

Mayor Pro Tem: Shen Yun ‘Very unique and special’

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HOUSTON—Gordon Quan, lawyer and mayor pro tem of the city of Houston, attended [Shen Yun](#) Performing Arts New York Company’s performance at Jones Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 22.

“It was very interesting, very lively. I think it’s unique in combination of graphics along with live action to create a better view of, a different perspective of history—the celestial bodies which you normally wouldn’t see in a dance performance,” Mr. Quan said.

The New York-based company utilizes animated backdrops that are “magical windows to completely different realms,” according to Shen Yun’s website.

“I found it to be very unique and special by the fact that it was a different presentation than I expected,” Mr. Quan said.

Mr. Quan added that he particularly enjoyed a dance about the story of the Monkey King, and the Monkey King’s character arc within that performance.

“I think they always focus on the moral right and a higher calling, looking to not just this life but the next life too,” Mr. Quan said.

He said he enjoyed the variety of the performances, from the bel canto style solo vocalists to the ethnic and folk dances, like the Taiwanese Amei dance, which reminded him of the mountains he saw on a trip to Taiwan.

“Obviously they are very talented individuals and wonderful voice, very entertaining,” Mr. Quan said.

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