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Falun Gong Captures Media Attention in Hollywood Christmas Parade

(Clearwisdom.net) The 75th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade was held on November 26, 2006, in Los Angeles. Falun Gong practitioners' grand lineup, with brilliantly colored costumes, vigorous and inspiring drums, and a beautifully decorated float, attracted the media's attention and spectators' constant applause and acclamations.



The dancers' costumes represented the Tang Dynasty of 1,400 years ago



Photo from lead article in the *Los Angeles Times*: Falun Gong practitioner dancers in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre"

This year's procession started at the famous Grauman's Chinese Theater. Los Angeles KTLA-TV Tribune television station broadcast live to the United States during the actual parade. The *Los Angeles Times* published a photo of Falun Gong waist drummers on the front page.

At the front of the Falun Gong procession, was the Divine Land Marching Band, followed by the celestial maidens in brightly colored Tang Dynasty costumes. Behind the dancers appeared a float with a huge lantern printed with "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance." At the end, there were the waist drummers. The parade anchors announced the Falun Gong contingent: "The practice was introduced not long ago, but it is already very popular and has spread to dozens of countries worldwide. Its founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi, has twice been nominated for the Nobel Prize."

The Changes in 86-Year-Old Mr. Lin

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Lin Shi is a respectable, humorous, and hearty man. It is hard to believe that he once was very sick and had a bad temper.



Lin used to suffer from bone spurs and gastric ulcers. He had to take large quantities of medication. Gradually, Mr. Lin started to doubt the meaning of life. Nothing pleased him and he developed a habit of finding fault with people.

A day that Lin Shi will never forget is November 12, 2000, when he started practicing Falun Dafa. He listened to the lecture audiotapes every day. Four months later, he completely recovered from his illnesses. His view of life has completely changed and a serene heart replaced his impatience. He has become kinder and now enjoys good relationships with others.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Four Falun Gong Practitioners Die Due to Persecution



Yun Fuhua

(Clearwisdom.net) Dafa practitioner Ms. Yun Fuhua, 57, was from Heilongjiang Province. She started learning Falun Dafa in 1998 and attained a healthy mind and body. After the persecution started on July 20, 1999, Yun Fuhua was harassed many times by the head of the Fangzheng County Police Station Bai Xiaoli, head of Political Security Branch Chou Yongsheng, and head of Shahezi Police Station Hu Yajun. Later, her home was illegally ransacked by the head of Shahezi Village, Su Datong and others. The book *Zhuan Falun* and other Dafa books were confiscated. During the persecution, Yun Fuhua's mind and body were seriously attacked. She later moved to Hebei Province and lost the proper environment to study the teachings of Falun Gong and do the exercises. Her former illnesses recurred and she died on October 20, 2006.

Dafa practitioner Ms. Gan Lihua, 68, was from Wuhan City. She started learning Falun Dafa in 1998. In late 1999, Ms. Gan went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Dafa. Later, she was illegally arrested, detained, and intensively brainwashed at times. Her home was illegally ransacked many times and she was harassed and monitored by the Chinese Communist Party. On September 28, 2004, after Ms. Gan was released from detention, her health was very poor and she was disoriented. She died on July 28, 2005.

Dafa practitioner Ms. Zhou Juying from Hunan Province started learning Falun Gong in 1998. In 2000, the 610 Office (government organization in charge of persecuting Falun Gong) detained and tortured her. Her health deteriorated and the police released her fearing she would die in the police station. However, they frequently came to her home to harass her, which caused Ms. Zhou great distress and to be unable to do the Falun Gong exercises. This year, her old illness recurred and she died on October 18, 2006.

Ms. Zhou Zuoling was born in 1956 and lived in Shandong Province. She started practicing Dafa in 1997. A long-term debilitating disease disappeared because of the practice. On July 20, 1999, the persecution against Falun Gong started and the town police officers went to her home many times to harass Ms. Zhou, confiscate personal items, and try to force her to write statements renouncing Falun Gong. The constant harassment and abuse damaged Ms. Zhou's mind and body, and she died in November 2001.

The CIPFG Australia Delegation Requests Entry into China to Investigate the CCP's Organ Removal from Living Falun Gong Practitioners

(Clearwisdom.net) On November 27, 2006, Australia Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) interviewed Peter Westmore, leader of the Victoria Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) Team and president of the National Civic Council. Mr. Westmore said that the team wanted to conduct an unrestricted investigation in China into the issue of organ removal from living Falun Gong practitioners. David Matas, international human rights lawyer, and David Kilgour, former Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) for Canada formed an independent investigation team and released their report to the media on July 6, 2006. They stated: "We believe that there has been and continues today to be large scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners."



Mr. Peter Westmore, leader of the CIPFG Victoria Investigation Team and President of the National Civics Council.

Mr. Westmore said, "We believe they (the allegations) are so serious they need to be investigated, particularly [since] Australia is in process of negotiating a free trade agreement with China and obviously China is hosting the Olympic Games in 2008."

In replying as to how the team will conduct the investigation in China, Mr. Westmore said, "We are not operating completely in a vacuum. For example, when I first heard the allegations I simply did not believe it. What I did was I got on the Internet myself and put into Google 'Organ transplants in China' and within 5 to 10 minutes I was at the websites in English of Chinese organ transplant clinics which are offering me kidneys and livers available at a very short notice, a period of less than a month. So those are places where I would think it would be important to discuss with those clinics the practices which have been adopted, and certainly [find out] the places which the organs have come from."