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JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI
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Shen Yun Performing Arts
c/o Merrill Auditorium
239 Park Avenue
Portland, Maine 04102

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the State of Maine. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your many performances in more than sixty cities worldwide. This is a unique opportunity for the citizens of Maine to experience a taste of the 5,000 year old traditional Chinese culture.

Maine is a beautiful and unique part of the United States. From its rocky coastline and spectacular lakes, to its magnificent forestlands and mountains, my state is rich in natural resources and scenic beauty. Maine is also home to wonderful people. Our residents are well known for their work ethic, community spirit, and ingenuity. It is with this sense of community and openness that the State of Maine welcomes you.

I hope you enjoy your time in Maine, and I wish you the best for all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John E. Baldacci', written in black ink.

John E. Baldacci
Governor