Chinese Students Club presents

Essence

Lunar Gala 2013

The 34th Reincarnation

Thursday 2.28.2013
Roone Arledge Auditorium
Dear Friends and Family,

We wish to thank each and every one of you for taking the time out of your busy lives to give us an evening of your time. The dedicated efforts of hundreds of students these last few months would amount to nothing without your support and attendance tonight.

Our theme for this year’s show is Essence. For Lunar Gala’s 34th reincarnation, we took a step back to explore the original purpose of the show: a celebration of the Lunar New Year, a tribute to the outset of the year of the Snake. Inspired by the symbolic rebirth snakes undergo through the periodic shedding of their skin, Lunar Gala 2013 aims to remind us that the new year is the gift of a blank slate, a chance to begin again unblemished. We hope you leave tonight re-centered, aware again of what in life is truly worth your troubles through the unity of celebrating the new year together.

The process of planning and executing Lunar Gala has been an unforgettable experience for us. We have watched this show evolve and grow from conception into the culmination that you will witness tonight. This transformation has been fueled by the immense efforts of hundreds of student performers, models and coordinators, and driven to new heights by the creativity and dedication of the entire Chinese Students Club board. Our greatest reward is seeing friends and family gathered here, creating memories from an evening together.

Thank you again. It has truly been our privilege and honor to bring you Lunar Gala 2013: Essence, and we hope you enjoy the show.

With love and best wishes for the New Year,

Anna Teng, Alex Xu, Clarice Zhou
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The Chinese Students Club (CSC) of Columbia University is a non-profit student-run organization that promotes and plans social, political, and cultural activities both on and off campus. With a membership of over 900 students, CSC is one of Columbia’s largest cultural organizations and produces some of the most well-attended events on campus.

The board consists of 26 elected, passionate members responsible for coordinating CSC events. CSC also encompasses six satellite groups. By collaborating with these groups, CSC is able to focus on and influence many different areas of community life, such as public service and the performing arts.

All events celebrate and promote awareness of Chinese culture at Columbia, and over the years have become integral parts of the university calendar. Maintaining our mission of establishing goodwill and friendship between the Chinese student community and the community at large, CSC provides a voice for the Chinese students at Columbia and a means of promoting Asian-American culture.

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Dear friends, family, and honored guests,

It is with my greatest pleasure to welcome you to Columbia University Chinese Students Club’s 34th annual Lunar Gala!

Lunar Gala 2013: Essence is the manifestation of over 10 months of hard work, the mutual effort of over 100 students, and Chinese traditions and history that has persevered over the centuries. Tonight, we celebrate and honor all these elements by demonstrating the panoply of talent within our community.

The theme tonight is “Essence,” a leitmotif that will hold significant meaning during 2013 or the year of the snake. An essence is a fundamental and crucial aspect of identity that defines and distinguishes an entity. The snake, a reptilian animal that continuously sheds its skin, morphs in form but never loses its essence. A symbol for constant progress in Eastern ideology, the snake is an apt representation for what we global citizens should strive for: constant betterment without losing our true selves.

This mantra aligns perfectly with CSC’s mission and performance for the past academic year. We have executed awesome events that have reached new heights without compromising our core purpose and values. From Night Market, to Benefit Dinner, and now to Lunar Gala, the road we have embarked on has both challenged and inspired us individually and collectively. Tonight’s cultural extravaganza is symbolic of all the highs and lows we have experienced. But like the snake, we too will shed our “skin” to transform anew.

Thank you to all of Lunar Gala and CSC’s supporters! I hope you leave this auditorium with a renewed sense of tradition, community and hopefully self.

Yours faithfully,

David Ma
CSC President 2012-2013
CSC is proud to collaborate this year with Half the Sky Foundation.

Half the Sky was created in order to enrich the lives of orphaned children in China. It provides model programs and caregiver training designed to offer loving, family-like care to children of all ages and abilities. Half the Sky strives to ensure that every orphaned child has a caring adult in her life and a chance at a bright future.

Half the Sky’s responsive, child-centered approach focuses on nurturing the whole child. It draws from the Western Reggio Emilia approach to enhancing each individual child’s development and from the Chinese educational mandate that children learn about the arts, the sciences, language, social development and health.

Visit http://www.halfthesky.org/ to learn more about Half the Sky, and to begin giving today.
Introduced just four years ago, the Lunar Gala Art Show features beautiful artwork of various mediums, selected from dozens of submissions by students from Columbia and universities throughout Manhattan. Please take a moment to enjoy and appreciate the work of talented artists, on display throughout the auditorium.

**Featured Works**

**Dave Wagner, New York Academy of Art**
“Untitled”, Charcoal powder and oil on canvas

**Pavol Olsavsky, New York Academy of Art**
“The Gathering”, Oil on canvas
“Uprising”, Oil and gold leaf on canvas

**Caroline Tatem, Columbia University**
“Uptown battle mountain”, Oil on canvas
“Underneath”, Acrylic on pillow
“The mountain house”, Wood and plastic candles

**Minsoo Choi, Columbia University**
“Desire”, Sumi ink and bunchae on jangji
“Pain, happiness and past”, Mixed media on jangji

**Christina Duarte, New York Academy of Art**
“Family Matters”, Oil painted on wood

**Christine Zhao, Pratt Institute**
“Section”, Acrylic

**Lu Zhang, Pratt Institute**
“All the Lost...”, Film/digital print

**Keith Ang, Pratt Institute**
“America and me”, Oil on canvas

**Hyung Kyung Kim, Pratt Institute**
“My Town”, Ink pen on rice paper

**Ye Ji, Pratt Institute**
“Mirror I, II, and III”, Etching

**Yipei Wen, Pratt Institute**
“Swimming Pool”, Acrylic on panel

**Paula Abreu, Pratt Institute**
“The Living room. As Preces”, Digital inkjet print

**Lee Ka Ki, Pratt Institute**
“Puzzle Bathhouse”, Chipboard

**Lia Ali, New York Academy of Art**
“The Inner Path”, Oil on canvas
“The White Warrior”, Oil on canvas

**Daniela Kracht, New York Academy of Art**
“Carrier”, Ink on Japanese rice paper
Each year, the Lunar Gala Culture Show aims to represent the diverse and immense talents of the Columbia campus with a contemporary Asian twist.

This year’s show welcomes back old favorites, many of which are deeply embedded into the tradition of Lunar Gala. We trust that these acts will provide you with a sense of comfort as well as dazzle you with their new routines, many of which are being performed for the first time tonight.

We have also invited some burgeoning performers to Lunar Gala with the hope that you will find them to be both inspirational and invigorating.

Let the spectacle and variety of tonight’s performances remind you that the purpose of the Lunar New Year is to celebrate time with friends and family and to welcome in a new era—concepts that extend far beyond the boundaries of any single country or culture.
Love Story

They found love in a hopeless place...

FEATURING
James Kim
Rosie Deng
Sunny Sun

SCRIPT AND STORYLINE
Sunny Sun
James Kim

FILMED AND EDITED BY
Raymond Cai and James Kim
RAW ELEMENTZ

Raw Elementz is the largest hip hop dance crew at Columbia University. We are a student-choreographed dance group that is well-known for crowd-pleasing performances at both on and off-campus events from cultural shows to athletic events as well as promotional events and community service. Raw Elementz incorporates various styles of dance (like house, popping and breaking) into our choreography and we welcome members from any dance background.

Contact us: rawelementz@columbia.edu
Like our fan page here: http://www.facebook.com/rawelementz
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Watch us on Youtube: http://www.youtube.com/RawElementzVidz

CHINESE YO-YO

Columbia University Chinese Yo-Yo Club’s mission is to share the art of Chinese yo-yo and diabolo through performances, demonstrations, and workshops. We have performed for various events on and around campus including the CSC Night Market, CSC Lunar Gala, Days on Campus, and NYU TASS Night Market. We have also held workshops for children at CASPY and Asian Youth Program.

Everyone is welcome at our weekly open practices. Absolutely no experience is necessary. Come join us! Stop by, watch what we do, and try it out for yourself. Our members are of all skill levels, but we all have a lot of fun exchanging on Chinese yo-yo and diabolo.

Questions, comments, suggestions, or requests for performances or workshops? Contact us at CUChineseYoYo@gmail.com.

TAE KWON DO & WUSHU COLLAB

Columbia University Tae Kwon Do is a competitive club sport for practitioners of this Korean martial art which means “Way of the Hand and Foot.” Some demonstrations of Tae Kwon Do techniques include self-defense, forms, sparring and board breaking.

Wushu is contemporary Chinese martial arts with roots in many traditional Chinese martial art styles. It is primarily a performing art that emphasizes speed, power, flexibility, balance, and looking unbelievably good. Wushu traces its roots back to the hundreds of styles of kung fu that existed in earlier times. In addition to barehand, there are four major weapons categories: dao, jian, gun, qiang, and numerous other minor styles adapted from traditional styles.
LION DANCE

Columbia University Lion Dance is a high-energy dance form based on kung fu. Lion dance is traditionally performed to ward off evil spirits and to summon good luck and fortune. Our goal is to promote knowledge of Chinese traditional dance for both the on-campus and off-campus community. We combine traditional elements of lion dance with a modern flair to create a unique fusion of this ancient dance form.

RADIANCE

Like a phoenix arisen from its ashes, 2013 marks the reemergence of CU Radiance. CU Radiance is Columbia’s only traditional Chinese dance troupe. We perform contemporary, folk, classical, and ethnic minority dances. Each year, we showcase our dance pieces at multiple performances and our busiest season is during Lunar New Year. We welcome dancers from all different levels and backgrounds; currently we have dancers who range from having competed and won in national level competitions to beginner level dancers. If you want this swag, join the nest. For Lunar Gala this year, we are performing a dance entitled “the Auspicious Peacock,” which originates from the Dai ethnic minority in southwest China. The Dai people revere the peacock as a symbol of luck and elegance. Let this graceful animal enchant you with its beauty and poise. We hope this dance brings you luck and prosperity in the New Year.

CU GENERATION

Columbia University (CU) Generation is a hip-hop dance group inspired by Korean pop music (K-Pop), which has earned a global fan base in recent years thanks to its nonsensically catchy songs and incredibly beautiful idol groups. CU Generation brings K-Pop to Morningside by taking choreography straight from Seoul’s hottest singles and adding its own Columbia swag to them. Known across campus as that dance crew with ladies who manage to “do werk” in six-inch stilettos and guys whose hips have taken them far both on stage and in their romantic lives, CU Generation continues providing the student body with a mind-blowing cultural experience and (at times) provocative but (always) pleasurable entertainment.
STRING THEORY

String Theory is Columbia University’s premier cello ensemble. Founded in 2011, String Theory has quickly risen as one of Columbia’s most popular performing labels. The group is made up of five cellists from CC, SEAS, and Columbia-Juilliard. United by their creativity and common passion for cello, this energized and charismatic group continues to diversify its repertoire to this day, adapting well-known pop and rock tunes to the voice of a cello ensemble. String Theory’s sound is distinctive and unforgettable.

Loved our performance?

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Check out our website! www.stringtheorycellos.com

RAAS

Columbia Raas was established in the fall of 2003 to celebrate the tradition and energetic style of Garba-Raas. Raas is a Gujarati folk dance from the western part of India. CU Raas has performed at various venues on campus as well as off campus, and has competed in Garba Raas competitions along the east coast and in the midwest for many years. At home in NYC, CU Raas strives to be an exciting addition to the diversity of dance styles and cultural experiences available for their fellow New Yorkers. Beyond the dance itself, we are a group that prides itself on truly being a family.

MORNINGSIDERS

Morningsiders is Magnus Ferguson, Reid Jenkins, Robert Frech, Vladimir Bernstein, and Benjamin Kreitman. Initially a collaboration between Magnus (guitar/vocals) and Reid (fiddle/vocals), the band expanded in 2012 to include Rob (piano), Vlad (bass/vocals), and Ben (trumpet/drums/vocals). Their sound, a nuanced blend of bluegrass-inspired folk-pop, is the result of a collaborative songwriting process, and draws from each member’s unique musical background. Morningsiders has played at the Sweet Chariot Music Festival, Pianos, Postcrypt Coffeehouse, and is the house opener for the Jenkins’ House Concert series.
Ecdysis

– the process of shedding old layers to allow new layers to form. It is the process by which we purge ourselves of excess, and emerge renewed and reborn. Each scene in this year’s Lunar Gala Fashion Show aims to take you through that most innate, intrinsically natural transformation in which old gives way to new, and boorish excess makes way for sleek minimalism. Each look, we envision, will evolve directly from the last, becoming purer but no less beautiful, and its essence drawn out and crystallized. If fashion is a second skin, as is often said, then ecdysis represents a way for us to grow, to move forward, to find new armor in an ever-modernizing world.
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Contesta Rock Hair, Lo & Co Makeup Artistry: Laura Nadeu
ABS affordable luxury caters to the contemporary woman’s never-ending craving for fashion – to wear the latest trends and look fabulous, whether at work or play, with the fabric quality and attention to detail found in designer collections. Since starting the company in 1982, designer Allen Schwartz, known as “the master of trend,” partnered with Armand Marciano, formerly of Guess Inc, in 2003. The ABS by Allen Schwartz brand now has signature lines in jewelry, swimwear, eyewear, handbags, footwear, outerwear, intimates, as well as an Essentials by ABS brand in several categories.

The name means "darling" in Swedish, referring to the toddler-size party togs at the back of this shoebox-sized Upper West Side boutique. Die-hard clients include many of the city’s classical musicians who rely on the shop for concertwear that’s as romantic as the music of Brahms. The clothes are the creations of a Swedish designer and are manufactured in Queens.

Just as its name—translated as “rain candy” from Japanese—implies, this cozy, brick-walled boutique specializes in sugary confections and high-quality, stylish rainwear from abroad. This East Village boutique is the brainchild of owner Teresa Soroka, who left her post as acting CFO at a tech start-up in July to pursue her dream of opening a rain-gear store.

NYU grad Kate Goldwater opened this offbeat boutique for recycled and socially conscious style in 2007. Although primarily a curated thrift-and-vintage spot, Goldwater’s namesake line, AuH2O (“gold water” in chemical symbols), uses slips, vintage dresses, T-shirts, tanks, and spare fabric scraps to make reconstructed halters, strapless dresses, tube tops, and skirts.

BARQUE was conceived to reinvigorate the menswear genre, offering an original, modern interpretation of the classics. BARQUE offers a trend-conscious and global lifestyle without having to spend a fortune and stray too far from the customer’s comfort zone.
**CELA NEW YORK**

Founded in 2010 by owner and designer Kelly Mayo, Cela New York derives its influence from her Spanish heritage as well as from the eternally inspiring streets of New York City. With each design focused on creating clean and refined functional bags with sleek silhouettes and vintage inspiration, each collection is reminiscent of family and heirlooms while channeling the city's boisterous character.

**chouchounette** ....

Pronounced (shoe-shoe-net) a term of endearment meaning my darling, my sweet, my love affectionately nick-named by the owner's stylish French sister in law. Nestled in the ethnically diverse neighborhoods of Flatbush & Park Slope Brooklyn chouchounette adds style, authenticity and love for all things handmade with the extensive collection of independent designers that are represented at the boutique.

**kooj**

Under the larger umbrella of Shoptiques, Kooj Swimwear is a unique brand put together by the one and only Kooj herself! Kooj Swimwear is a handmade collection designed and produced in New York City. Her first sale started off with bathing suits and continues to thrive within this scope.

**Lady J +1**

Located at 679 Classon Ave., this intimate boutique hosts some of Brooklyn's best indie designers. Owner Jessica D'Amico designs a line of meticulously-metalsmithed jewelry and curates the store with limited edition and small run collections all proudly Made in Brooklyn. Lady J Jewelry by Jessica D'Amico collections is all about balancing edgy and elegant. [www.ladyjjewelry.com](http://www.ladyjjewelry.com)

**Lois Eastlund NYC**

If you're new to the world of bespoke tailoring, Louis Purple will ease you in, carefully ushering you from off-the-rack to made-to-measure. Here, in the beloved European private label's first Manhattan atelier, experienced sartorialists will work with you to select the fabrics and styles that suit the way you prefer to live (and look).

Members Only is a cultural icon with a steady and growing following. The Members Only jacket is something that epitomizes the glamour, energy, and fun-loving attitude of the 80’s. With its slimmer modern look with all the signature details, the trendy label sees race, creed, and taste not as separation but as inspiration.

Mirame was founded in 2010 by Melinda Huff. From her days making swimsuits on the beaches of Hawaii to working side by side with couture seamstresses at Norma Kamali, Melinda has developed a trained eye and an in-depth knowledge of fit. The name Mirame literally translates to Look at Me. The topography of the body is discovered and shapes and shadows are revealed.

MOSCOT is a New York City institution renowned worldwide for its iconic eyewear – The MOSCOT Originals, MOSCOT Spirit, and MOSCOT Sun Collections. MOSCOT infuses its unmistakably refined, downtown aesthetic with nearly 100 years of eyewear expertise and unparalleled craftsmanship to create its timeless eyewear. While now recognized as a global fashion brand beloved by fans worldwide, MOSCOT remains, at heart, a neighborhood optical shop.

The intrigue of Nu New York, formerly known as Callalilai, is brought on by the seeping influences of French, South American and Japanese culture that is seen not only within the collection of clothes, but also in the accessories line that consists of color-contrasted scarves, bright wool fedoras and oversize slouchy leather bags. The collections offer colorful prints in easy cuts, allowing a woman to feel original, pretty and confident in her transition from day to night.
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Oyster NYC pushes boundaries in a subtle way, finding balance between timeless shapes and quirky details. The designs are all about combining the femme fatale with the tomboy, taking inspiration from nature, culture and even the seemingly mundane. All of Oyster's swimwear are made in NYC. www.oysternyc.com

Rosena Sammi Jewelry is a global-chic, yet attainable luxury brand defined by glamorous Indian design elements melded into a modern aesthetic that embodies the passion and spirit of its founder, Rosena Sammi. Seeking but never finding jewelry that possessed the perfect balance of being historically opulent and yet modern and wearable, Rosena decided to design her own.

Selima Optique combines high fashion with everyday function, blending tradition and modernity to create truly timeless eyewear. Selima operates eight boutiques in Paris, New York and LA — and her edgy, innovative spectacles and sunwear have developed a loyal following. She's attracted the worldwide attention of media personalities, corporate CEOs, fashion designers... and people from all walks of life that want to see and be seen in a pair of Selima's edgy frames!

Suitsupply has been on the radar of nearly every well-dressed European man for more than 10 years. Founded by Fokke De Jong in Amsterdam, the chain finally opened a store in the United States this summer and it achieves what we've known is possible but rarely seen—suits with natural shoulders, hand-sewn lapels, amazing fabrics, half or full canvas construction, and a great fit—all for an affordable price.

Creativity and sophistication have always been a part of Tiffany Lawrence’s DNA, tracing back to her early childhood. As a designer, Tiffany realized the need for quality women’s outerwear that broke with convention; hence, the genesis of the Tiffany Lawrence coterie. The line is cut to flatter the physique and excite the senses. Designed with a timeless sophistication to ignite the imagination, her expertly crafted collection is the perfect execution of a clear, artistic, and technical vision.
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We would like to thank Erica Williams for being a great adviser to CSC.
KAILENE CHEN
Holy shiitake mushrooms. We did it. I don’t know how (no, that’s a lie, it involved hours of slaving away) or why (another lie, it’s cause we all love CSC) but we managed to pull off some freaking amazing events this year. Thanks to the forever supportive E-Board/ECM members for all your guidance. And OCMs, know that I love you all and that I think we’re a group of mad cool people. Not that I’m biased or anything. Lastly congrats to Alex, Clarice, and Anna!!! You guys did so great!!! I couldn’t have asked for a better group of people to spend freshman year with(:

ROSIE DENG
Hi CSC family! Thank you for making my freshman year so enjoyable! I feel blessed to have shared some of my fondest memories with you guys. Whether it be board bonding or liberating or putting up with Herbert’s nonsense, things always stay interesting. The unwavering passion and optimism of each member have allowed our events to be so successful, and I’d especially like to congratulate Alex, Anna, and Clarice on making LG unforgettable. I’m obsessed with you all. Stay crazy!

MEAGHAN HURR
YAY CSC! First off, congratulations to Alex, Anna, and Clarice on a wonderful Lunar Gala. To the mighty E-Board, it’s been an honor and thank you for your wonderful leadership. To the ECM’s, you’ve all done an amazing job creating events that were smash hits. To my fellow OCM’s, we made it and I’m lucky that I got to be part of what we call the best OCM class! To put it quite simply, I love CSC and I’m so blessed that I got to be a part of it. CSC is an integral part of some of my best memories from banana shenanigans to secret stalker. I couldn’t imagine what my life would have been like without it and I’m proud to call you all my CSC family.

With eternal CSC love,
Meaghan

DENNY JIN
Yay CSC! Congrats to Alex, Anna, and Clarice for such an amazing show! Although it was stressful at times, I couldn’t have asked for a better first year at Columbia. Having the chance to meet everyone was probably one of the best things about CSC. Big thanks to E-board (especially my boy David Ma with the really nice eyebrows) and the ECM’s for always being there to provide guidance to us cute, lil OCM’s. And to my fellow OCM’s, ya’ll some cool cats fosho, I can’t wait to see what lies ahead of us in the next few years. I LOVE YOU ALL STAY BEAUTIFUL<3
-Denny

JASON KANG
It’s amazing to think how much we’ve done since that first board lock-in, that night where we dressed David up and ate uncooked ramen. The room of hell and “I can’t walk,” bananas and peanut butter, cheesy MCing jokes at Night Market, sand, the bartenders that were definitely not bartenders at IBD afterparty, the rush to get a good building for flyering, and all of the committee and board meetings. Thank you for all of the memories and for being great friends. You are all an indelible part of my college experience.

JAMES KIM
Finally it’s over. Kidding! I’m really happy I became involved in CSC. I actually didn’t learn much about Chinese culture but I was able to learn one phrase in Chinese (I like your eyes) and eat some soup dumplings. So thank you, CSC for letting this lone Korean into your very diverse board. I made a lot of great memories and friends who made this school year so memorable. From Meaghan getting caught stealing bananas to Sunny and I’s board-skit being chosen, it was a crazy ride. I think I’m tearing up a little bit. I love everybody on the board and I feel so important when I have tons of unread emails from CSC. I want to give a big shout-out to the LG heads for making all of this possible. To my Chinese father, Alex Xu: I know LG made you so stressed that you lost all of your hair but you can pull that look off. Hit me up in Seattle so I can take you out for some Korean bbq! I owe you. To Anna Teng: You’re so sweet and kind. Thanks for putting up with me in Design committee and even now. You’re going to go far! To Clarice: Why are you so nice? I’m going to get cavities from all of the cupcakes you keep on giving me. Seriously though, I think I fell in love with you a little bit or it could be the sugar talking. You’re awesome for hosting such a great event! I wanna give a shout-out to everybody on the board too! Just kidding. Heh, sorry guys I don’t think there would be enough room on this booklet to contain all of my love and praise for everybody.

Thanks for the memories!
AMY LI
Congratulations to Alex, Clarice and Anna for pulling off such a huge event! You all put a lot of pressure on yourselves to make this year’s LG the best one yet and your hard work paid off! Even though there were some road bumps along the way (dates and whatnot) you guys pulled through! Thank you for being such great leaders. And thank you to CSC for being such a huge and amazing part of my freshman year. It wouldn’t have been the same without all of you OCMs, ECMs and E-board members. I know sometimes it looks like I’m really angry, bored or sad, but it’s just my face(!!) and I want you all to know that I LOVE YOU LOTS. -Amy Li

CHRIS LI
Dearest CSC:
You guys are literally the coolest Asians ever. Thanks to Anna, Alex, and Clarice for their tireless work ethic and putting together such a splendid event, one that is both representative of who we are as individuals and a board, as well as a culmination of many months of dedication. Throughout these past few events, CSC has become such an enormous part of my life on campus, for both good and bad :U. I feel extremely honored to have worked alongside such a great group of people. -Chris

MINGHUANG LIU
Congrats to all of the hardworking e-board members! Everything would not be as great without all of the hard work that every has put in. You guys are the biggest bunch of cuties one this campus ;). Although, I can’t say that we are remotely similar to each other, the bonds we’ve formed in the last couple of months are some of the strongest I’ve ever had. Let’s finish this year strong, and do what we do best, be silly and have fun.

SUNNY SUN
I’ve never really had Asian friends before, so I came to Columbia with a mission to befriend Asians. I hit the jackpot with CSC because not only are you guys Asian, you also all rock!!! Congratulations to Alex, Charlotte, and Anna for putting together a great show despite all the obstacles that were thrown at them. To all the CSC members, you were a huge part of why I absolutely loved my first year in college. You are some of the funniest, most hardworking and amazing people I’ve met ever met, no matter what race, and don’t you ever forget it!

KEVIN TYAN
Congratulations to the amazing Lunar Gala heads - Alex, Anna, and Clarice - for putting together an amazing event! The amount of hard work and determination they put into LG is inspiring, and as a freshman OCM in CSC I know I have a lot to live up to. The last few months in CSC have been incredible, and I can’t wait to reach further heights with all of you :)

MICHELLE WIRYADI
CSC! Thank you for all the fun times, joy and laughter. This year would not have been the same without any of you guys. I am so glad to have been a part of this amazing group of people. To Anna, Clarice and Alex, such a job well done on Lunar Gala!!

RAYMOND CAI
Congrats to Alex, Clarice, and Anna for being such amazing LG heads and making this such a great event. I really say how good CSC has been to me. With all the people that I have met and hanged out with, it’s been nothing short of magical. Despite all the meetings, terrible flyer times, cooking, supply gathering, and everything else that we do, everything has been worth it. I really have to thank CSC for being such an accepting family. It’s a club that take a strange bunch of people and bond them all together so tightly. I have not seen any club, organization, group, or anything that do such a thing. And I also have not met people who have put up with all of my “shifty hands and prolonged ‘borrowing’” the OCMs, you guys have been great. You guys have grown so much over the year and it has been so great meeting all of you. You guys have nothing but fun to hang out and work with. To the ECMs, you guys have been great. I love to hang with your guys and working with you guys again this year has been even better. To the BD heads, Justin and Therese, planning Benefit Dinner with you was so fun. With all of our meetings and our last minute freak out we thought that Benefit Dinner may have been a disaster, but it turned out amazing. I will miss working with you guys next year. I hope to work with all of you guys again next year!
First off, I would like to send a huge congrats to the LG heads this year. Alex, Anna, and Clarice: you all have put together such a magnificent and truly spectacular event! I would also like to thank the entire CSC board for all the wonderful memories and experiences that have influenced my college experience. I’ve enjoyed all the hours spent with you all both during and outside of meetings. I’ve never met such a hardworking, jovial, and loving bunch. You all have shaped my past two years for the better - each and every one of you has added sparkle and spice to my two years thus far!

The people, productions, hangouts -- some of many aspects of CSC that have defined my experience at Columbia. Thank you to the OCMs for keeping my spirit high with fresh ideas and positive attitudes throughout the year. A thank you to all the ECMs for being my best friends in college. We’ve grown unbelievable close over the past two years, and I can’t imagine my life without you guys! E-board, thank you for running this organization and being such an asset towards planning Night Market last semester. Congratulations Lunar Gala heads and the entire CSC board! хохо, Charlotte

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to the LG heads of 2013!!! You guys have worked your butt off these past few months, and now we’re finally here! It’s going to be amazing. You’re amazing. Every single person in CSC is amazing, and I want to thank you guys so much for giving me another another fantastic year in CSC. From the adorable OCMs to my fellow ECMs to the wise E-board, I will never forget the colorful spectrum of awesome people I’ve met. This year, belonging in CSC has been like a winter oasis -- a bright, warm haven in the midst of a busy schedule of classwork. Despite whatever banana mishaps or unintentional Halloween spirit that may have occurred, I believe the true essence of CSC belongs with you guys and all the hard work you do. I LOVE YOU GUYS! <3

CSC, I love you all so much! You are all SO smart, ambitious, motivated, hardworking, capable, and kind. I know that every single one of you is going to be so successful and happy one day. I admire all of you very much, and am so lucky that I got the chance to meet and spend time with you. I can’t even imagine how different my time at Columbia so far would have been without CSC, and I hope we can always stay close friends. Thank you all for your dedication and diligence in preparing for LG--it meant a lot to me to see how hard each of you worked to make this night a success. CSC, you make me happy. CSC, I love you I love you!!! Love, Anna.

Take an empty pot and put into it a cup of hard work, a spoonful of absurdity, a dash each of stress and panic, a pinch of love and top it off with a layer of personality. Let it stew for six months and then serve it with a heaping side of liberated bananas. The secret to this stew? Taste it often and savor it, because it disappears quickly and it will never taste quite the same. To all my fellow chefs—E-board, ECMs, and OCMs: THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS YEAR ONE I WILL NEVER FORGET! To E-board: your knowledge, wisdom, and compassion have inspired me to be a better person and a more skilled leader. To the OCMs you are honestly some of the most talented and creative people I have ever met, each of you makes me proud to be at this school and a part of this club. Lunar Gala is your event and this club will soon be yours, so brace yourselves and get ready to enjoy the ride! To the ECMs it is impossible to express how grateful I am for your friendship and hard work. I have never encountered a more intelligent and ambitious group of people and I leave CSC with the single wish that the two years we have spent together will keep us together for a long time to come. Lastly, to Anna and Clarice: I have little else to say than “I love you.” Thank you for putting up with me and being my role models. I hope that when we are 99 and the 113th LG rolls around we can roll up in our wheelchairs together.

- Alex Xu

Hello again CSC. This year has been a ride, and I enjoyed every moment of it; from heading Night Market to setting up tables for Benefit Dinner to publicizing Lunar Gala. Although this is my second and final year on the board, I look forward to continually stopping by and offering my advice in the future. CSC has truly helped me learn a lot and given me tons of good experiences, but more importantly, it allowed me to develop relationships with some of the most amazing people I have ever met. Thank you all for another successful year in the history of CSC - a special congratulations goes out to the Lunar Gala Heads (Anna, Alex, and Clarice)! You guys are awesome!

- Justin Zhao

CSC’s true value comes not from the events we plan, but from the relationships we build with each other. The board is a group of people that I can be comfortable around (even when I want to wear crocs). You are both friends I can rejoice with when I succeed and counselors I can console in when I make a mistake. Everyone is both a mentor and a mentee, and through challenges, we learn that we can trust and rely on each other. CSC can be challenging and time consuming, but you won’t find a truer group of people who are understanding, patient, and dependable. Thank you guys for being so awesome and congratulations to all of my fellow ECMs, OCMs, and Eboard for another great CSC year!

- Duo Xu

THERESE CHEN

CHARLOTTE LI

LISA LI

ANNA TENG

ALEX XU

DUO XU

JUSTIN ZHAO
CLARICE ZHOU

Congratulations! There are not enough of words in my repertoire to express my excitement and gratitude to those around me. Here’s an abridged version, and I will say the rest to each and every one of you as our paths continue to cross in the future. OCMs: You all came in with such great spirit and enthusiasm that truly was contagious. Your ideas, dedication, and passion became the fuel that propelled all our events to their success and it kept me going through the obstacles I faced in the event planning process. ECMs: You guys are my arms and legs; without you I would have fallen and smacked my face already against the cold hard ground. Our words of encouragement and faith in one another has made these past two years unforgettable. Eboard: Your wisdom and experience about CSC and life will transfer from one generation to the next and most importantly, you have nurtured and brought all of us to maturity. In short, for every person who has journeyed with me through Columbia, CSC, and life in general I have a final thought to share. One phrase, two words, eight letters. Thank you!

DAVID MA

Where do I even begin? Every single member of CSC has poured so much heart and soul into everything we’ve done this year, and LG is no different. I’m incredibly proud of all my OCMs for growing up so fast and developing into leaders in your own right, all my ECMs for guiding and mentoring our noobies (me included) while kicking ass, and of course, my indispensable E-Board. I honestly feel like an old father watching his children grow and mature into wonderful adults. Thank you all for the unforgettable memories and a big congratulations to everyone! For you, a thousand times over, David.

JACKIE HO

I can’t believe it--Lunar Gala is already here! They say all good things come to an end. A good book. College. A scoop of ice cream. And 3 years in CSC. After all this time, I want to look back and see what impact I made during my time in the club. Yet even with that line in my resume, the accomplishments, the awards, the events...I am still unsure. What I am sure about, however, are the lessons, the friendships, the love, the laughter, the late nights and early mornings, and the memories. CSC has given to me more than I could have ever imagined when I joined 3 years ago. And so quickly, my time is up. Yet even without a title, a board position, and meetings, I know one thing will never end--a family with the most amazing people. I’m more than proud of each and everyone one of you and I’ll always be here for all of you! They say all good things come to an end, but ain’t nobody ever said anything about great things.

VALERIE HWA

Congratulations Clarice, Alex, and Anna for a wonderful Lunar Gala Show! Your hard work has definitely paid off! Thank you CSC for making my third year as a board member a blast. I can’t imagine what my college experience would be like without all of you. I’m so grateful I got to improve my event-planning skills while learning and working with so many talented people around me. David, Jackie, Ethan, and Jess--it’s been an extremely rewarding year being on the Eboard with you all. Swag Board forever!! :) ECM’s, I’m so proud to see how much you have all grown from being our baby OCM’s to leading such successful events this year. OCM’s, I’m so happy to have met you all this past year and I can’t wait to attend the events you plan next year! CSC, you always make me smile!!! LOVE YOU ALL, Valerie

ETHAN YEE

CSC!!! Can’t believe yet another year is drawing to a close, and it’s really sad that such an incredible journey is coming to an end. Alex, Anna and Clarice: I’m glad to be in the same class and to have worked with you guys. I can’t think of a more perfect trio to take on LG, and despite all the complications you guys pulled through to create what we had this year. OCMs: It’s been fun seeing you guys grow and interact, and I’m confident that CSC is in good hands next year. ECMs: It’s hard to believe that we were all new to this just last year, and yet all our events this year have been so successful! And of course my fellow swag-boarders: I’m actually going to miss spending so much time with you guys all day errday (remember the interviews & all dat crazy shit at the start of the semester?). I’m honored to be part of such a motivated and professional yet fun-loving group of people called CSC for 2 years, and I hope we’ll continue to meet as friends and not for committees or to liberate stuff!! D:

JESSICA LI

Wow, I can’t believe LG is already here. CSC has been a defining aspect of my college life and I wouldn’t have it any other way. I am so grateful to have gotten to know every single one of you and I feel lucky to be surrounded by such inspiring and friendly individuals. I can safely say that you guys are some of the most amazing people I have ever met. Life-long friendships, unforgettable experiences and newfound passions – only a few of the things that I’ve gained during my time in CSC. What a journey it’s been so far and I’m so happy to have shared with all of you. Thanks for giving me some of the best times of my life. Shout out to OCMs, ECMs and EBoard for all your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm and a big congrats to the LG heads. I feel like I’m at a lost of words to say anything further so I’ll leave off by sending my love to everyone. Really though, CSC is forever <3
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