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Introducing Chinese Opera From The Perspective of Visual Art

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Abstract:

It has been over one hundred years since Beijing Opera landed in the United States. More Americans have become familiar with this ancient art. Some are even learning how to perform it. Beijing Opera is not only a stage art but also a visual art enjoyed by various perspectives. Visual elements such as costumes, facial make-up, and action forms contributed to the core of Beijing Opera. When new art communication technology is embedded into Beijing Opera, it can deliver an unprecedented experience.

This presentation will introduce Beijing Opera from the visual art perspective and demonstrate how Beijing Opera communicates through new media technology.