

INSIDER



CALENDAR

Jan 12-16, 20-23, 27-30

Feb 2-4, 6, 9-13

Eight Strokes and the Moving Word

Feb 9

Grand Opening, Studio One

Feb 21

Doris Rudko Memorial Tribute

March 20, 24-25

Company collaboration with Orch. of St. Luke's *Between Heaven and Earth*

April 11

Janis Brenner Benefit Concert

April 21-24

Eight Strokes and the Moving Word

April 23-25

***newsteps I*
Works by: Lisa Crawford, GoGoVertigoat Dance Project, Mana Kawamura, Leanne Schmidt and Company, and Hsiao-Wei Hsieh & Hsiao-Ting Hsieh**

April 30-May 2

***newsteps II*
Works by: Cornfield Dance, Soomi Kim, Guillermo Ortega Tanus, Glitterati, Akiko Tomikawa**

May 4-9

Company Residency: Birmingham, AL

May 28-30

Teato Local's *Gift Horse*

June 13 & 14, 19-21

School Recitals

Spring is abloom at CDC! Our outdoor oasis, Blossoming Corner Project, will soon be full of vibrant color and life. On your next trip to Chinatown, stroll by to see our garden of vibrant flowers and trees. While you are admiring the view, don't forget to check out our bilingual banners!

Also, while you're visiting, step inside to view our newly completed 2nd Floor hallway, designed by architect David Hu, complete with a digital display to showcase upcoming events and artists in the area.

Renovations of our new rehearsal studio are scheduled to begin this summer. Studio 209 will receive a makeover, complete with retractable walls to allow for a reception space and a door with access to the roof-top garden.



Banners designed by Ting-I Kang



H.T. Chen & Dancers in *Between Heaven and Earth*.

Dear Friends:

Happy Spring to all! Throughout this season, many exciting changes have occurred and we welcome you to stop by to catch a glimpse of rehearsals, view the new cultural hub site, or admire the flowering trees outside the building.

Please join us to sponsor a tree, contribute to the renovations, or come see a show. Although we skipped the Spring banquet, we haven't forgotten about you. Stay tuned for a ribbon cutting invitation to celebrate the completed renovations in the Fall!

Yours,

H.T. Chen & Dian Dong

CDC would like to officially announce and welcome our newest board member, Catherine Y. Chen. Catherine is currently an Associate of Sales and Trading Management at Morgan Stanley as well as an Executive Board Member for China Institute Young Associates and a Mentor for the Student Sponsor Program. Encouraging her passionate love of the arts, Catherine also trained in Chinese folk dance and piano for many years. Welcome Catherine!

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About CDC

Founded in 1978, Chen Dance Center is comprised of three components: a performing arts School, a black-box Theater for modern dance, and its resident dance company, H.T. Chen & Dancers. CDC also proudly offers low-cost rehearsal and theater space to NYC's modern dance community. Since 2003, CDC has participated in the Kennedy Center's Capacity Building Program led by Michael Kaiser.

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H.T. Chen & Dancers' collaboration with the Orchestra of St. Luke's was an enormous success. With eight shows in four days of performances, the company was able to reach over 9,000 young audiences with their new premiere, *Between Heaven and Earth*, with music by renowned composers Chen Yi and Zhou Long.



H.T. Chen & Dancers with Lucy Liu at the premiere of *Between Heaven and Earth* at I.S. 131.

The Company also performed over 40 shows of their celebrated and sold-out educational programming series *Eight Strokes and the Moving Word*. This program will be presented at their upcoming residency in Birmingham, AL in May.

In the Year of the Ox, our students have shown their hard-working spirit and dedication. This June, to celebrate their achievements, over 300 children will

perform in our annual dance and piano recitals.

Through a CASA grant, the company presented performances and after-school workshops to over 150 students in the lower East side this year.

Our new studio in the East Village La MaMa Arts Complex is now open! The 2,700 square foot studio offered by Ellen Stewart, Founder/Director of La MaMa, ETC, will allow CDC to offer more programming for the community and additional rehearsal space for artists. CDC gratefully acknowledges the Ford Foundation, MetLife Foundation, and numerous friends for their generous support.

Many friends, students and colleagues of Doris Rudko gathered on February 21st to honor and celebrate the life of the beloved teacher and artist at a Memorial Tribute.

Doris served as one of H.T. Chen & Dancers' Artistic Advisors for over 20 years and was a prominent figure in the dance community. Room 208 has been dedicated as the *Doris Rudko Studio* in her honor.



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