



Dear Teachers:

A field trip to H.T. Chen & Dancers' in Chinatown, NY is a cultural immersion experience for students of all ages. Cited by educators as "the field trip of the year", *Eight Strokes and the Moving Word*, will be presented in a limited eight-week season at Chen Dance Center (the former Mulberry St Theater).

Drawing from the company's rich cultural heritage and dynamic repertory, this dance-based **educational show** will focus on themes of demystification; revealing the history of Asians in America, through dance and calligraphy. *Eight Strokes and the Moving Word* presents award-winning works by H.T. Chen, vibrant video projections, and an interactive lecture/demonstration format. The program explores various dance styles, the choreographic process, and educates children about Chinese language and culture through an innovative one-hour presentation.

H.T. Chen & Dancers is also offering **interactive workshops** to give students a hands-on experience of traditional Chinese dance and calligraphy or the choreographic process. In the 90-minute *Traditional Arts Workshop*, students will explore the relationships between Chinese calligraphy and traditional ribbon dance. During the 60-minute *Choreography Workshop*, students will create their own dances under the guidance of H.T. Chen & Dancers' company members.

In the unique environment of the theater, children will discover new methods of expression and will come away with a renewed enthusiasm for learning that they can take back to the day-to-day classroom environment. A comprehensive study guide, complete with detailed information about the cultural elements of the performance, suggested classroom activities, and a reading list is available for lower and upper level classes. Groups for *Eight Strokes and the Moving Word* are limited to 65 to maximize interaction between the students and performers. Groups for workshops may range from 15-30 students.

Admission to *Eight Strokes and the Moving Word* is \$7.00 per student or parent; teachers' admission (limit 2 per class) is complimentary. The *Traditional Arts Workshop* is \$10.00 per student and the *Choreography Workshop* is \$8.00 per student. Both workshops offer complimentary admission for chaperons. **Our shows sell-out early and scheduling is on a first-come, first-serve basis**, so please call our office at **212-349-0126** before returning the enclosed form. We look forward to working with your classes!

Advance Reservations Required. Contact Dian Dong, Associate/Education Director.

"What a wonderful company...to work with! Great dances, terrific dancers and everything so professionally handled."

- Lincoln Center Institute