THE **DESCENSES DESCRIPTION** 



### THE SPECTACLE AT A GLANCE



Never before told with such creativity and dynamism, The Quintessence of Tonkin is the cultural story of Northern Vietnam: a tale that balances legend with history, tradition with progress, and peace with turbulence.

This is Vietnam's greatest cultural spectacle. State of the art performance technology coupled with creative storytelling recount how Vietnam was shaped by art, festivals, and above all, Buddhism.

Delve into the enigmatic history of this ancient nation and her resilient people. Enjoy a soundtrack that blends traditional musical styles with contemporary elements. Watch as Vietnam's quintessence unfolds before your eyes.

# THE SHOW

# THE CONCEPT



### **THE STORY**



### THE PERFORMER



### THE VENUE



## THE CONCEPT

Born from an artistic vision to tell the story of the cultural highlights of Northern Vietnam — the show skillfully blends real life performers, delightful water puppetry, a stunning light show, an evocative soundtrack and the mountains of Thay Pagoda into a jaw-dropping extravaganza that tugs on the heart strings

With the celebration of the history of northern Vietnam and the preservation of traditional water puppetry at its heart, The Quintessence of Tonkin is also an emotional expression of the ancient union between religion and monarchy. The show is romantic, poetic and emotional, and brings freshness and excitement to Vietnamese entertainment.

Real life performers



Delightful Vietnamese traditional types of art





An evocative soundtrack



The mountains of Thay Pagoda



# THE STORY

Told over 55 minutes and divided into six acts, the extravaganza is a rustic, artistic demonstration of Vietnamese culture: poetry, Buddhism, nostalgia, music and painting, peace and harmony, joy and festivals. Inspired by the spirit of Vietnamese people, The Quintessence of Tonkin paints a colorful picture of a unique outlook on life that is tied to the Universe, Mother Nature and the spirituality of labor.

At the same time, the story showcases the talents of the Vietnamese people, who excel in knowledge and martial arts. A traditional village is the setting and traditional instruments and vocal arts such as ca tru, quan ho, chau van are included in the program.







Drawing inspiration from the spiritual history of the nearby Thay pagoda and tells the story of the water puppetry 's founding by venerable monk, Tu Dao Hanh



# **O1** POETRY

Open up a cultural life of the Red River Delta with rustic, daily life of the people



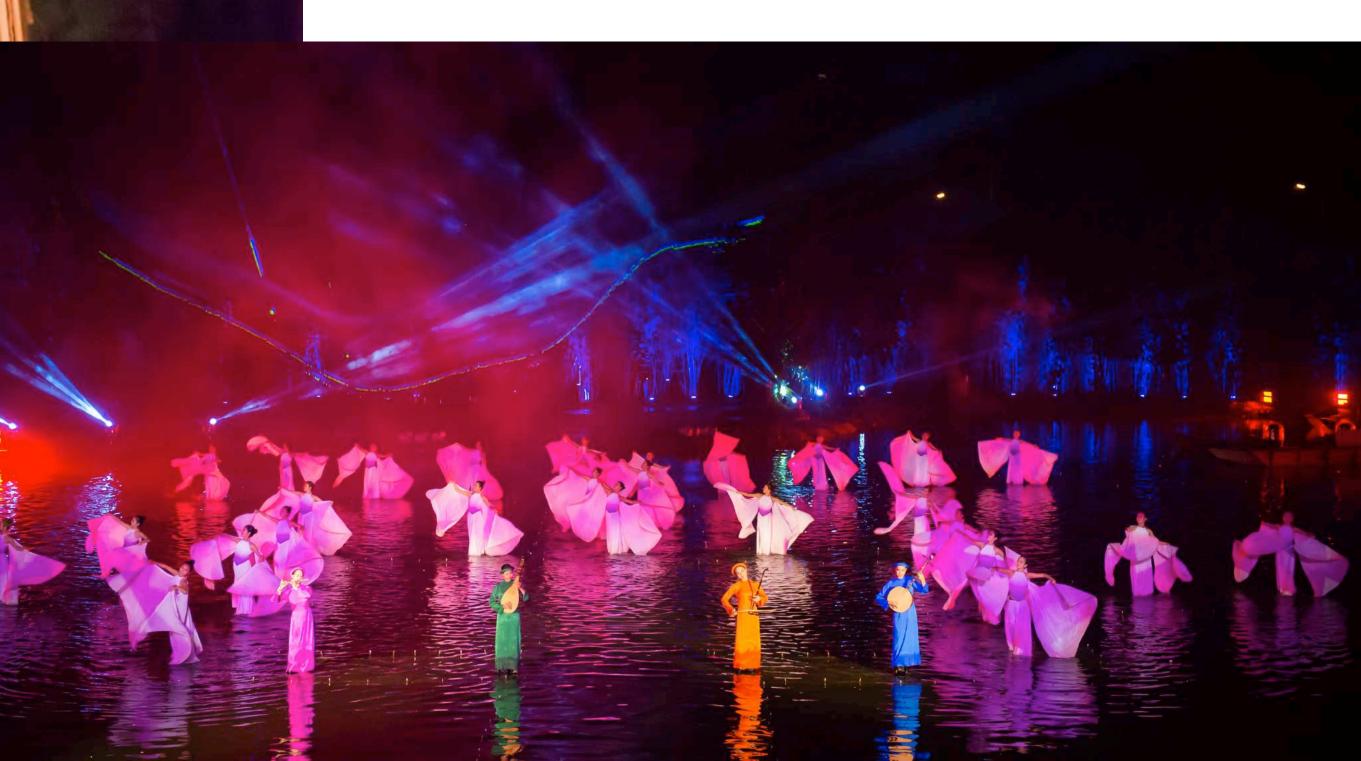


# **O**4 MUSIC & PAINTING

Different cultural elements are explored, including traditional music and painting

# **O**3 Nostagia

Reminiscence of the ancient Thang Long, at the same time praise the tradition of studious and talented people





# **OG** JOY & FESTIVAL

The traditional instruments and vocal arts such as Ca tru, Quan ho, Chau van are included in the performance

# **05 PEACE & HARMONY**

Drawing on the daily life activities of the people of the northern delta





# THE PERFORMER

There are two groups of performers in this show: the farmers - comprising farmers from the local village, and junior and senior dance students from the Vietnam Dance College.

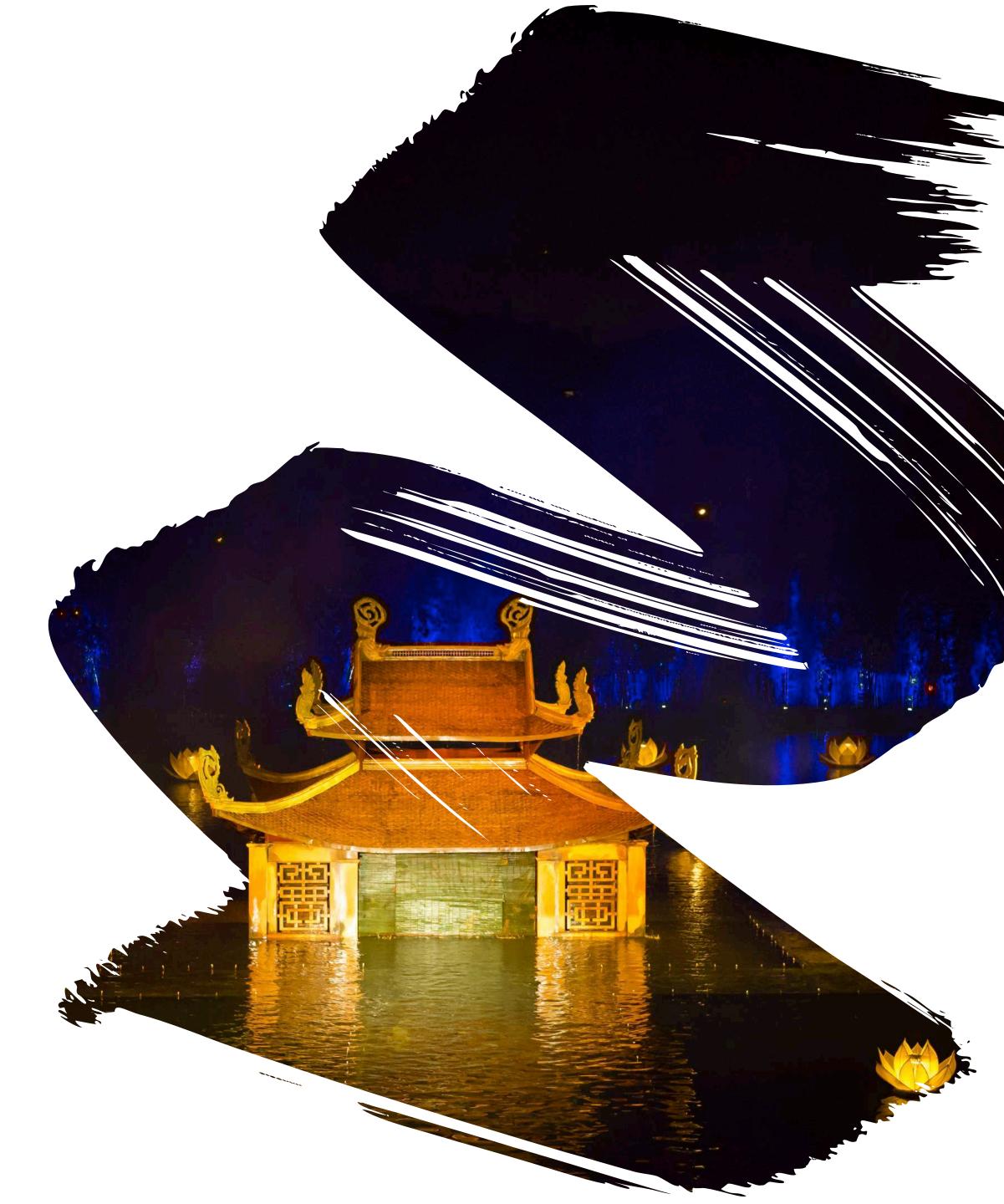




### While not professionally trained, the farmers are passionate performers and have an inherent artistic ability that translates into and authentic artistic expression. The dance students who have been trained bring youth, vitality and vibrance to the show — the perfect vehicle to hone their skill as performers.

### Together, the farmers and dance students bring the show to life in a compelling visual performance.





## THE VENUE

The Quintessence of Tonkin takes place in the tranquil countryside and about 30 minutes from center of Hanoi



### The stage is permanently submerged under a layer of water and allows for a unique and never – before – seen theatrical display.

There is no doubt that The Quintessence of Tonkin is a major engineering feat. Not only does the show replicate the Chua Thay village and lake it also employs a hydrothermal system to raise the submerged Thuy Dinh — a house on water and where the puppet performance takes place — so it appears as if by magic.



# 4300m2

### **OF WATER STAGE**

The mountain of Thay Pagoda is the backdrop of the show

# >200

### PERFORMERS

More than 150 performers are local farmers

2500

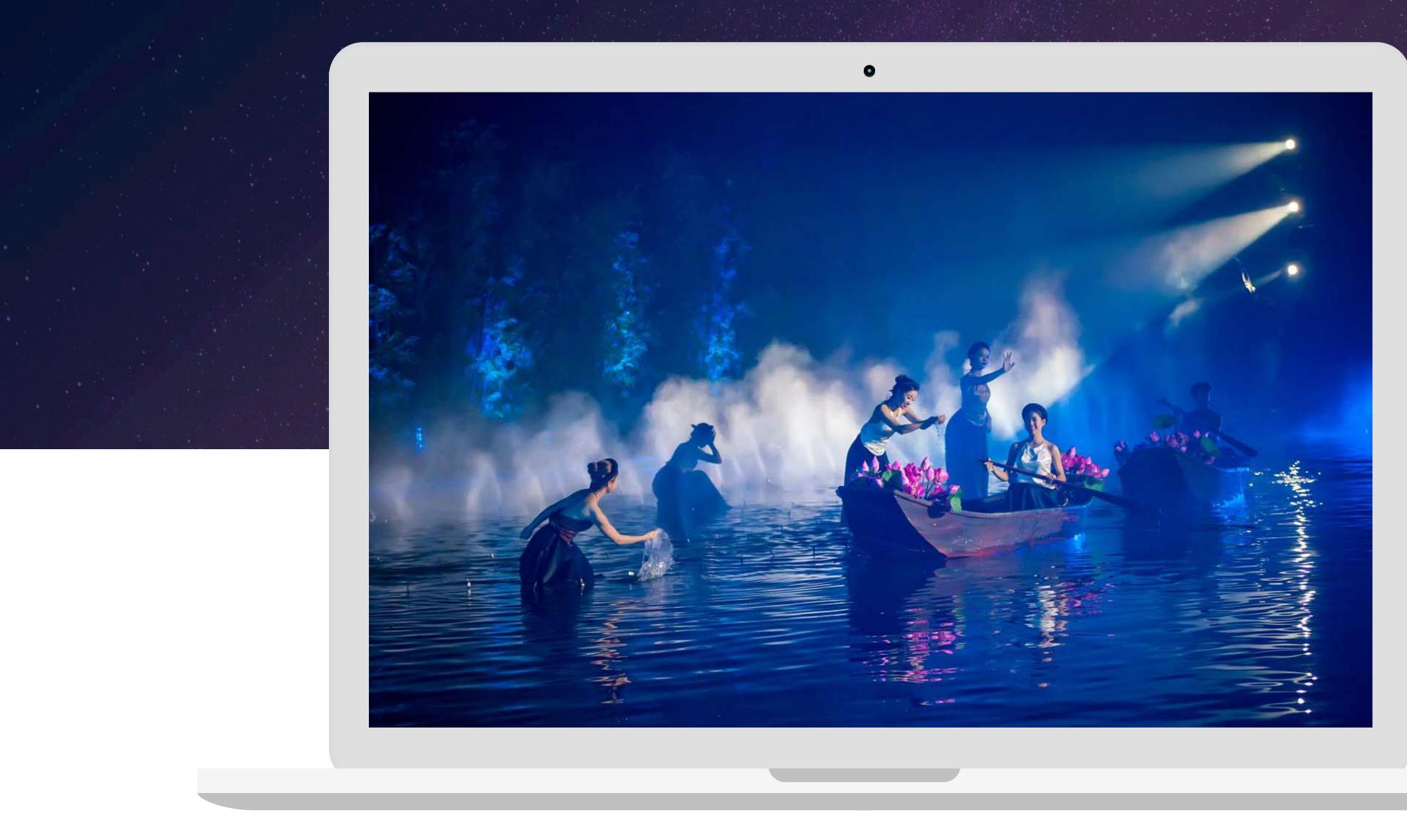
#### SEATS

The amphitheater also has 100 VIPs seats

# >15000

### **PEOPLE HAVE VISITED**

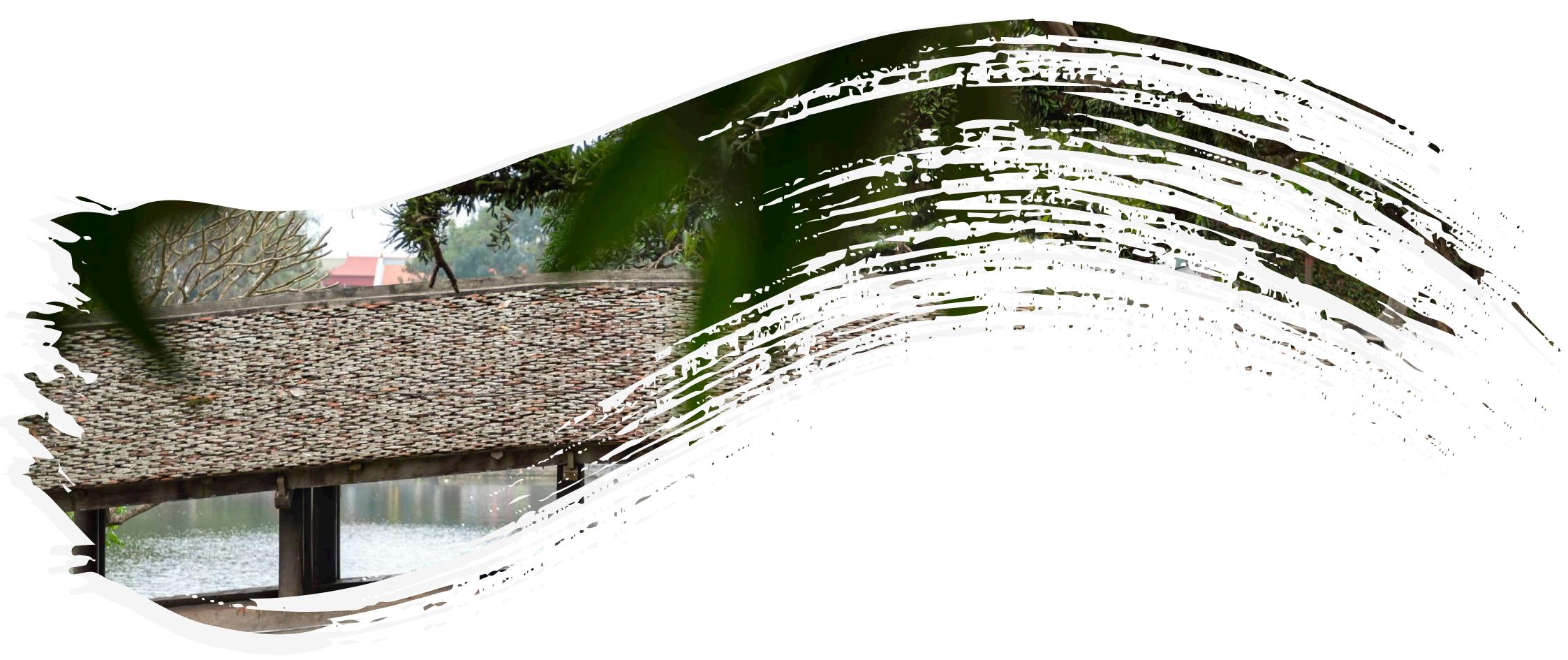
From the first show on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017



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# NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

### THAY PAGODA

Located in Sai Son village, also known as "Thien Phuc Tu" The oldest Buddhist pagoda in Vietnam

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## THAY PAGODA

The region is the birthplace of Vietnamese water puppets Master Tu Dao Hanh was the chief monk of the pagoda



## TAY PHUONG PAGODA

Located in Yen village

~ 20 minutes from the show venue



### TAY PHUONG PAGODA

One of Vietnam popular destination

A collection of 62 beautiful wooden statues, masterpieces of the eighteenth century



### DUONG LAM VILLAGE

Located in Son Tay

~ 40 minutes the show venue



## DUONG LAM VILLAGE

About 1200 years of history with many house dating back up to 400 years The roads of Duong Lam have the shape as the bones of fish





## **BOOKING CHANNELS**



#### WEBSITE

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#### TRAVEL AGENCY

More than 500 travel agencies in Vietnam sell the show ticket.



#### **OUR PARTNERS**

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