

## TEACHING BUDDHISM THROUGH CALLIGRAPHY



Calligraphy by Master Hsing Yun gifted to the Center for Buddhist Studies, The University of Arizona.

Chinese calligraphy is the most popular form of Chinese art. It has been developed for over three thousand years and has numerous styles. Some Buddhist masters chose to use calligraphy as a vehicle to give blessings and to teach Buddhism. Quotations from sutras and admonitions for doing good are all food for thought for the general public. Copying sutras with a brush is widely practiced even after printing was invented. This lecture will focus on three masters. The talented Master Hongyi (1880-1942) taught students how to write with a brush. He advocated the protection of all sentient beings and promoted a vegetarian lifestyle. Master Hsin-yun (1927-2023), an epoch-making Buddhist leader, ignited the "Endless lamp" and enabled the Buddhist light to shine throughout the five continents with his calligraphy. His work for new year blessings has been widely distributed all over the world. When he became blind he continued to write the "One-stroke characters" to continue his teaching and blessings. Master Lin Yun (1932-2010), a Tantric Buddhist master, was especially good at calligraphy and wrote in numerous styles including oracle bone scripts. His colorful brush work combined calligraphy with painting on both paper and silk and in both classical and vernacular Chinese.

**APRIL 13, 2023 ▶ 4:00 PM**

4:00 - 5:30 pm Main event  
(In-person/Zoom)

5:30 - 6:30 pm Reception

Food and drinks will be provided at the Reception

Location: Copper Room, Student Union

1303 E University Blvd., Tucson

Suggested parking: Second Street Garage

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to get zoom link



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Dr. Chia-lin Pao Tao published two books on this subject in Chinese: *Teaching Buddhism Through Calligraphy: Masters Hsin-yun and Hongyi* and *Master Lin Yun's Calligraphy on Doing Good Deeds: A Creative Art*. EHGbooks, 2022.



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