



CITY OF HOUSTON

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Greetings,

In November and December of 2009, Worldwide Stage, Incorporated produced the original musical, *The Legend of Yin and Yang*, as a cultural exchange between Houston and our Sister City, Shenzhen, China. This bilateral production was presented in English and Mandarin involving a cast of Houston's own hip hop dancers and Shenzhen acrobats and martial arts performers. This collaborative performance was magnified by Houston and Shenzhen press as a remarkable breakthrough occasion.

In September, 2010, Worldwide Stage, Incorporated will be presenting ***The Tale of Kieu Musical***, based on an ancient epic poem by Vietnamese poet Nguyen Du, known as the "Shakespeare of Vietnamese." This festive event will be performed in two languages, English and Vietnamese, and will celebrate the cultural heritage of the dynamic Vietnamese American community in Houston.

I congratulate Worldwide Stage, Incorporated for creating theatrical productions and educational programs which honor our multicultural Houston citizenry. I extend best wishes for a successful ***The Tale of Kieu Musical*** and preceding ***Kieu Gala*** and wish you great success with these enjoyable events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annise D. Parker".

Annise D. Parker
Mayor

