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## Be part of Sydney's famous Twilight Parade

The City of Sydney has issued a call for performers and volunteers to get involved in the 2012 Chinese New Year Twilight Parade, a breathtaking street spectacular viewed by more than 100,000 people every year.

The Twilight Parade is the flagship event of the City's world-renowned Chinese New Year Festival and will be held on Sunday 29 January.

The City is holding open auditions for both individuals and groups over 18 years interested in dancing, physical performance or assisting with activities along the Parade route.

Roles include hip hop dancers, circus performers, cyclists, and prop and signage carriers.

"Sydney is home to the biggest and best Chinese New Year celebrations outside of mainland China, something we are immensely proud of," said Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP.

"We're preparing to kick off the Year of the Dragon with a bang and want to hear from enthusiastic Sydneysiders who want to get involved in one of our City's favourite annual celebrations."

"This is an exciting opportunity to play a central role in our festivities as we enter the Year of the Dragon," said Twilight Parade Director, Gill Minervini.

"You don't have to be a professional performer – all levels of experience are welcome, and for some roles no experience is necessary."

A registration and information day for performers and volunteers will be held on Sunday 13 November at Sydney Town Hall.

Participants will be required to work with the Twilight Parade Performance Director for two rehearsals prior to the event.

The 2012 Twilight Parade will have more than 2,300 participants, including 130 performers from Chengdu, the City's Chinese New Year partner city in south-western China.

Each year, more than 100,000 people line City streets from Sydney Town Hall to Darling Harbour to watch this colourful street spectacular.

The City's Chinese New Year Festival includes more than 60 events including markets, dragon boat races, temple tours, a film festival, art exhibitions, kids' events, cultural and historical tours, calligraphy demonstrations, opera performances and banquets.



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More than 600,000 people attend the festival annually, making it one of the most popular events on Sydney's annual calendar.

## **Chinese New Year Festival 2012 – Twilight Parade Performer Registration Day**

When: Sunday 13 November 2011  
Time: 11am – 3pm  
Where: Lower Town Hall, Sydney Town Hall (483 George Street, Sydney)

For more information, please contact the City's Events Unit:  
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