

農曆新年在亞洲各地是一個表達感恩之情、回顧一年的收穫、以及與親朋好友團聚慶祝的重要節日，近年來在全美各地也有越來越多的慶祝活動。本地老百姓翹首以待的阿克倫市第二屆農曆年慶祝活動 -- 兔年慶祝活動終於于1月28日在市中心的 Civic Theater 如期揭開帷幕，令人驚訝的是前來觀看演出的觀眾熱情非常高漲，演出前2小時劇院外就排滿了長隊，這在阿克倫市多年來都是罕見的，據說這次演出是劇院開業以來觀眾層面最廣的一次演出，可見本次慶祝活動的影響力非常大。當天，可容納2600人的劇院座無虛席，以至於因為安全考慮後到的觀眾被遺憾地拒之在劇院外。

阿克倫市對本次新年慶祝活動尤為重視，為了不辜負市里的期待，為了讓更多本地老百姓能欣賞到我們博大精深的文化，更為了讓我300個學中文的十幾歲美國學生親身體驗在教室學的中國文化，我早于2022年夏天6月就開始精心策劃、挑選並準備節目，並特地從中國購買了兩條龍以及一百個可愛的兔子生肖玩偶，半年來投入了兩百多個小時，終於在歷史悠久的 Civic Theater 推出了一場演員陣容空前強大、節目種類多樣、新穎的精彩多元化文化活動。

演出於當晚6時準時開始，阿克倫市長代表和阿克倫市政府區長先後致辭，對農曆兔年的到來表達了由衷的祝賀，預祝演出成功。緊接着伴隨着喧囂的鑼鼓，克利夫蘭舞獅隊熱鬧登場。舞獅是一種力量、技巧、和配合的協調統



# 阿克倫市第二屆農曆年慶祝活動 喜迎兔年新春

一的運動，需要平時日復一日的加以訓練才能在真正演出的時候做到完美。當天的舞獅演員格外投入，節奏把握得恰如其分，觀眾叫好聲此起彼伏，而其後由來自我任教的阿克倫 STEM 中學 20 個不滿 14 歲的中學生組成的兩條龍的舞龍隊也把氣氛更



把濃厚中國風味的節目表演成功，都是我們每天放學後在學校反復練習的結果。來自哥倫布市的國際武術大師高師傅精彩的美猴王和武術表演把演出氣氛推向了高潮。高師傅曾獲得多項國際武術比賽冠軍，功底深厚、紮實，着時讓觀眾開了眼界，驚呼連連。來自阿克倫中文學校的小朋友們用他們平時所學的中文

速變臉讓觀眾大飽眼福。來自泰國的小朋友表演的竹舞給大家展示了泰國文化的底蘊，讓觀眾有不同的文化和視覺體會。以艷麗姐姐帶領的克利夫蘭 Glory 腰鼓隊表演整齊、劃一，節奏感歡快、愉悅，服裝紅火，給大家帶來了喜慶的節日氣氛。張老師的 Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy 舞蹈隊經過多年的培訓和磨合，常年穿梭于克利夫蘭和哥倫布市的各種慶祝活動表演，這次的蝶舞表演專業水平很高，舞姿優美，場面壯觀，給觀眾帶來了非常美妙的視覺衝擊。演出最後在 30 個 STEM 中學生的時裝秀表演中落下帷幕，觀眾大都有意猶未盡的感覺，隨後的帶有中國特色的煙花表演讓觀眾驚呼連連，更將本次活動推向高潮。

由於兩屆活動的成功舉辦，阿克倫市政府已宣佈將農曆年慶祝作為每年市里的必須慶祝活動。我相信明年我會將龍年慶祝做得更好，更大、更成功，因為我會更加努力。期待明年龍年新春慶祝活動更上一台階，龍年再見！

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加地烘托出來。儘管亞洲各個地區有着不同的飲食習俗，但不同文化間卻有相似之處，也就是舞龍和舞獅是農曆新年必須有的表演活動，這兩種表演寓意着祈求來年的豐收和平安。年幼的學生們儘管初次登台，但配合不錯，將紅、黃兩條龍舞得栩栩如生，並穿插着與觀眾互動。作為他們的老師，我特別為參加舞龍、傘舞、太極和時裝秀表演的 70 多個 STEM 中學的學生感到驕傲，這群普普通通的外國孩子，能夠



## Akron STEM 高中學生談參加兔年春節活動感想

chance to relive it again, I would.  
-Elaine Zhu (朱鐺) Akron STEM 8th Grade Student

In recent years, COVID-19 has restricted our fun and traditions for Lunar New Year, as well as many other things. This year was the first big celebration we've had in the last 4 years, and it went very well. As a school, NIHF STEM celebrated Lunar New Year with a sneak peek at all the performances that would be performed by STEM students at the Akron Civic Theater. I was a part of multiple performances, including Taiji, the dragon dance, the fashion show, and introducing other events. Everyone loved seeing all the traditional dances and had so much fun on that day. The next day everyone prepared for the Civic Theater celebration. It was a blast. Getting to be backstage, and see how everything worked, was a perfect environment as I myself am a STEM learner. The people were so kind, and when it came to the actual performances, everyone had a blast.

The theater was full of many different people, and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed with a round of applause after each performance. It was

the best middle school experience I think I've had, and I will remember it the rest of my life. Although Lunar New Year celebrations are over, and everything has ended, 新年好!

-Sunum Habila (洪順男) Akron STEM 8th Grade Student

"We had two celebrations, one for my school and one for the civic theater. For both of the celebrations my friend and I were MC's. He and I were on our own introducing performances and presentations at school, and we were accompanied by Elaine Tso to MC at the civic theater. During the celebrations, I had multiple outfits to change into, with limited time between each performance to do so. I was a part of the umbrella dance, taiji, the fashion show, while also helping host. A lot of my friends were also in performances, and I thank them all very much for helping me with each outfit change. It was a very busy two days but it was so fun being a part of something that holds so much meaning in Chinese culture, and being able to make long lasting memories with my friends while doing it. It was a really great experience and, if given the chance, I would love to do it again."

-Gabrielle Burgan (畢貝貝) Akron STEM 8th Grade Student



As the only Chinese student in STEM Middle School, I feel included and grateful for the celebration of the Lunar New Year and how much recognition it gained. The performances were fantastic! I was also a part of four performances for the event: Umbrella Dance, Taji Dance, Fashion Showcase, and a presentation about the Lunar New Year. I spent a lot of time practicing and rehearsing with my friends, but I knew my hard work would pay off in the end. It was entertaining, and I enjoyed my time there; if I ever had a

