

TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCE  
AT USC PRESENTS



# Blooming

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



**APASA**  
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN  
STUDENT ASSEMBLY



# 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

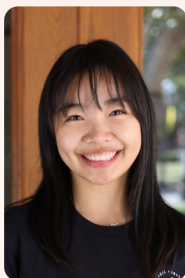


**ANGELA MA**

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.



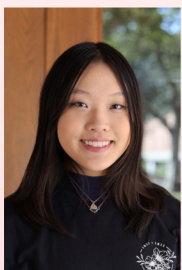
KARISSA YAN  
Freshman  
Biological Sciences

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 :).



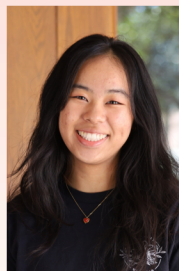
MUCHEN ZHANG  
Graduate  
Law

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.



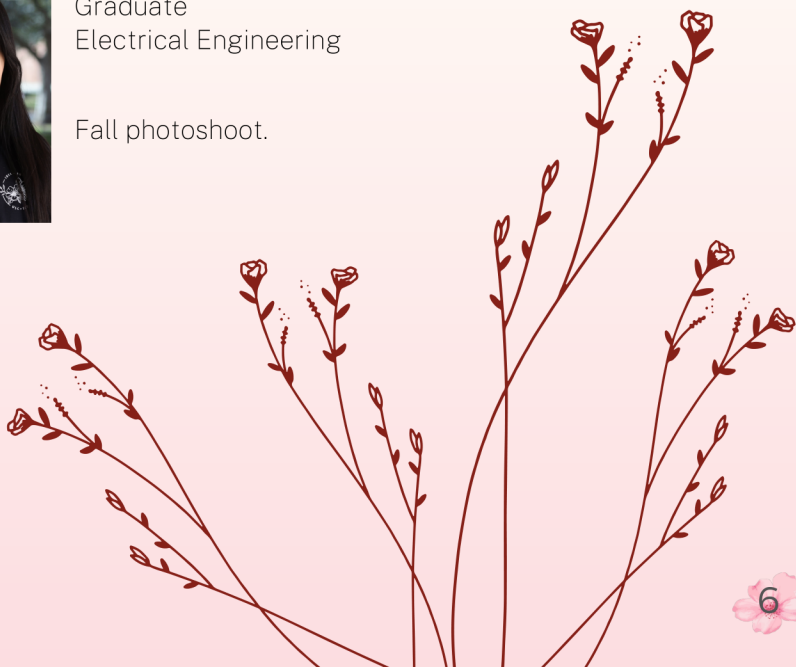
YILIN DU  
Graduate  
Astronautical  
Engineering  
Meeting all these amazing dancers.



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

Allison Chen

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

*Bakuhatsu 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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