



## **White and Williams Sponsors Philadelphia Orchestra Chinese New Year Concert**

**January 30, 2019**

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White and Williams proudly sponsored The Philadelphia Orchestra Chinese New Year Concert, a special performance celebrating the Chinese New Year and Year of the Pig on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

The Philadelphia Orchestra performed side-by-side with long-time partner, the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra, in a special one-night-only performance. This collaboration also previewed the Philadelphia Orchestra's May 2019 Tour of China in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China.

The concert featured "Peking Fantasy" by composer Peng Peng Gong, a work co-commissioned by POA and SPO. This work, a symphonic fantasy, is based on the tradition of Beijing Opera. Forty-one SPO musicians alongside 64 Philadelphia Orchestra musicians performed this new work along with additional western classical repertoire.

The concert was a free, public event that created an opportunity for Chinese and Americans throughout Philadelphia to celebrate the Chinese New Year, as well as the anniversary of renewed U.S.-China relations, which initiated on January 1, 1979. The concert represented a unique and important opportunity for the Orchestra to connect with Philadelphia's large Chinese-American and Chinese Immigrant populations.

White and Williams LLP is the official law partner of The Philadelphia Orchestra in China.