

Acrobats

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Chen said.

Both traditional and modern events are performed by the troupe.

The Lion Dance is a cultural tradition; the dancers imitate a lion's motions while dressed in intricate costume.

During plate spinning, performers

simultaneously spin plates with their hands while juggling with their feet.

Also, a human pyramid is formed during the balancing chairs program. In this act, performers balance chairs on their knees while others

FYI

WHO: Hangzhou Acrobatic Troupe of China

WHERE: South Eugene High School Auditorium

WHEN: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

COST: \$15 adults, \$12 students, \$10 children 12 & under

TICKETS: Available through the EMU ticket office, or call 334-4882 to order

balance on the chairs.

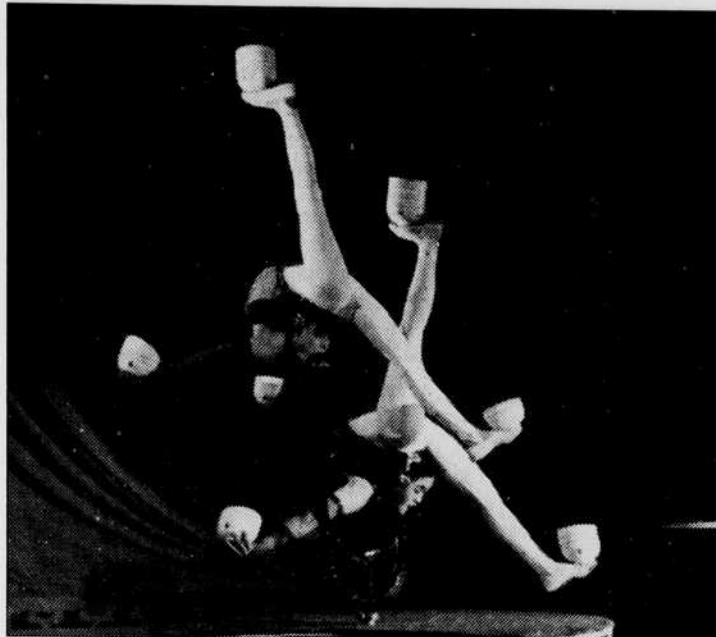
"[Performances are] a way to introduce our culture," Chen said.

Hangzhou, where the troupe is from, is the capital of the Zhejiang province on China's eastern coast.

Their performance in Eugene is important because it proves the city can bring in international acts, King said.

"People think of Eugene as a cultural city. This [event] is an enhancement of that description," he said.

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ABOVE: Two Chinese acrobats perform a series of postures while balancing bowls with their arms and legs. BELOW: Acrobats balance while juggling parasols with their limbs.



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