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More than half of the world will be overweight or obese by 2035 - report

LONDON, March 2 (Reuters) - More than half of the world's population will be overweight or obese by 2035 without significant action, according to a new report.

The World Obesity Federation's 2023 atlas predicts that 51% of the world, or more than 4 billion people, will be obese or overweight within the next 12 years.

Rates of obesity are rising particularly quickly among children and in lower income countries, the report found.

Describing the data as a "clear warning", Louise Baur, president of the World Obesity Federation, said that policymakers needed to act now to prevent the situation worsening.

"It is particularly worrying to see obesity rates rising fastest among children and adolescents," she said in a statement.

"Governments and policymakers around the world need to do all they can to avoid passing health, social and economic costs on to the younger generation."

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The report found that childhood obesity could more than double from 2020 levels, to 208 million boys and 175 million girls by 2035.

The cost to society is significant as a result of the health conditions linked to being overweight, the federation said: more than \$4 trillion annually by 2035, or 3% of global GDP.



Visitors to the Southbank are seen reflected in rainwater, in London, Britain, December 29, 2022. REUTERS/Peter Nicholls

However, the authors said they were not blaming individuals, but calling for a focus on the societal, environmental and biological factors involved in the conditions.

The report uses body mass index (BMI) for its assessments, a number calculated by dividing a person's weight in kilograms by their height in metres squared. In line with the World Health Organization's guidelines, a BMI score over 25 is overweight and over 30 is obese.

In 2020, 2.6 billion people fell into these categories, or 38% of the world's population.

The report also found that almost all of the countries expected to see the greatest increases in obesity in the coming years are low or middle-income countries in Asia and Africa.

The data will be presented to United Nations policymakers and member states next week.

US Justice Dept wants execs to foot bill for corporate misconduct

MIAMI, March 2 (Reuters) - The U.S. Justice Department is rolling out a new policy aimed at pushing the cost of corporate crime into the pockets of executives, the latest in a series of changes at the agency under President Joe Biden.

The agency's criminal division will give discounts on fines for companies that seek to claw back compensation from corporate wrongdoers, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said at a conference on Thursday. Any company seeking to resolve a U.S. investigation will also have to implement a plan to include compliance goals as part of compensation and bonuses.

"Our goal is simple: to shift the burden of corporate wrongdoing away from shareholders, who frequently play no role in misconduct, onto those directly responsible," Monaco said at an American Bar Association conference in Miami.

Companies often pay fines to

U.S. authorities to resolve investigations into wrongdoing, a practice that some say further harms shareholders but leaves corporate executives unscathed.

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"Clawbacks are not a new idea but our view is that they have never really been deployed effectively or regularly," Marshall Miller, principal associate deputy attorney general at the Justice Department, told Reuters in an interview along the sidelines of the conference.

The three-year pilot program will

give discounts tied to the size of the clawback on penalties, and firms will get to retain a portion of that money even if they are unsuccessful in clawing back compensation provided they try to in good faith, Miller said.

"If you are going to create a culture that calls out misconduct and promotes compliance, you need people to have skin in the game," Miller said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission last year dramatically expanded the scope of its clawback powers, which were created in 2002.

Monaco's "strong warning to 'step up and own up' is a clear shot across the bow of corporate America for non-disclosing companies," said John Carney, co-leader of BakerHostetler's White Collar, Investigations and Securities Enforcement and Litigation team.



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State Government May Take Over Houston School District

A group of church and community members gathered in front of the Houston School District building on Friday to protest against the upcoming state government take over of the Houston School District. They said this is a politically motivated action and not for the benefit of the students.

Mayor Sylvester Turner said the State may take over the Houston School District which is the largest district in Texas.

Over the past four years the district has had many issues and finally the Texas Supreme Court has ruled that the State can intervene.

Many community leaders said the take over is because the school district is mostly made up of minorities. Otherwise, this would not be happening.

We would like to point out that this take over is really an insult to our city. It means we can't even manage the education of our city.

Education is the most important issue in our community and in the nation. Our school board is elected from the grass-roots. Some of the members may lack knowledge of education, but they are the ones who make the decisions that shape the future of our school district.

We all should deeply review and learn from this disaster and come out with the solution for our school district.

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A screen grab shows a selfie of actor Jeremy Renner on a hospital bed, posted on Instagram with a caption reading, "Thank you all for your kind words. I'm too messed up now to type. But I send love to you all" in this picture obtained from social media. Jeremy Renner via Instagram



WASHINGTON, Jan 4 (Reuters) - Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives struggled with a second day of division on Wednesday as a stubborn band of holdouts refused to back Kevin McCarthy's bid to lead the chamber, defying former President Donald Trump's call for unity.

Despite Trump's appeal, McCarthy fell short in a fourth vote



A limousine carrying Britain's King Charles and Queen Camilla leaves RAF Northolt, near London, Britain. REUTERS/Paul Childs



Patients lie on beds and stretchers in a hallway in the emergency department of a hospital, amid the coronavirus disease outbreak in Shanghai, China. REUTERS/Staff



U.S. House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy reacts to the cheers of his Republican colleagues as he is reintroduced as a Republican candidate for a second round of voting in the race to be the next Speaker of the House during a vote in the House Chamber on the first day of the 118th Congress at the U.S. Capitol in Washington. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein



A soldier from Carpathian Sich international battalion fires an RPG while conducting maneuvers near the front line, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues, near Kremenna, Ukraine. REUTERS/Clodagh Kilcoyne



Key Point

(Editor’s Note: *In what may be the most ambitious and far-reaching “corporate pivots” of our time, Facebook is changing its name to Meta and introducing a corporate redo that will include features and services aimed to touch and influence every area of our lives. What this will all mean going forward is impossible to totally understand at the outset because the “Meta universe” as introduced to the media by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will be an offering of services ranging from gaming to altered reality that will be constantly be changing, evolving and growing right in front of our eyes. Will it be good for us, or only another array of digital distractions from our “real lives?” The company says the concept has been in the works for years and that there will be many new choices for consumers. I say give it a chance, but keep an open mind./John T. Robbins)*

What Is The Metaverse? How Will It Change Our Lives?

The basics: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Thursday, October 28, 2021, said the social media giant is renaming its company that will now be called Meta.

Why it matters: The effort is meant to shift its image from a social media platform to a “metaverse” company that focuses on building virtual work and social communities.

Details: Speaking at Facebook’s annual Connect AR and VR event, Zuckerberg said that Facebook’s future “is beyond any one

company.”

- Moving forward, he said, users will not need to log into Facebook to be able to access the company’s other apps and features.
- “I’ve been thinking a lot about our identity as we think about this next chapter,” he said. “Facebook is one of the most used products in the world. It’s an iconic social media brand, but increasingly, it just doesn’t encompass everything that we do.”
- “Building our social media apps will always be an important focus for us, but right now our brand is so tightly linked to one

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product that can’t possibly represent everything we do and will be linked to in the future,” he added.”



The company’s corporate structure is not changing. Monday it announced that it would separate its “Family of Apps” financial reporting from Facebook Reality Labs, which is spearheading the metaverse project.

- The company intends to start trading under the new stock ticker, MVRs, on December 1. Facebook says it has already reserved that ticker name.

The big picture: The rebrand comes amid one of Facebook’s most dramatic public relations crises in recent memory. Over the past week, dozens of news outlets released reports about the tech giant based on leaked whistleblower documents.

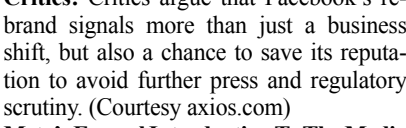
- The stories suggested that Facebook has known about harms caused by its policies and products, but opted not to address them at the expense of the company’s bottom line — an allegation the company vehemently denies.

Be smart: Dozens of companies have rebranded over the years, typically representing a shift in focus. For example, Apple rebranded from Apple Computers and Tesla rebranded from Tesla Motors.

- Google in 2015 famously rebranded to Alphabet and announced a restructure that made Google a subsidiary of the bigger Alphabet holding company. The new structure was meant to help separate Google’s other companies and investments, like YouTube and Android, from Google.

Critics: Critics argue that Facebook’s rebrand signals more than just a business shift, but also a chance to save its reputation to avoid further press and regulatory scrutiny. (Courtesy axios.com)

Meta’s Formal Introduction To The Media On Thursday, October 28, 2021, CEO Mark Zuckerberg introduced Meta, which brings together our apps and technologies under one new company brand. Meta’s focus will be to bring the metaverse to life and help people connect, find communities and grow businesses.



The metaverse will feel like a hybrid of today’s online

social experiences, sometimes expanded into three dimensions or projected into the physical world. It will let you share immersive experiences with other people even when you can’t be together — and do things together you couldn’t do in the physical world. It’s the next evolution in a long line of social technologies, and it’s ushering in a new chapter for our company. Mark shared more about this vision in a founder’s letter.

Our annual Connect conference brings together augmented and virtual reality developers, content creators, marketers and others to celebrate the industry’s momentum and growth. This year’s virtual event explored what experiences in the metaverse could feel like over the next decade — from social connection, to entertainment, gaming, fitness, work, education and commerce. We also announced new tools to help people build for the metaverse, including Presence Platform, which will enable new mixed reality experiences on Quest 2, and a \$150-million investment in immersive learning to train the next generation of creators.

You can watch the full Connect keynote and learn more about how the metaverse will unlock new opportunities at meta.com. You can also learn more about our work over the past several months to develop the Meta brand on our design blog. Read all our news in the posts below:

- Connect 2021: Our Vision for the Metaverse
- Horizon Home, the Future of Work, Presence Platform, and More
- Project Aria Update
- How VR Is Changing the Way We Collaborate and Get Things Done
- Gaming News
- ‘Blade & Sorcery: Nomad’ Is Coming to Oculus Quest
- Spark AR Roundup
- Spark AR Certification & Professional Course Preview



Our corporate structure is not changing, however, how we report on our financials will. Starting with our results for the fourth quarter of 2021, we plan to report on two operating segments: Family of Apps and Reality Labs. We also intend to start trading under the new stock ticker we have

reserved, MVRs, on December 1. Today’s announcement does not affect how we use or share data.

Meta builds technologies that help people connect, find communities, and grow businesses. When Facebook launched in 2004, it changed the way people connect. Apps like Messenger, Instagram and WhatsApp further empowered billions around the world. Now, Meta is moving beyond 2D screens toward immersive experiences like augmented and virtual reality to help build the next evolution in social technology.

“Connection is evolving and so are we.”

The metaverse is the next evolution of social connection. Our company’s vision is to help bring the metaverse to life, so we are changing our name to reflect our commitment to this future.

“The metaverse will be social.”

Virtual reality, Augmented reality, Smart glasses



Discover all you can do with virtual reality.



For additional information, go to <https://about.facebook.com/meta> (Courtesy facebook.com)

(Article continues below.)

Founder’s Letter, 2021



Screen shot of CEO Mark Zuckerberg at the company’s “Connect” virtual event.

(Editor’s Note: *Below is the complete, unedited Founder’s Letter as delivered by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Thursday, October 28, 2021, as published on the internet. The only addition to Mr. Zuckerberg’s statement has been photos and graphics for the purpose of emphasizing his announcement.)*

(October 28, 2021) We are at the beginning of the next chapter for the internet, and it’s the next chapter for our company too.

In recent decades, technology has given people the power to connect and express ourselves more naturally. When I started Facebook, we mostly typed text on websites. When we got phones with cameras, the internet became more visual and mobile. As connections got faster, video became a richer way to share experiences. We’ve gone from desktop to web to mobile; from text to photos to video. But this isn’t the end of the line.

The next platform will be even more immersive — an embodied internet where you’re in the experience, not just looking at it. We call this the metaverse, and it will touch every product we build. The defining quality of the metaverse will be a feeling of presence — like you are right there with another person or in another place. Feeling truly present with another person is the ultimate dream of social technology. That is why we are focused on building this.

In the metaverse, you’ll be able to do almost anything you can imagine — get together with friends and family, work, learn, play, shop, create — as well as completely new experiences that don’t really fit how we think about computers or phones today. We made a film that explores how you might use the metaverse one day.

In this future, you will be able to teleport in-

stantly as a hologram to be at the office without a commute, at a concert with friends, or in your parents’ living room to catch up. This will open up more opportunity no matter where you live. You’ll be able to spend more time on what matters to you, cut down time in traffic, and reduce your carbon footprint. Think about how many physical things you have today that could just be holograms in the future. Your TV, your perfect work setup with multiple monitors, your board games and more — instead of physical things assembled in factories, they’ll be holograms designed by creators around the world. You’ll move across these experiences on different devices — augmented reality glasses to stay present in the physical world, virtual reality to be fully immersed, and phones and computers to jump in from existing platforms. This isn’t about spending more time on screens; it’s about making the time we already spend better.



Our Role and Responsibility

The metaverse will not be created by one company. It will be built by creators and developers making new experiences and digital

items that are interoperable and unlock a massively larger creative economy than the

one constrained by today’s platforms and their policies.

Our role in this journey is to accelerate the development of the fundamental technologies, social platforms and creative tools to bring the metaverse to life, and to weave these technologies through our social media apps. We believe the metaverse can enable better social experiences than anything that exists today, and we will dedicate our energy to helping achieve its potential.

As I wrote in our original founder’s letter: “we don’t build services to make money; we make money to build better services.”

This approach has served us well. We’ve built our business to support very large and long term investments to build better services, and that’s what we plan to do here. The last five years have been humbling for me and our company in many ways. One of the main lessons I’ve learned is that building products people love isn’t enough.

I’ve gained more appreciation that the internet’s story isn’t straightforward. Every chapter brings new voices and new ideas, but also new challenges, risks, and disruption of established interests. We’ll need to work together, from the beginning, to bring the best possible version of this future to life.

Privacy and safety need to be built into the metaverse from day one. So do open standards and interoperability. This will require not just novel technical work — like supporting crypto and NFT projects in the community — but also new forms of governance. Most of all, we need to help build ecosystems so that more people have a stake in the future and can benefit not just as consumers but as creators.

This period has also been humbling because as big of a company as we are, we’ve also learned what it’s like to build on other platforms. Living under their rules has profoundly shaped my views on the tech industry. I’ve come to believe that the lack of choice for consumers and high fees for developers are stifling innovation and holding back the internet economy.



We’ve tried to take a different approach. We want our services to be accessible to as many people as possible, which means working to make them cost less, not more. Our mobile apps are free. Our ads model is designed to

provide businesses the lowest prices. Our commerce tools are available at cost or with modest fees. As a result, billions of people love our services and hundreds of millions of businesses rely on our tools.

That’s the approach we want to bring to helping to build the metaverse. We plan to sell our devices at cost or subsidized to make them available to more people. We’ll continue supporting side-loading and streaming from PCs so people have choice, rather than forcing them to use the Quest Store to find apps or reach customers. And we’ll aim to offer developer and creator services with low fees in as many cases as possible so we can maximize the overall creative economy. We’ll need to make sure we don’t lose too much money along the way though.

Our hope is that within the next decade, the metaverse will reach a billion people, host hundreds of billions of dollars of digital commerce, and support jobs for millions of creators and developers.

Who We Are

As we embark on this next chapter, I’ve thought a lot about what this means for our company and our identity. We’re a company that focuses on connecting people. While most tech companies focus on how people interact with technology, we’ve always focused on building technology so people can interact with each other.

Today we’re seen as a social media company. Facebook is one of the most used technology products in the history of the world. It’s an iconic social media brand.

Building social apps will always be important for us, and there’s a lot more to build. But increasingly, it’s not all we do. In our DNA, we build technology to bring people together. The metaverse is the next frontier in connecting people, just like social networking was when we got started.



Right now our brand is so tightly linked to one product that it can’t possibly represent everything we’re doing today, let alone in the future. Over time, I hope we are seen as a metaverse company, and I want to anchor our work and our identity on what we’re building towards.

We just announced that we’re making a fundamental change to our company. We’re now looking at and reporting on our business

as two different segments: one for our family of apps and one for our work on future platforms. Our work on the metaverse is not just one of these segments. The metaverse encompasses both the social experiences and future technology. As we broaden our vision, it’s time for us to adopt a new brand.

To reflect who we are and the future we hope to build, I’m proud to share that our company is now Meta. Our mission remains the same — it’s still about bringing people together. Our apps and their brands aren’t changing either. We’re still the company that designs technology around people.

But all of our products, including our apps, now share a new vision: to help bring the metaverse to life. And now we have a name that reflects the breadth of what we do.

From now on, we will be metaverse-first, not Facebook-first. That means that over time you won’t need a Facebook account to use our other services. As our new brand starts showing up in our products, I hope people around the world come to know the Meta brand and the future we stand for.

I used to study Classics, and the word “meta” comes from the Greek word meaning “beyond”. For me, it symbolizes that there is always more to build, and there is always a next chapter to the story. Ours is a story that started in a dorm room and grew beyond anything we imagined; into a family of apps that people use to connect with one another, to find their voice, and to start businesses, communities, and movements that have changed the world.



the limits of distance and physics, and towards a future where everyone can be present with each other, create new opportunities and experience new things. It is a future that is beyond any one company and that will be made by all of us. We have built things that have brought people together in new ways. We’ve learned from struggling with difficult social issues and living under closed platforms. Now it is time to take everything we’ve learned and help build the next chapter.

I’m dedicating our energy to this — more than any other company in the world. If this is the future you want to see, I hope you’ll join us. The future is going to be beyond anything we can imagine. — Mark Zuckerberg (Courtesy facebook.com)

2023 年休士頓地區華語文能力測驗(TOCFL) 開始接受報名

(本報訊) 駐休士頓臺北經濟文化辦事處教育組訂於本(2023)年4月29日(星期六)上午10時至12時於聖湯瑪斯大學【University of St. Thomas, 地址: 3800 Montrose Blvd, Houston, TX 77006】舉辦2023年休士頓地區電腦化華語文能力測驗 (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language, 簡稱TOCFL)。

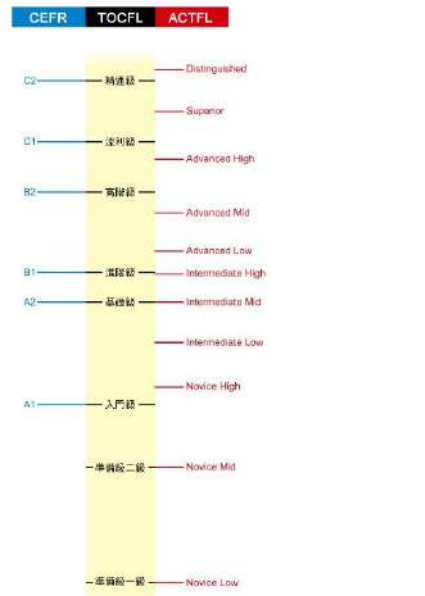
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備註:資料來源為本會於2012至2014年,以及2017年5月進行之標準設定與研究結果。

紀念國父孫中山先生逝世98週年 中山學術會3月12日上午舉辦植樹節活動

(本報訊) 今年為國父孫中山先生逝世98週年, 緬懷國父革命犧牲奉獻的精神, 其終其一生為追求一個民有、民治、民享的民主共和國努力不懈, 為了建立一個自由、平等、博愛的世界而奮鬥。

休士頓中山學術研究協會將於3月12日星期日上午十時於僑教中心舉辦國父孫中山先生逝世紀念日植樹節活動。

屆時更將有達拉斯中山學術學會總召集人 牟呈華及會長劉志強率同會員南下共襄盛舉。歡迎黨員同志當日前往參與, 共同緬懷國父孫中山先生獻身國民革命的偉大精神。聯絡人, 張錦娟 832-236-5048

(政海楓聲) 澤連斯基向習總求助无果 楊楚楓



去年12月, 中國最高領導人習近平與俄羅斯總統普京有舉行過視頻會議。在這之前及之後, 烏克蘭的澤連斯基總統多次尋求與習近平直接對話的機會; 可惜習總一概不理, 令到烏克蘭上上下下, 一律大表失望。

真難以想像不到, 儘管烏克蘭基輔——數月來反復嘗試與中國領導人直接對話, 但為什麼總是毫無結果呢? 今年1月, 烏克蘭總統澤連斯基委派夫人奧萊娜·澤連斯卡前往瑞士阿爾卑斯高山上舉行的達沃斯世界經濟論壇, 執行一項特殊任務。

她向中國代表團遞交了一封致中國最高領導人習近平的信。澤連斯基在信中再次懇請兩國領導人進行對話。

“那是對話的姿態和邀請, 我非常希望這一邀請能得到回應,” 澤連斯卡當時對記者說。

但在習近平與俄羅斯總統普京宣揚兩國友誼“沒有止境”, 而北京又在本周迎來克里姆林宮最堅定的盟友白俄羅斯領導人到訪之際, 澤連斯基仍未能與中國領導人對話。

儘管如此, 即使西方官員愈發擔心北京正考慮向莫斯科提供致命性軍事援助, 對此, 澤連斯基的語氣依然是謹慎樂觀的。雖然他遭到北京的冷遇, 但與其為敵對烏克蘭來說並無多少好處。如果中國向俄羅斯提供軍火, 可能會讓這場持續一年之久的衝突局勢, 發生重大改變, 並在這場已經演變為艱苦消耗戰的對抗中為俄羅斯提供一條急需的生命線。

“我真的很想相信, 中國不會向俄羅斯提供武器,” 澤連斯基上週在基輔的新聞發布會上表示。“我正在盡一切努力防止這種情況發生。”

“據我所知, 中國歷來尊重領土完整, 這意味著它應該完全支持將俄羅斯聯邦趕出我們的領土,” 他說。“因為這正是尊重主權和領土完整的意義所在。”

今年1月, 烏克蘭第一夫人奧萊娜·澤連斯卡曾在瑞士達沃斯內發表講話。在中國外交部上週發布一份呼籲恢復和平談判的立場文件後

, 包括美國在內的烏克蘭西方盟友迅速提出批評。拜登總統的國家安全顧問傑克·沙利文表示, “只要俄羅斯不再進攻烏克蘭並撤軍, 戰爭明天就可以結束”。

但澤連斯基及其顧問的姿態更為克制, 他說該文件是一個“重大信號”, 表明中國願意討論結束戰爭的問題。

中國一直試圖扮演中間斡旋的角色, 但卻繼續向俄羅斯提供大量軍民兩用產品。北京熱烈歡迎了白俄羅斯總統盧卡申科本週的國事訪問, 凸顯了烏克蘭西方盟友的擔憂, 即克里姆林宮可能利用白俄羅斯“推動俄中之間規避制裁的計劃”, 華盛頓智庫戰爭研究所周二晚間指出。

去年夏天, 隨著人們日益擔憂中國向俄羅斯提供關鍵軍工技術(包括高科技芯片), 澤連斯基表示, 烏克蘭情報部門非常清楚哪些國家在幫助莫斯科, 但他不想指責。

“我只想專注於將全世界團結起來, 對抗俄羅斯的暴政,” 他在去年8月對《南華早報》表示, 那是他首次接受亞洲媒體訪問, 也是他迄今為止就如何看待與中國關係的最全面表態。

他當時表示, 在俄羅斯入侵很久之前, 他曾與習近平有過一次談話, 而數月以來, 他一直在正式要求進行對話。

米勒戶外劇場100週年，舉辦盛大慶祝 推出精彩系列活動，演出全部免費開放



(本報休斯頓報導) 走過了百年歲月, 帶給許多休斯頓人美好回憶, 米勒戶外劇場(Miller Outdoor Theatre)今年將盛大慶祝一百週年, 連串的精采表演將輪番上場, 喜愛表演藝術的斯頓人有福了! 系列活動包括音樂、舞蹈、戲劇、電影、多媒體等等, 一百多場演出全部免費, 向公眾開放。

米勒的常務總監 Cissy Segall Davis 表示: 「休斯頓人對米勒有著特殊的記憶, 無論是來看表演, 或是在此慶祝生日、訂婚或約會。有表演者說, 在舞台上凝視著人群和美麗的公園時, 世界上沒有其他地方能像米勒有那樣的感覺, 真的很奇妙。」

歡迎參加百年慶典季, 節目活動多多

米勒戶外劇場的慶祝活動將於3月17日拉開序幕, 由深受全球喜愛的三一愛爾蘭舞蹈團(Trinity Irish Dance Company)帶來熱力四射的愛爾蘭舞蹈, 充滿激情與才華。

3月18日晚上, 有一場隆重的主題盛宴, 將回溯百年前開始的年代, 回到1923年, 也就是米勒戶外劇場的“誕生”的時候, 有歌有舞, 有雜耍表演, 既懷舊又有創新的巧思。晚間八點開始還有著名的樂團 Hot Sardines 的爵士樂演出, 搖擺自由而隨興。

3月24日, 晚上8點: 我是國王——邁克傑克遜體驗, 在這個充滿活力的致敬中, 與一群令人難以置信的舞者和音樂家一起, 踏上音樂和視覺之旅, 進入流行音樂之王邁克傑克遜的世界, 跟著傑克遜最熱門的歌曲一起歡唱。

3月25日晚上8點: 休斯頓拉丁美洲愛樂樂團帶來的“浪漫(Romance)”, 享受浪漫的拉丁美洲音樂和舞蹈之夜。音樂家們將演奏探戈、Danzon、Ranchera、恰恰恰、巴恰塔、波萊羅(Bolero)等音樂。

3月31日晚上8點: 自由醒來(Waking Up Free), 來趟印度之旅, 由 Silambam 表演, 這部原創作品, 結合印度古典音樂和古典舞蹈, 講述當今印度為希望而奮鬥的故事。

5月12日, 米勒生日快樂! 從下午6點開始, 一起用耀眼的生日蛋糕和活動來慶祝。晚上8點有休斯頓芭蕾舞團的演出。

7月14日至15日——米勒回顧展, 加上以TUTS音樂劇為特色的表演。與家人一起度過一個充滿想像力和表演的夜晚, 觀看



互動木偶表演、魔術師、協作壁畫等。此外, 還可以在耀眼的生活蛋糕上拍照。活動從下午6:30開始, 晚上8:30是TUTS音樂劇表演。

11月11日, 一場蒸汽龐克盛會。穿上你最好的蒸汽龐克服裝, 通過機器、表演、照片裝置等回到過去, 大地豎琴(Earth Harp)的壯觀聲音與BELLA GAIA(美麗的地球)的視覺故事相結合, 融合了音樂、視覺上令人驚嘆的舞蹈和由Capacitor設計的運動雕塑、以及NASA衛星圖像講述我們星球相互關聯的宇宙故事。匯集了近年來在美國巡迴演出的最受歡迎的節目, 充滿活力的組合在舞台上展現獨一無二的演出, 是百年慶典季的一大亮點。

緣起: 一切是這麼開始的

米勒戶外劇場的成立始於1919年, 當時休斯頓人 Jesse Wright Miller 捐贈土地給休斯頓市政府。他用土地出售所賺的錢在赫曼公園裡建造一個戶外劇場, 由 William Ward Watkin 設計, 由 Tom Tellepsen 於1922年建造, 米勒是個圓形劇場, 環繞著二十根科林斯風格的石柱。劇場於1923年正式使用, 作為社區免費表演的場地, 許多重要的比賽包括無線電廣播, 如1925年世界系列賽和1927年世界重量級拳擊錦標賽都囊括其中。在過去的百年歲月裡, 上演過非常多卓越出色的節目, 著名的表演者包括 Tejano 超級巨星賽琳娜(Selena)、托尼獎得主 Tommy



Tune、以及獲得格萊美獎的表演者 Little Joe y La Familia、歌手 Arooj Aftab、休斯頓室內合唱團等等。

現今, 米勒劇場顧問委員會策劃了廣泛的表演節目, 來分享並慶祝能呈現休斯頓多樣風貌的藝術表現形式, 從搖滾到巴赫, 米勒劇場提供最好的現場音樂、舞蹈、戲劇、電影等。米勒劇場顧問委員會主席 Romulo Tim Cisneros 表示: 「我們的目標是邀請世界各地的表演者來到休斯頓, 分享他們的天賦。」

出色的表演需要最先進的設施, 在過去的百年裡, 劇場曾進行無數次改進和翻新。值得注意的是, 原來的劇場在1960年代中期被拆除, 並於1968年被今天所見的鋼結構取代, 這個設計曾贏得了無數的獎項。米勒戶外劇場由 Houston First Corporation 管理。米勒戶外劇場部分由休斯頓市通過休斯頓藝術聯盟贊助。

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