

# BALLET SAN JOSE

## PRESS RELEASE

**Middle Kingdom--Ancient China**  
**Ballet San Jose, April 26-29 2007**  
**Choreography by Dennis Nahat and Yong Yao**  
**Commissioned score by Phil Young**



The Twelve Signs of the Zodiac gather for the finale of Act II of MIDDLE KINGDOM--ANCIENT CHINA.

Photo by Robert Shomler

**WHAT: MIDDLE KINGDOM--ANCIENT CHINA**

**WHEN: April 26-29, 2007**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday matinee at 1:30pm

**WHERE: San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Boulevard in downtown San Jose.**

**TICKETS: \$25-\$78**

**BOX OFFICE: 408.288.2800 or [www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org)**

**NOTE: THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL ONE-HOUR CHILDREN'S VERSION OF THE SHOW OFFERED AT REDUCED PRICES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 1:30PM. THIS IS SPECIALLY CREATED FOR VERY YOUNG AUDIENCES AND THEIR FAMILIES. SPECIALLY PRICED AT \$15 to \$45.**

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Short Byte:

Experience the creation of the universe and the birth of civilization as Ballet San Jose traces 4,000 years of Chinese history and mythology. See the "Goddess of Earth" descend from the heavens with a giant dragon. Be witness to some of the world's great inventions...paper, printing, the compass and gunpowder. Watch the Zodiac come to life. This stunning production is choreographed by Dennis Nahat with Yong Yao of Chinese performing Artists of America (CPAA). The brilliant sets and costumes, designed by Ching Shyu, were built in China. East truly does meet West in this not-to-be-missed performance for the entire family.

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