

CIT Celebrates 2020 Spring Festival Series in Birmingham

On January 25th, the Confucius Institute at Troy University participated in the 14th Birmingham Chinese Spring Festival Celebration in the Boutwell Auditorium in downtown Birmingham, Alabama. The Birmingham Spring Festival kicked off in the morning and thousands of Chinese and Americans participated.

The Confucius Institute (CI) team arranged three large booths for the large-scale Spring Festival celebration. They decorated the booths with Chinese knots, calligraphy, paper-cuts, and paper fans -- which were particularly eye-catching. They also exhibited Chinese books and dictionaries to the audience. Visiting Scholars demonstrated the skills of Chinese calligraphy, traditional painting, bracelet making, etc. Americans who came to the event were interested in Chinese Spring Festival customs and traditions.

The CIT also invited the traditional folk music team Zhou's Family Band to perform live music to celebrate the coming of the Year of the Rat. Zhou's Family Band played a number of songs such as "Bai Hua Tang" and "Hundred Birds Saluting the Phoenix" for the audience. They also introduced a variety of stunt performances. The audience applauded for the wonderful performance.

The Confucius Institute has participated in the Birmingham Spring Festival for ten consecutive years. The organizing committee specially thanked CIT for its continuous support for the event and applauded the Confucius Institute at Troy University for its outstanding contribution to Chinese teaching and cultural promotion in Alabama.

特洛伊大学孔院欢庆 2020 年春节系列活动—阿拉巴马州伯明翰市 (Birmingham) 鼠年春节庆祝活动

2020 年 1 月 25 日，特洛伊大学孔子学院参加了在阿拉巴马州伯明翰市中心布特韦尔礼堂 (Boutwell Auditorium) 举行的第十四届伯明翰市华人春节庆祝活动。本次伯明翰春节庆祝活动于上午 10 时 30 分拉开帷幕，数千名华人及喜爱中国文化的美国民众参加了此次活动。

孔子学院为此次大型春节庆祝活动精心布置了三个大展台，具有浓郁中国年味的中国结、中国书法、中国剪纸、中国纸扇等装饰特别引人注目。展台上摆放着各类汉语学习和中国文化的书籍与字典，孔子学院老师及志愿者们现场展示了中国书法创作、中国国画创作、手链编制等技艺，前来参加庆祝活动的美国民众对中国风俗和传统文化特别感兴趣，精心挑选购买自己喜欢的中文书籍，兴致勃勃地观赏书法和国画创作，与当地华人一起欢度春节。

孔子学院还特邀国内民乐表演队“周家班”到现场演出，欢庆鼠年的到来。以吹打乐为主，“周家班”为现场观众带来了《拜花堂》、《百鸟朝凤》等多首曲子，其间还插入口技、模拟人声等多种绝技表演，现场观众为精彩的演出纷纷喝彩叫好。

孔子学院已连续十年参加伯明翰春节庆祝活动，活动组委会特别感谢特洛伊大学孔院一直以来对该活动的支持，高度赞扬特洛伊大学孔子学院在阿拉巴马州汉语教学与文化推广中的突出贡献。