Chinese troupe to perform in Hays

In musical, theatrical and kung gram between the university and fu performances of the likes rarely seen outside China, Fort Hays State University presents the Hua Xia Orchestra from Henan Museum of China and monks of the Shaolin Temple Kung Fu Team.

The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union. Admission is free.

The event is part of a longstanding cultural exchange pro-

versity, in the Henan Province of China. This performance is one of only four in the troupe's U.S.

ly engaged in the preservation, research and exhibition of ancient Chinese music. Costumes, musical scores and instruments such as the bone flute and chime bells used historical items, some unearthed from ancient Chinese graves.

its partner, Sias International Uni- event involves 20 performers of all ages. The performance will begin with a narrated musical presentation, including instruments and Chinese music from prehis-The Hua Xia Ancient Music toric times through the Tang Dy-Group of Henan Museum is high-nasty, 618 to 907 A.D. This will be followed by a demonstration of ancient Chinese martial arts styles and weapons by members of the Shaolin Temple Kung Fu Team.

Finally, the performance inin the performance are replicas of cludes a theatrical play about at (785) 628-4664. the Chinese Lantern Festival, or "Chinese Valentine's Day," which

terns and love held on the first full moon of each new year. This traditional festival has been taking place for the past 2,000 years. It involves audience participation in the "Guessing Game," a traditional aspect of the Chinese Lantern Festival.

For information, contact Vince Bowhay, assistant director of the Memorial Union, by e-mail at vebowhay@fhsu.edu or by phone

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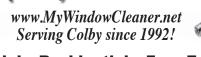
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