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CHINESE WARRIORS OF PEKING

This Nov. 19 show features a group of Chinese acrobats and martial artists. The show will tell a story about warriors competing in a royal martial arts tournament. The company of performers has won several awards and toured around the world with Cirque du Soleil.

Experience The World From Your Seat At The Sharon

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Get your passport stamped, grab a drink, take a seat and then brace yourself for a journey through Chinese acrobats and martial artists, Spanish flamenco dancing, a Cuban musical fiesta and the angelic voices of the Vienna Boys Choir. There's no need to endure long flights for this journey around the world. In fact, you don't even need to leave your seat at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. The Sharon recently came out with a new international subscription for patrons who want to engage themselves in multicultural shows.

With the subscription, patrons can pick five or more shows out of the seven multicultural and receive 20 percent off of the entire purchase.

The international subscription also comes with a passport booklet that will be stamped at each show, as well as a cocktail from each act's region.

"We noticed a trend of the same faces at many of our multicultural and international shows," said Elizabeth Constant, booking coordinator at The Sharon. "We decided to group those performances as a package in hopes of gaining new audience

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members."

Constant's husband, Kenneth, is the technical director at The Sharon, and he said working backstage with multicultural acts, some who don't speak English, is a great

chance to broaden the views of both the patrons and The Sharon staff.

"Most of the multicultural acts that come in are completely self-contained," Kenneth said. "Typically when a show comes in, we have to supply all of the labor to get their show installed in the space. With these guys, their performers do almost all of the heavy lifting."

Including a series of multicultural acts in the season lineup is an important part of the experience, Elizabeth said.

"We believe art should be really inclusive," she said. "If you do not see someone on stage you identify with, how will you relate to the artwork at hand? Audiences want to go to shows they can connect with. It was Shakespeare's Hamlet himself who coached the players of the court to hold a mirror up to nature."

The seven shows included in the package are: Chinese Warriors of Peking, Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra, Farruquito, Vienna Boys Choir, Havana Cuba All Stars, Canadian Brass and Murphy's Celtic Legacy.

"I really hope as people select their top five performances that they take a chance on a show they aren't too sure about," Elizabeth said. "I bet they will be pleasantly surprised!"

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SHANGHAI OPERA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This Jan. 24 show features the Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra, which is known for its interpretation of classical symphonic music. "This orchestra comes to us from China due to a special government grant for this North American tour," Elizabeth said. "It would be a great combo to see the Chinese acrobatics this fall, and then the orchestra this winter!"



FARRUQUITO

Farruquito was dubbed by the New York Times as the greatest Flamenco dancer of the century, and will bring his talent to The Sharon on Feb. 5. "I find it extremely special that you can stay right here in your backyard of The Villages and see world-renowned Flamenco dancers such as Farruquito, who is literally Spain's heir to the Gypsy Flamenco Dynasty," Elizabeth said.



VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

What is now the Vienna Boys Choir began singing at the Viennese court in the 14th century. The traditional group will come to The Sharon Feb. 18. The choir is now made up of a hundred boys between the ages of 10 and 14, and the choir is split up into four groups, which tour all over Europe, Australia, Asia and the Americas.



HAVANA CUBA ALL STARS

"They had a rockin', nearly sold-out show in November 2016, and this time they come with dancers on stage as well," Elizabeth said. "If it was anything like the show in 2016, people won't be able to stay glued to their seats!" The group, which features Cuban music and dance, will return for another show on Feb. 20.



CANADIAN BRASS

Canadian Brass, stopping at The Sharon March 28, has made themselves known around the world as a tremendous brass group. They're not only talented, but also weave humor into their concerts, Elizabeth said. The group plays a wide range of genres including ragtime, Latin, classical, big band, Broadway and more.



MURPHY'S CELTIC LEGACY

Enjoy an energetic performance of traditional Irish dance on April 1 at The Sharon. The show features dancers and musicians from a number of well known groups, including Riverdance, Lord of the Dance and Celtic Woman. Plus, the dancing will be performed to the music of a seven-piece band.

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