

ELEMENTS: Fall Dance Concert

Faculty Directors: Er-dong Hu and Dustyn Martincich
 Student Directors: Georgia Corbett '24, Hailey Jacobs '24, and Adrianna Rakauskas '24 (AD)
 Scenic Designers: Heath Hansum, Mark Hutchinson, and F. Elaine Williams
 Costume Designers: Carly Holzwath, Sierra Pete, and Natalie Shoch
 Stage Manager: Alice Jackins ('25)

灵 (Spirit, Prologue) ± (Earth) 灵 (Spirit, 一) 木 (Wood) 灵(Spirit,二) 金 (Metal) 灵 (Spirit, 三) 火 (Fire) 灵(Spirit,四) 水 (Water) 灵(Spirit,五) 和谐 (Harmony)

Theare and Dance respectfully acknowledges and recognizes our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water, and air : the Susquehannock peoples and all of their ancestors and descendants, past, present, and ongoing. We live and create our art here within the Bucknell community and we strive to honor those caretakers of this homeland in our presence and work.

Thank you for not using flash photography or cell phones during the performance.

Program Note

The five Chinese Elements, earth, wood, metal, fire, and water, are essential aspects of nature and more specifically of Qi, which loosely translated refers to energy or life force. Each element is associated with a season, a time of day, specific essential organs, bodily meridians, a quality of energy, even a particular color. One element yields to the next in nature's endless, cyclical flow. According to Chinese philosophy and medicine, the five elements comprise the substances of the material world and signify the dynamic states of energy linked to the dual notion of yin and yang. For this production, these elements and what they represent inspired choreographers, designers, and dancers to consider their individual characteristics as well as how the elements are intrinsically threaded to each other, denoted in the concert through the concept of 'spirit.' The Spirit cast represents the natural weaving of one element to the next just as autumn inevitably moves into winter and winter into spring.

Additionally, the number five occurs repeatedly throughout Chinese culture with references to the five elements, the five pointed star, the five continents and even the "little five flower", a distinctive figure-eight gesture of the hands you'll see in this concert that is found throughout Chinese movement traditions from folk dance to Peking Opera. Distinct images, props, and symbols, like the number five, are found throughout the production.

Together, the elements symbolize the ever-transforming qualities within the seasonal cycle of life, and their qualities are physicalized through movement, costumes, lights, scenery, props, and sound. The elements map the ebb and flow of nature, and also within the body's physiology as Chinese medicine seeks to balance these inner elements for ultimate health. When the five elements are at their optimum and flowing from one quality to the next, like night acquiesces into day, the system is balanced. In this piece, when the elements come together with each of their individual strengths, they create the possibility for harmony. Perhaps this concert is an embodied offering toward that vision for a balanced, peaceful world.

Program Information

灵 (Spirit)

Choreographers:	Lea Codispot '24, Er-Dong Hu, Hailey Jacobs '24, Kelly
	Knox, Tyler Luong, Dustyn Martincich,
	Adrianna Rakauskas '24
Rehearsal Director:	: Kelly Knox
Lighting Designer:	Heath Hansum
Costume Designer:	Carly Holzwarth
Music:	Various Composers
Cast:	Zoe Bertram, Nicole Chesla, Melanie Gamboa, Sarah
	Hunsicker, Hailey Jacobs, Sam Kellish, Molly Yoder

** This cast will appear in all 灵 (Spirit) sections **

± (Earth)

Choreographer:	Tyler Luong
Lighting Designer:	: Jack Filpi
Costume Designer.	: Carly Holzwarth
Music:	Olivier Girardot and Jeremy Zuckerman
Cast:	Lea Codispot, Astrid Cordero, Karyna Fowler, Jordan
	Kenton, Jamie Koutros, Tyler Luong, Kayla Murphy, Sophia
	Seiffert, Anneliese Smith, Hadley Winter, Annalise Velazquez
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木 (Wood)

Choreographers:	Lea Codispot '24 & Dustyn Martincich
Lighting Designer:	Jack Filpi
Costume Designer:	Sierra Pete
Music:	Yusef Lateef, Sikiru Adepoju, Zakir Hussain,
	Giovanni Hidalgo, Mickey Hart
Cast:	Becky Caruso, Stephanie Ciardiello, Emily Cook, Josie
	Gillespie, Lydia Hybels, Katie Kulesh, Sam Rodriguez,
	Giselle Sang, Molly Stirling, Katie Trzaska

金 (Metal)

Choreographer:	Hailey Jacobs '24
Lighting Designer:	Alice Jackins '25
Costume Designer:	Sierra Pete
Music:	Nathan Lanier, HAIM, Ludwig Göransson, Max Richter
Cast:	Audrey Botta, Chloe Boucher, Taylor Brown, Jenna Marino,
	Sadie Phillips, Rayna Tyler, Hannah Scott

Program Information

火 (Fire)

Choreographer:	Adrianna Rakauskas '24
Lighting Designer:	Alice Jackins '25
Costume Designer:	Natalie Schoch
Music:	Finneas O'Connell, DaHeala, The Weeknd, Belly,
	Illangelo, Mario Winans, Antonio Vivaldi
Cast:	Alexa Baehre, Lena DiFazio, Sofia Duffey, Chloe Howard,
	Mandy Kaylor, Jodi Siegel, Ellie Urenko

水 (Water)

Er-Dong Hu
Heath Hansum
Carly Holzwarth
Armand Amar, Vincent Isler
Georgia Corbett, Rachel Faucett, Andie McCullough, Ally
Mulvaney, Adrianna Rakauskas, Sasha Roumyantseva,
Hannah Schilling, Charlie Simeone, Marah Whitby

和谐 (Harmony)

Choreographer:	Er-Dong Hu
Lighting Designer:	Heath Hansum
Costume Designer:	Carly Holzwarth, Sierra Pete, Natalie Schoch
Music:	Carl Orff
Cast:	Zoe Bertram, Audrey Botta, Taylor Brown, Becky Caruso,
	Nicole Chesla, Stephanie Ciardiello, Lea Codispot, Emily
	Cook, Georgia Corbett, Lena DiFazio, Sofia Duffey,
	Rachel Faucett, Karyna Fowler, Melanie Gamboa, Josie
	Gillespie, Sarah Hunsicker, Lydia Hybels, Hailey Jacobs,
	Mandy Kaylor, Samantha Kellish, Jordan Kenton, Katie
	Kulesh, Tyler Luong, Andie McCullough, Ally Mulvaney,
	Sadie Phillips, Adrianna Rakauskas, Sam Rodriguez,
	Giselle Sang, Hannah Schilling, Hannah Scott, Jodi
	Siegel, Charlie Simeone, Anneliese Smith, Molly Stirling,
	Katie Trzaska, Ellie Urenko, Annalise Velazquez, Hadley
	Winter, Molly Yoder
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Fly Operator	Jaylen Scott '27
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Please Join Us! Talk Back and Reception

Immediately following Friday night's performance, please join us for a Post-Show Talkback with **Song Chen, Associate Professor of Chinese History**, who will share some background about the Five Elements in Chinese philosophy. An Opening Night Reception will follow, hosted by the China Institute. Gather with the artists at the International Commons in Coleman Hall!

Acknowledgments

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