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YOUTH SERIES

18-19

SCHOOL DAY PERFORMANCES
FOR PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND HOME
SCHOOLS, GRADES PreK-12

COMPAGNIA TPO

PANDA'S HOME





ABOUT THE COMPANY

TPO is based in Prato, Italy, at Teatro Fabbrichino and works as a company in residence at Teatro Metastasio Stabile della Toscana to create visual, emotional, and immersive theatre experiences. TPO devised the CCC (children's cheering carpet) concept: a large dance mat able to animate sounds and images through pressure sensors that are activated by performers, and sometimes even audience members! It's like a "magic carpet" where, through movement and touch, it is possible to explore imaginary gardens created to let patrons enter into the natural world through art. TPO has taken part in numerous prestigious festivals worldwide, winning numerous awards and extending its collaborations globally.



ABOUT THE SHOW

TPO's latest interactive piece, *Panda's Home*, climbs into a metaphorical journey through Chinese culture. Bamboo forests creak and sway, fireworks light up the sky, lanterns glow, kites soar in the skies, and across the interactive, multimedia "carpet," the beauty and diversity of the Chinese landscape is elegantly revealed. Students will experience how the five elements of nature (wood, fire, earth, metal, and water) connect in a circular way as two dancers take them on a colorful, interactive, and immersive journey.

IMPACT

This season we invite school communities to explore the performing arts through a selection of topics that reveal the IMPACT of the Arts for Youth.

- Introduction to the arts
- Meaning and cultural context
- Production
- Art-making and creativity
- Careers
- Training

IT IS FOR INTRODUCTION TO THE ARTS

Is this your first time coming to a performance at Krannert Center? Being in the audience can be a lot of fun! The artists are excited to share their performance with you. Here are three things you can do to make a great performance experience:

FOCUS. The artists can give their best performance when they know you are listening and looking. If you give your attention to the artists, you won't miss a single moment.

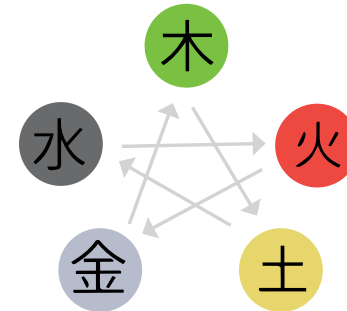
RESPECT EACH OTHER. Treat those around you with kindness as you enter and exit the theater. Remember to be quiet once the show begins so that everyone can hear.

JOIN IN. We will all be sitting on stage, very close to the performance. The artists will invite a small number of children to join them in the performance space. Pay attention to their instructions and enjoy the experience!

When you clap your hands at the end of the performance, the artists know how much you liked it!

THE FIVE ELEMENTS

The five elements or *Wu Xing* in Chinese philosophy are each associated with a color and a season, among many other connections:



WOOD: Spring, green

FIRE: Summer, red

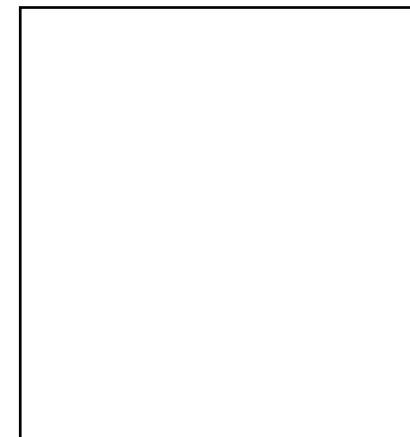
EARTH: in between seasons like Late Summer, etc., yellow

METAL: Autumn, white

WATER: Winter, black

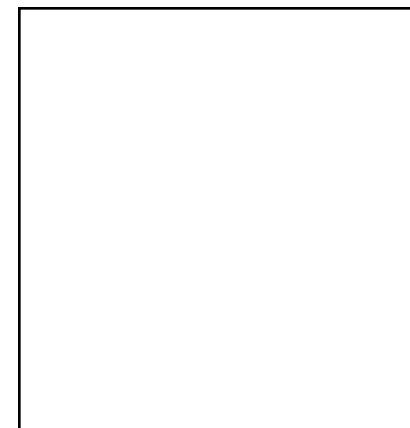
Did you see these five elements depicted in the show?

How did the color or mood of the show change with each element?



Can you draw a picture of a giant panda here?

What would you name your panda?



Design a special kite here, then collect paper, straws, sticks, yarn, tape, and/or glue and create your kite masterpiece!

PANDAS

Giant pandas or panda bears are native to the mountain ranges of South Central China and are one of the major symbols of China. You may know them by their rotund shape, black patches of fur around their eyes and across their tummies, and their love of bamboo (which comprises nearly 95 percent of the pandas' diet). Because of farming and deforestation (removing trees from the forest), the pandas have fewer places to live, which threatens their ability to survive and makes them an "endangered species."

SILK KITES

The ancient legend of Princess Lei-Tzu, wife of the Yellow Emperor, says that she discovered silk when a cocoon fell into her tea cup. She was so fascinated by the delicate, strong thread she unwound from the cocoon that she used it to weave a fabric. Silk has also been used since ancient times in the construction of beautiful Chinese kites.

ON THE MAP

COMPAGNIA TPO COMES FROM . . .



Compagnia TPO
Panda's Home

Monday-Wednesday April 29-May 1, 2019,
at 10am and 12:30pm

Colwell Playhouse, on-stage seating

Approximately 60 minutes

Recommended for grades PreK-2

Because of this performance's special setting,
patrons will be required to remove their shoes

Public Marquee Performance

Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 1pm and 3pm

TPO Company in co-production with Tong
Production | Teatro Metastasio Di Prato
appears by courtesy of David Lieberman Artists'
Representatives. Tour produced in association
with Arktype/Thomas O. Kriegsmann.

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GREENING THE ARTS

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Krannert Center has also partnered with Champaign Public Library and The Urbana Free Library to help expand your students' Youth Series experience. Our local libraries have placed materials that relate to *Panda's Home* on display, and librarians are prepared to help your students immerse themselves in the wide-ranging subject areas that are covered by the production. These resources will be available approximately two weeks before through two weeks following the performance.

We hope that you are able to take advantage of these exciting partnerships with our local libraries!

www.champaign.org | www.urbanafreelibrary.org

**SPURLOCK MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE:
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29-MAY 1**

Drop in for a self-guided, interactive visit before or after the performance. Museum guides in each room will offer hands-on object studies and gallery-based challenges for students tied to the themes of *Panda's Home*. The Spurlock Museum also has a variety of resources for classroom use. Contact Kim Sheahan at ksheahan@illinois.edu or 217.244.3355 for information on available artifacts and lesson plans.

