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**Xi'an Theater Festival makes 13 lucky number**

The 13th Xi'an Theater Festival will take place from March to August, with 13 productions to be held at the Shaanxi Opera House and the Kaiyuan Theater in Xi'an, Shaanxi province.

Launched in 2011, the festival has held over 400 productions, and attracted over 350,000 spectators.

Under the theme this year of "13", a reference to the ancient city having served as the capital for 13 dynasties, the festival will encompass 31 performances, including Eugene Onegin directed by Lithuania's Rimas Tuminas, Laughter and Tears directed by Ding Yiteng and adapted from Liu Zhenyun's novel with of same title, and The Book of Life produced by the Shaanxi People's Art Theater, and based on Li Peifu's novel of the same name.