



April 30, 2025

Shen Yun Performing Arts

CITY OF **NEWARK**  
Mayor Ras J. Baraka

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the people of Newark, it is a great pleasure to welcome the Shen Yun Performing Arts 2025 back to New Jersey Performing Arts Center for its performances, running from April 30 to May 4, 2025, in its 19th touring season.

Shen Yun combines the legends, values, and spirit that have defined Chinese culture for centuries with original compositions, state-of-the-art animated digital backdrops, and the combination of Western and Chinese musical instruments. It unites our culture with this magnificent heritage, entertains, educates, inspires our audiences, and leaves them breathless.

Newark has a long tradition of being a center for the performing arts, as the birthplace of such lustrous names as Sarah Vaughan, John Amos, Connie Francis, Queen Latifah, Savion Glover, Gloria Gaynor, Ice-T, Paul Simon, and Whitney Houston. We have long been a center of jazz and gospel music, performed at our historic Symphony Hall and in other venues. Today we are proud that world-class artists ranging from ballet groups to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band bring their distinctive styles to packed houses at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Prudential Center. Truly, Newark has become a leading venue for the performing arts.

We are excited to welcome Shen Yun back to Newark again. The manner and power with which Shen Yun has revived and ancient arts and empowered new audiences with them speaks to how our City has transformed and energized itself to become an international leader in so many areas, including the arts and culture. Your presence here is testimony to the world's recognition of our leadership. We wish you joy and success on your 2025 tour. I know our audiences will be enthralled.

All the best!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ras J. Baraka", written over a white background.

Ras J. Baraka  
Mayor

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