

Chinese New Year Lion Dancers

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The Performers

Two people dress up as the lion. The costume is very colourful.

Lion dancers need to be very fit. They jump in the air and perform acrobatics to music.

Traditions

People hang lettuces from doorways for the dragon to find. Sometimes, red envelopes with money inside are hidden in the lettuces. The lions pretend to eat the lettuces and then throw them into the crowd for good fortune.



The End of the Dance

The lion dance ends with a scroll coming out from the lion's mouth. This has a message of good luck written on it.

Firecrackers are then set off to scare away any evil beings.



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The Performers

Two dancers dress up as the lion. One dancer holds the large head of the brightly coloured costume, the other dancer is the body.

The dancers have to be very fit as they perform lots of acrobatic moves. They dance to music played by cymbals, gongs and drums.

A performer dressed as a laughing Buddha sometimes joins the lion dance. They wear a long robe and tease the lion with a fan to make it perform tricks.



Traditions

People will often hang the head of a lettuce from ceilings or doorways. The lion will go in search of these. Red envelopes with money inside are sometimes hidden in the lettuce. The lion pretends to eat the lettuces and money. The leaves are then thrown into the crowd for good fortune.

The End of the Dance

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The lion dance is a traditional dance performed during important Chinese festivals, such as Chinese New Year.

The lion dance is performed for good luck and is believed to scare away evil spirits.



The Performers

Two dancers dress up as the lion. One dancer holds the large, ornate head of the lion costume, the other dancer is the lion's body.

The lion costume is brightly coloured and each colour means something different. Red represents bravery, green represents friendship and gold represents a lively and dynamic spirit.

Lion dancers need to be very fit as they perform lots of acrobatic moves. They often carry out stunts, such as balancing on balls and leaping in the air.

The lion dance is performed on the street or a stage during Chinese New Year. The performers dance to music played by cymbals, gongs and drums.

A person dressed as a laughing Buddha sometimes joins the lion troupe. The laughing Buddha wears a long robe and teases the lion with a fan to make it perform tricks.

Traditions

The lion moves in zigzags as evil spirits are believed to walk in straight lines.

Businesses will often hang the head of a lettuce from ceilings or doorways. The lion will go in search of these. Red envelopes with money inside are sometimes hidden in the lettuce. The lion pretends to eat the lettuce leaves and money. The leaves are then thrown into the crowd to represent good fortune.



The Finale

The lion dance ends with a scroll unfolding from the lion's mouth. A message of good luck is written on the scroll. Finally, firecrackers are set off to scare away any evil beings.

