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SHAOLIN WARRIORS: THE LEGEND CONTINUES BRINGS LIVE KUNG FU TO IU AUDITORIUM MARCH 23

WHAT: Shaolin Warriors: The Legend Continues

WHEN: March 23 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$13 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$23 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – *Shaolin Warriors: The Legend Continues* will showcase prowess in the art of Kung Fu in a family-friendly theatrical event at IU Auditorium March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$13 for students and children and \$23 for the general public.

Shaolin Warriors has entertained audiences across the globe as the first staged Kung Fu act of its kind. The show features rarely-seen Buddhist meditation, skilled use of 18 traditional weapons, and the warriors' signature precision and synchronization while it follows the story of a child's initiation and training to become a warrior.

The warriors' practice derives from a 2000-year-old tradition. In the years following 495 AD, the first soldier monks of the Shaolin Temple created the set of 18 fighting actions now known as Kung Fu. Combined with simple weaponry, these actions were used as a form of meditation and, later, self-defense. The Shaolin Warriors performing at IU Auditorium have trained in these ancient mental and physical disciplines from a young age, allowing them to perform elaborate martial arts feats with refined skill.

Since its debut, *Shaolin Warriors* has been seen by over 700,000 people in locations ranging from the United States and Canada, to New Zealand, Switzerland, Serbia, and beyond.

Shaolin Warriors: The Legend Continues at IU Auditorium is part of Indiana University's #ChinaRemixed, a 10 week-long exploration and celebration of contemporary Chinese culture. For more information on China Remixed and other events in the festival, visit the <u>Arts & Humanities Council webpage</u> at https://artsandhumanities.indiana.edu/council-initiatives/china-remixed/index.html.

"IU Auditorium, we relish any opportunity to immerse our audiences in cultures and traditions beyond our own," said IU Auditorium Director Doug Booher. "*Shaolin Warriors* brings with it the perfect opportunity to experience the rich tradition of Kung Fu from its original masters. It is a pleasure to add this event to the expansive China Remixed celebration presented by the IU Arts & Humanities Council."

For more information on *Shaolin Warriors* and the rest of the 2016–2017 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose followers receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Shaolin Warriors: The Legend Continues at IU Auditorium is presented with the support of show partners Campus Tutoring Service and Hilliard Lyons. IU Auditorium's 2016–2017 season is presented by Curry Auto Center, B97, *The Herald-Times*, IU Division of Residential Programs and Services, and Cook Medical.

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