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Intertwine – Dance Theatre directed by Min Zhu

- An authentic dance theatre piece based on the stories of the local Chinese dance community
- Exploring and expressing the cultural nuances of their Chinese heritage through movement
- A platform that looks at cultural integration of one of the largest communities in modern Australia

Intertwine explores what it means to be Chinese and in Australia. Expressed through a variety of dance forms and theatre acting, the performers share their stories to confront all the challenges and charms of being Chinese in today's globalised world. Intertwine is part of Summer Nights at the Blue Room Theatre and runs during the Lunar New Year from Tuesday 6 February to Saturday 10 February.

The performers who live in Perth come from the Seychelles, Mauritius, Malaysia, Hong Kong and South Africa. Using many forms of artistic expression including drama, narrative, and visual art this show ebbs and flows to tell these unique, intimate and provoking stories. By peeling away the layers on the Blue Room stage, this community would like to share their ups and downs of being Chinese.

Choreographed by Min Zhu, who moved to Australia in 2013, Intertwine is a full-length production she especially creates for the dancers from the Chung Wah Dance Group. Zhu received more than ten years of Chinese traditional dance training and has a doctorate from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA). Her works specially explore the contemporary application, interpretation, and transformation of traditional culture, and the fusion of different cultural and artistic elements.

"Moving to Perth, Australia, I met Chinese people who came from all over the world," said Zhu. "Their stories on growing up or moving to Australia and how they maintained their connections to Chinese culture piqued my interest and is the motivation for Intertwine."

This dance theatre production will be performed by non-professional dancers from the Chung Wah Dance group. The Chung Wah Association, founded in 1909 is Perth's first ethnic community organisation. The Chung Wah Dance group was formed in 1980. The group regularly perform classical and contemporary Chinese dance at a wide range of community events and celebrations.

Intertwine will be showing at the Blue Room Theatre, Northbridge from 6 – 10 February 2024. Tickets go on sale at www.blueroom.org.au

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