astronautical Engineering
Meeting all these amazing dancers.

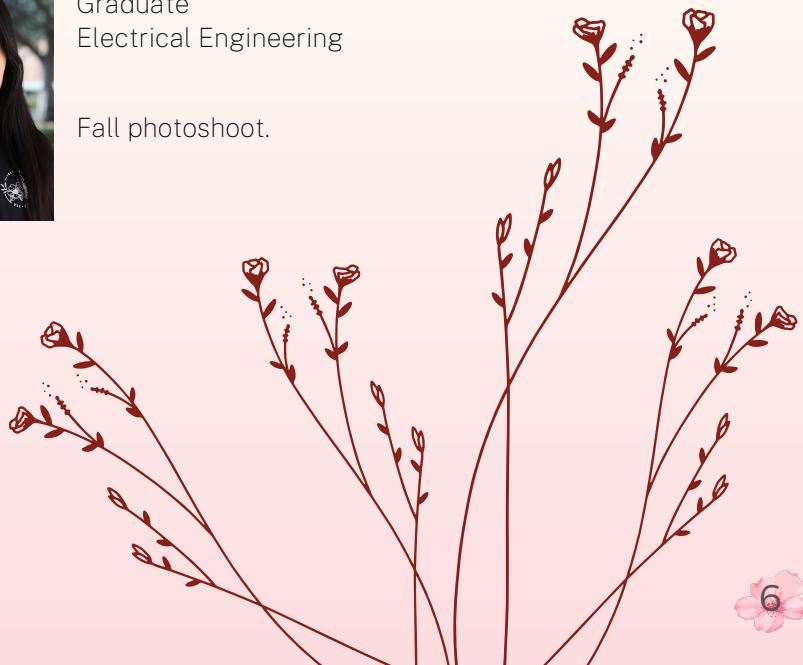


YUYING LU
Junior
Analytics
Rehearsal every week.



ZEYANG CHEN
Graduate
Electrical Engineering

Fall photoshoot.



TCD FAMILY



SPECIAL THANKS

Bovard Production Staff & Crew

USC APASA

USC Program Board

USC Scheduling Office

USG Discretionary Board

USC Kung Fu
Kazan Taiko

Josiah Herfurth, Videographer

Tiana Cheung, Videographer

Colin Huang, Photographer

Jessica Koe & Annie Yu, TCD Alumnae

Meng Xiao, Faculty Advisor

Friends and Family



ACT ONE

TECHNIQUE PIECE

Our dancers present their Chinese dance technique in this lively introduction to our show.

Dancers: all

Adapted by Kailyn Xu, Luna Liu

SONG OF BEAUTY 《伞美人》

In this classical Chinese dance, a girl dances by herself, enjoying nature's simple, wondrous moments.

Dancer: Kailyn Xu

Adapted by Kailyn Xu

ROLLING UP THE BEADED CURTAIN 《卷珠帘》

Drizzles falling into the early spring morning. She is longing of love.

Dancers: Jenny Guo, Karissa Yan, Leya Li, Marina Di,

Muchen Zhang, Sissy He, Yeqing Li, Yiqi Xiong

Adapted by Leya Li

RESONANT SOUND 《鸿音》

A dancer uses the pipa to express the beauty of music and sound in this Dunhuang dance.

Dancer: Luna Liu

Adapted by Luna Liu

WHITE HORSE 《白马》

The horse is the totem of the Mongolian people. Dancers imitate the movements of horses to show their respect and love for nature.

Dancers: Leya Li, Marina Di, Yilin Du, Yiqi Xiong

Adapted by Yiqi Xiong

MORNING RAIN 《雨打芭蕉》

Dancers emulate falling leaves and the pitter patter of the rain.

Dancers: Angela Ma, Anna Liu, Jenny Guo, Kailyn Xu, Kendal Win, Olivia Du, Rosie Ding, Serena Xiao, Yeqing Li

Adapted by Kailyn Xu



ACT ONE

THE PAPER FAN SCHOLARS 《纸扇书生》

Scholars express a simple happiness as they enjoy poetry and wine.

Dancers: Benjamin Xie, George Yang, Karissa Yan, Luna Liu,
Raymonda Lei, Robin Zhu, Yilin Du
Adapted by Luna Liu

XIANG GODDESSES 《湘君·湘夫人》

Love conquers all.

Dancers: Leya Li, Yeqing Li
Adapted by Leya Li, Yeqing Li

THE CHARMING SNAKES OF SHANGHAI

《青蛇与白蛇》

Two snakes transform themselves into young women and embody the spirit and culture of Old Shanghai.

Dancers: Angela Ma, Kailyn Xu
Adapted by Angela Ma, Kailyn Xu

FLOWERS IN THE RAIN 《雨中花》

In the light summer rain, dancers gather with blossoms in hand to admire the beauty of nature.

Dancers: Cheng Chang, Joyanna Jiang, Kendal Win,
Luna Liu, Serena Xiao, Xiran Yao, Yuying Lu
Adapted by Serena Xiao

USC KUNG FU 《武术表演》

Demonstrating the power and versatility of Wushu, Chinese Martial Arts through hand and weapon routines.

Performers: Adrian Frank, Amy Pang, Ann Yan, Eileen Yang, Eric Yeh, Garrett Goodrum, Kaitlyn Trinh, Kyle Ng, Larry Li, Richard Chen, Tammy Lee, Yang Xiong, Yuanjia Wang
Choreographed by Amy Pang, Eric Yeh, Larry Li

A DREAM OF SPLENDOR 《不惜时光》

Passionate and one-sided love will always fade. Along the winding road, two lovers who are evenly matched will eventually weather the storms of life and grow stronger together.

Dancers: Karissa Yan, Lingli Meng, Luna Liu, Muchen Zhang, Nanxi Wang, Raymonda Lei, Sissy He, Zeyang Chen
Adapted by Raymonda Lei



ACT ONE

KAZAN TAIKO : BAKUHATSU

Bakuhatstu is arranged from traditional Utsu-hachijo patterns, with the addition of some modern elements. It highlights the technical skill of the shime-daiko (small drum) players, as well as the physical performance of the chu-daiko (large drum) players.

Drummers: Emma Leihe, Helena Lu, Jonah Colagross,
Kaitlyn Tang, Peter Ouyang, Zoe Beyler
Adapted by Derek Ogi

KAZAN TAIKO : JACK BAZAAR

An original piece by local LA taiko player Kris Bergstrom, featuring uniquely complex choreography and multi-tone rhythms.

Drummers: Helena Lu, Zoe Beyler
Choreographed by Kris Bergstrom

RADIANCE OF RED 《千红》

With striking red fans, dancers move between strength and beauty, intertwining classical and modern dance.

Dancers: Angela Ma, Anna Liu, Jasmine Hsia, Kailyn Xu, Karina Yang, Karissa Yan, Kylie Meng-Lin, Olivia Du, Serena Xiao
Adapted by Angela Ma

FLOURISHING AGE 《盛世》

With dancing and singing, this piece pictures a beautiful time of peace and prosperity.

Dancers: Cheng Chang, Wenqi Fan, Xiran Yao, Yeqing Li, Yiqi Xiong, Yuying Lu, Zeyang Chen
Adapted by Yiqi Xiong

CHARM 《俊》

This modern take on traditional Chinese dai zu style dance features dancers expressing their playful personalities and unique charm.

Dancers: Angela Ma, Kailyn Xu, Luna Liu, Serena Xiao
Adapted by TCD Executive Board



ACT TWO

Blooming

《三生三世十里桃花》



CAST

Bai Qian	Karina Yang
Ye Hua	Benjamin Xie
Su Jin	Kailyn Xu
A-Li	Robin Zhu
Demon King	Angela Ma
Demon Minions	George Yang, Serena Xiao



Eternal Love is the most-watched television series in the world, known for capturing a poignant love that spans across three lifetimes. This story follows the protagonists, Bai Qian (白浅), a mortal, and Ye Hua (夜华), an immortal, as they fall for each other despite their different backgrounds.

We hope you enjoy our adaptation of this classic love story.



ACT TWO

INTRODUCTION: FIGHT

In the present day, the immortal Ye Hua is sent to kill the Demon King who has been wreaking havoc on mortals. The Demon King and his minions are about to overtake Ye Hua; luckily, Ye Hua is saved by the arrival of his fellow immortals. Ye Hua eventually manages to defeat the Demon King.

Characters: Angela Ma, Benjamin Xie, George Yang,
Serena Xiao

Guests: Amy Pang, Adrian Frank, Eric Yeh, Larry Li
Adapted by Angela Ma, Luna Liu

MARRIAGE

70,000 years ago, a little boy, A-Li got lost. He's found by the kind mortal Bai Qian, who saves him and returns him to his father, who happens to be Ye Hua. (A-Li also happens to be Bai Qian's son in a past life, but we won't get into that). Ye Hua and Bai Qian immediately feel sparks, and fall in love.

Characters: Benjamin Xie, Karina Yang

Dancers: Anna Liu, Joyanna Jiang, Karissa Yan,
Kendal Win, Rosie Ding, Xiran Yao

Adapted by Kailyn Xu, Leya Li, Luna Liu

BAI QIAN & SU JIN FIGHT

Bai Qian finds a drinking gourd and tries some of the liquid inside. Unbeknownst to her, the gourd contained magic that restored her lost memories, which she had previously repressed due to their traumatic nature. In the past, Su Jin (a palace concubine) was enamored with Ye Hua, who did not love her back. Bai Qian remembers how Su Jin had stabbed and blinded her out of hatred and jealousy.

Characters: Kailyn Xu, Karina Yang

Adapted by Kailyn Xu

BAI QIAN SOLO

Desperately in pain, Bai Qian finds it increasingly difficult to live with this trauma and she represses her memories of Ye Hua.

Characters: Karina Yang

Adapted by Karina Yang



ACT TWO

MOURNING

After Bai Qian loses her memories, her palace maids mourn the loss of the Bai Qian that they had come to know and love.

Dancers: Cheng Chang, Muchen Zhang, Siyi He,

Wenqi Fan, Yilin Du, Yuying Lu, Zeyang Chen

Choreographed by Luna Liu, Raymonda Lei

BAI QIAN & YE HUA DUET

Now that Bai Qian has restored her memories with the mysterious gourd, she is angry with Ye Hua and refuses to forgive him for allowing her to suffer at the hands of Su Jin.

Characters: Benjamin Xie, Karina Yang

Adapted by Kailyn Xu, Luna Liu

ENDING FIGHT

Meanwhile, Su Jin is busy reviving the Demon King to sabotage Ye Hua's efforts to save the mortal world. Ye Hua mortally wounds Su Jin in retaliation, and finally kills the Demon King as well. Bai Qian witnesses his heroic actions and reunites with him, but the Demon King's minion is still alive and tries to wound her. Ye Hua sacrifices himself to save Bai Qian's life.

Characters: Angela Ma, Benjamin Xie, George

Yang, Kailyn Xu, Karina Yang

Adapted by Angela Ma, Luna Liu

FINALE

Bai Qian mourns Ye Hua's death. Fortunately his immortal body allowed him to heal and overcome his injury, and they reunite to live happily together.

Characters: Benjamin Xie, Karina Yang

Dancers: Olivia Du, Jenny Guo, Jasmine Hsia,

Lingli Meng, Kylie Meng-Lin, Serena Xiao

Adapted by Kailyn Xu



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