A colorful "dragon dance" was part of this 2010 World Falun Dafa Day celebration, at Union Square in New York City. The annual event attracts thousands of spectators.

A member of the Falun Gong-comprised Divine Land Marching Band relaxes after a parade. The band has won scores of accolades for its performances.

The Goddess of Justice appeared in Athens, Greece, at a 2007 "Human Rights Torch" event calling for justice in China.

Faces of Falun Gong

Though Falun Gong began in China, in the 20 years since its introduction to the public it has grown to be an international phenomenon. From the parks of Australia to community centers in Brooklyn, Falun Gong can be seen everywhere. Its practitioners are inspired by a central tenet of the practice—compassion—to give back to the community and help others. A vast number of proclamations, awards, and official recognitions tell of Falun Gong's benefits to society and the lives of individuals. The images assembled here provide a mosaic of the many ways Falun Gong practitioners live and share their practice.

"This group is bringing the entire parade to a much higher level."

Parade viewer

Dressed in white—the Chinese color of mourning—participants in this procession commemorate the wrongful deaths of practitioners in China.