

◆ Alfred to Asia ◆ program to showcase traditional, contemporary culture

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Last year's Alfie (Alfred University's "Oscar") Award-winning show, Alfred to Asia (A2A), will once again be staged to showcase talents and culture from various parts of Asia beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. This event is open to all and admission is free. In response to the tragic earthquake and tsunami that recently affected Japan, there will be a donation box by the door at Holmes that evening. All donations will directly benefit the American Red Cross relief efforts in Japan. Fun snacks from Asia will also be available during intermission. Organized by the International Student and Scholars Organization (ISSO), Alfred to Asia has been presenting and bringing Asian culture and elements to the Alfred community since 2006. This year's theme is Air Tour; the audience will experience a unique flight experience to Asia through performances including traditional and pop dance, as well as musical performance. Also this year, the ISSO will bring more elements from Asia, including rock-band, lion dance, kung fu, magic performance, and much more. One of the most-applauded parts of last year's show, the Boys and Girls pop dance, will be back this year with Korean Girls Generation's "Hoot" and SHINee's "Lucifer." In addition, this year's Alfred to Asia will have more local students' participation in various parts of the show from stage management to performances to graphic design. First-year student Cassie Klipera, also newly elected vice president of ISSO, is one of the active members of the upcoming show; she will be in a traditional Chinese Fan Dance with several other students. She said she is very excited about the show and loves being a part of it.