Chinese New Year Celebration

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The Chinese New Year celebration, which began on January 31st, is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese Calendar.

Amy Bingham shows us how WKU’s Confucius Institute is marking the occasion in this week’s View from the Hill.

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That’s Happy New Year in Chinese.

China is in the midst of a 15 day celebration to kick off the year of the horse.

 “The horse represents hard working, intelligence and independence.”

Of course it’s also a symbol strongly identified with Kentucky.

To help mark the occasion of the Chinese New year, the CI brought a troupe of Chinese performers to Bowling Green.

 “We partnered with Binghamton University’s Confucius Institute for Opera, they came and performed in front of over 550 students at Bowling Green Junior High.” “I thought it was really interesting. It wasn’t like our American culture. Definitely not.”

 “The act included face changing, chinese opera and also acrobats. We had a contortionist come in and students absolutely loved that.”

Chinese teacher Alice Cho was excited to teacher her students about this important holiday.

 “The Chinese new year is most important festival for chinese people.” (and the way they celebrate is go home and reunite with family members).

A kindergarten class at McNeill elementary even learned a song about the chinese new year.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

 The celebration continues this weekend when WKU’s CI will host “An Oriental Monsoon” performed by Hangzhou (HONG-ZO) Normal University’s Student Troupe Saturday night at Van Meter hall.

The performance begins at 6:30. Admission is free and open to the public.

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