

Confucius Institute at Alfred University hosts Chinese New Year performance

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The Confucius Institute at Alfred University will host "Wonderful China - Celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Tiger 2010" on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. The event, featuring musicians and dancers from Wuhan, People's Republic of China, is free and open to the public. The performance troupe from China University of Geosciences in Wuhan is touring the northeastern United States, including stops in Buffalo, Corning, Binghamton, and several places in Rhode Island, in a visit arranged by the Confucius Institute at Alfred University and funded by Hanban, the Chinese Language Council International in Beijing. Performances include a Chinese musical instrument ensemble, folk dances, tai chi, and a jazz dance impersonation. Alfred University's Confucius Institute is one of only 47 in the United States, and one of only three in New York State. Confucius Institutes, which promote Chinese language and culture through education, are created through Chinese Language Council International (Hanban). Alfred University's partner institution, which provides Chinese faculty members for the Institute on campus, is China University of Geosciences.