

To: Southern Lehigh School Board
From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent
Date: August 19, 2011
Re: Request for Support of Cultural Opportunity

I would like to request permission for SLSD to host **Gansu Song and Dance Theater** ***Silk Road, Flower Rain***- a production offered free of charge to our school/community from <http://worldartists.org/waehome/index.cfm> a non-profit organization called World Artists (see website)

WAE bridges international understanding through cultural and citizen diplomacy in communities, colleges and schools through Ambassador Teams producing Ambassador Series events in communities; Cultural Immersion Experiences; International Education; and Cultural Appreciation and Sustainable Development.

WAE is committed to developing the vital role of the arts in building bridges of international understanding. As a universal language, the arts create unique opportunities for cross-cultural communication, interaction and learning.

By providing educational experiences with world artists in schools, colleges, and communities, WAE seeks to foster an appreciation and support for the rich diversity and cultural commonalities of the world's citizens and, thereby, foster mutual respect among all people.

Bill Miller from Berks County Intermediate Unit contacted me to offer the program because of our partnership with them through our Chinese Guest teacher and our support of international education for our students.

The organization will take care of all hotel and transportation costs. Our only obligation is to provide an auditorium (space), promote the free show to our community (try to 'fill the house'), provide a meal to the troupe (50-60 dancers/actors) and to provide the proper rubber flooring for their performance.

More specific details will be forthcoming.

This performance will be delivered at the Kennedy Center in DC the day before coming to our school sometime in mid-December.