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'MuLan & Poetry' celebrates Chinese music, dance and poetry

Ancient and modern poetry, music and movement fuse for a celebration of culture this week as more than 30 artists and performers present *MuLan & Poetry*, the latest effort from the Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville.

Taking its root from the legendary woman warrior MuLan, one of the featured pieces is *Ode of MuLan*. Chanted by vocalist Xiu Hung Feng, it's a mix of Chinese dance, opera movements and face painting, martial arts and traditional music.



Clockwise from back left: Brandon Kozsloski, Jessica Ch'ng and Justin Chatman are characters in the Vanderbilt/Chinese Arts Alliance production *MuLan & Poetry*.

Qu Yuan, another piece of the program, includes an original composition played live by the Blakemore Trio. As for *Searching for a Bright Star*, it encompasses dances inspired by the works of modern poet Xu Zhimo.

The event's performers include Jessica Ch'ng, Amy Dorfman, Carolyn Huebl, Felix Wang, Joseph Rembert, Justin Chatman, Carrie Gerow and Lisa Spradley.

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IF YOU GO

What: Dance Theater: *MuLan & Poetry*

Where: **Ingram Hall** on the Vanderbilt University campus, 2201 West End Ave.

When: **7:30 p.m. April 28 and May 5**

Tickets: \$20; \$10 for children under 12; \$15 for members of the Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville, seniors age 60 and up, groups of 10 or more and students with ID. Tickets can be ordered through mail by sending checks to CAAN, P.O. Box 120025, Nashville, TN 37212

Details: www.chineseartsalliance.org