

## **Golden Dragon Acrobats to perform at Alfred University**

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The Golden Dragon Acrobats are slated to perform at Alfred University on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. The performance is free and open to the public. The Golden Dragons have traveled to all 50 states and to over 65 countries on five continents. Members of the current touring company, hailing from Hebei, China, have performed in all 48 of the lower United States within the last four years to sell-out audiences in nearly every major market in the country. The ancient art of Chinese acrobatics is an old and long-running tradition that began in China well over 2,000 years ago. Over its long and rich history it has developed as one of the most popular art forms among the Chinese people. Acrobatics have evolved into many forms of performances including dance, opera, martial arts, and sports. However, the impact of Chinese acrobatics goes far beyond the boundaries of performance as it has served an important role in the cultural exchange between China and Western nations, including the United States. The reputation of the Golden Acrobats is rooted in a commitment to the highest of production values and an attention to artistic details. World-renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine "the award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music, and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty." In November 2005, the Golden Dragon Acrobats made their Broadway debut. The run was highlighted by the Golden Dragons receiving two prestigious New York Drama Desk nominations -- Danny Chang for Unique Theatrical Experience and Angela Chang for Best Choreography. For more information, please contact Jing (Shirley) Zhu, at the Confucius Institute at Alfred University, 607.871.2763, or at [zhu@alfred.edu](mailto:zhu@alfred.edu).