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THE LILY CAI CHINESE DANCE COMPANY BRINGS CHINESE CULTURE TO WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE

WASHINGTON, Pa. (February 25, 2004) – Past meets present with an Asian twist when Washington & Jefferson College welcomes the Lily Cai Dance Company to the Olin Fine Arts Center, Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m..

Elegant and sensual, the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms with modern dance in an artistic and inventive marriage of styles. The Company bridges the continuum from past to contemporary – from the spectacular court dances of Chinese dynasties to contemporary works fusing classical Chinese with ballet. Complemented by dazzling costumes, original music, and multi-media designs, this show offers audiences a glimpse of Chinese art and expression.

“The Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company visit allows W&J to share an elegant performance with the Washington community,” said Ron Scherhofer, manager of W&J’s Olin Fine Arts Center, “while enriching the studies of students participating in our Integrated Semester on Asia, and facilitating a broader understanding of Chinese culture, art and history.”

While in residence at W&J, the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company will offer a narrated performance of Chinese culture and history for kindergarten and first grade students at the Washington Park Elementary School auditorium on March 8 at 11 a.m.

Established in 1988 by dancer and choreographer Lily Cai, the company performs and tours extensively throughout the United States. The W&J performance is funded by a grant from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program. Additional funding is provided by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, W&J's Office of Multicultural Affairs and a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

About Washington & Jefferson College

Washington & Jefferson College, located in Washington, Pa., is a national liberal arts college founded in 1781. Committed to providing each of its students with the highest-quality undergraduate education available, W&J offers a traditional liberal arts curriculum emphasizing interdisciplinary study and independent student work.

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