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Jill C. Duson Mayor

## LETTER OF WELCOME

## TO THE SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS 2009 WORLD TOUR

September 19 & 20, 2009

As Mayor of the City of Portland, Maine, I am pleased to welcome Shen Yun Performing Arts 2009 World Tour to Portland for a performance at Merrill Auditorium on September 19 &20th. I would also like to thank the Falun Dafa Association of New England for sponsoring this performance.

This outstanding presentation of traditional Chinese dance and music creates an opportunity to both enhance and enrich the diverse cultural life of our community.

Portland is Maine's largest city, and for generations has been a welcoming community to people of many cultures. It is proud of its historic past and seeks to build a progressive and prosperous future for all its citizens.

I invite you to visit our historic landmarks, fine restaurants, thriving arts community, and enjoy all that our exciting and vibrant city has to offer.

Portland is honored to host Shen Yun Performing Arts and its mission of reviving traditional values through ancient Chinese myths and legends. We thank them for contributing to the artistic and cultural life of our city.

Sincerely

JUI C. Duson, Mayor City of Portland, Maine