



# Guide to the Duke Chinese Dance records, 2010-ongoing

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## Summary

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### Collection Title:

Duke Chinese Dance records, 2010-ongoing

### Abstract:

The Duke Chinese Dance Troupe (DCD) was established at Duke University in the 1990s as an organization of students presenting Chinese dance and Chinese/Chinese-American culture to the Duke, Durham, and surrounding North Carolinian communities. DCD records contain the website, and materials used for planning, performing and documenting annual performances including the Duke Chinese Dance Showcase also known as the LNY (Lunar New Year), and the Fallcase.

### Extent:

41 Gigabytes

### Language:

Materials in English.

### Collection ID:

UA.31.07.0018

### Permalink:

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

DCD records contain the website, and materials used for planning, performing and documenting annual performances including the Duke Chinese Dance Showcase also known as the LNY (Lunar New Year), and the Fallcase. Specifically, the collection includes planning questions; programs; recorded music; performance photograph; scripts; lighting cues; costume inventory; SOFC and CEF grant audits; member lists; promotional fliers; backstage

photographs; choreography notes; rosters; schedules; meeting agendas and notes; and social media.

## **Biographical/Historical**

The Duke Chinese Dance Troupe (DCD) was established at Duke University in the 1990s as an organization of students presenting Chinese dance and Chinese/Chinese-American culture to the Duke, Durham, and surrounding North Carolinian communities. All students associated with Duke, undergraduate and graduate, are eligible to be considered to join Duke Chinese Dance. The mission of DCD is to foster awareness of Chinese traditional, minority, and modern cultures through the art of dance. DCD seeks to accomplish its stated goal by performing authentic dances representing the various ethnic groups within China, using accurate costumes and props for all performances, and welcoming all interested students to learn and perform the dances.

To showcase the 56 minority groups in China, DCD expanded their repertoire to feature minority dance styles alongside popular Han ribbon and fan pieces, as well as more modern fusion pieces. DCD hosts auditions at the beginning of every fall semester, and the Asian Students Association presents an annual Lunar New Year (LNY) showcase. Over time, the LNY showcase has become the largest cultural showcase at Duke and a broader celebration of the Asian/American identity in general.

Sources: Duke Chinese Dance website, <http://www.dukechinesedance.com/#home>, viewed 2020 July 10.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Access Restrictions**

Access note. Collection contains electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

## **Use Restrictions**

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## **Acquisition Information**

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## **Processing Information**

Processed by Leah M. Kerr, July 2020

Accessions described in this collection guide: UA2020-0030

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Chinese students -- United States -- History
- Minorities -- China
- Duke University. Duke Chinese Dance.
- Chinese American Students
- Chinese Americans
- Chinese Americans -- Societies, etc.
- Folk dancing, Chinese
- China -- Social life and customs
- Dance -- Performances
- Performing Arts -- North Carolina -- Durham
- College students -- United States
- Asian American students -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Asian Americans -- Race identity
- Asian students -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Student activities -- North Carolina

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## Collection Inventory

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### Performance records, 2015-2019

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes planning materials for the Duke Chinese Dance's annual Lunar New Year event and showcase.

DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2015-2016 (online item available)

Digital-materials  
UA.31.07.0018-SET-0001

**Physical Description:** 173 documents (MS Word; PUB; MP3; MP4; JPG; PDF); approximately 5.9 GB

**Digital Object:** [DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2015-2016](#)

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes planning questions; elements for an introduction video; program; recorded music; and performance photographs for the Duke Chinese Dance Showcase, Dimensions, on April 14, 2016. This event is also known as the LNY\_16 (Lunar New Year).

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DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2016-2017 (online item available)

Digital-materials  
UA.31.07.0018-SET-0002

**Physical Description:** 831 documents (MS Word; MSEXcel; PUB; MP3; MP4; JPG; PDF); approximately 24 GB

**Digital Object:** [DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2016-2017](#)

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes planning scripts; lighting cues; costume inventory; recorded music; SOFC and CEF grant audits; list of DCD members; promotional fliers; backstage and performance photographs; and videos of the performance and cast interviews for the DCD Showcase, Synergy, on April 14, 2017.

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DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2017-2018 (online item available)

Digital-materials  
UA.31.07.0018-SET-0001

**Physical Description:** 521 documents (MS Word; MSEXcel; MS PowerPoint; PNG; MP4; JPG; PDF); approximately 4 GB

**Digital Object:** [DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2017-2018](#)

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes planning choreography notes; rosters; schedules; costume inventory; meeting agendas and notes; social media; photographs of dancers; publicity materials; and performance audio and video media for the DCD Showcase, Entwined, on April 13, 2018. Also included are event schedules, and an introductory slide presentation.

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DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2017-2019 (online item available)

Digital-materials  
UA.31.07.0018-SET-0001

**Physical Description:** 813 documents (MS Word; MSEXcel; MS PowerPoint; PNG; MP4; JPG; PDF); approximately 6.5 GB

**Digital Object:** [DCD performance planning, documents, and media, 2017-2019](#)

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes audition guides, schedules, and choreography notes; costume inventory; meeting agendas and notes; planning notes; rehearsal schedules; photographs of dancers; publicity materials; and performance audio and video media for the DCD Showcase, Generations, on March 23, 2019. Also included are other performance schedules; and 2018 Fallcase planning materials.

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**Web archives, 2010-2014, 2019-**

Duke Chinese Dance website, 2010-2014 (online item available)

**Digital Object:** [Duke Chinese Dance Troupe](#)

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Duke Chinese Dance website, 2019-ongoing (online item available)

**Digital Object:** [Duke Chinese Dance](#)

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