

## ANCESTORS

LAOZI: Welcome, friends!

YUN: Welcome to ancient China!

LIN: Welcome to the story of Mulan!

HONG: It is a story of adventure...

ZHANG: And historic battles.

LAOZI: But most importantly, it is a story of Honor...

LIN: Of Loyalty...

ZHANG: Of Strength...

HONG: Of Destiny...

YUN: And of Love.

HONG: Here in ancient China, we believe that our destinies are written in stone.

LIN: Traditions are handed down.

ZHANG: From dynasty to dynasty. Unchanged.

YUN: We honor the way life has always been for our family...

LAOZI: And will continue to be...

ANCESTORS: For eternity.

(Song: "Written In Stone")

ZHANG: We are the Fa family Ancestors.

LIN: Many years ago we lived and walked the roads of China, just like our great-great-granddaughter, Mulan.

HONG: And now we watch over her from the heavens.

ZHANG: We belong not to the present but to the past.

YUN: We guide Mulan from afar, through wisdom and love.

LAOZI: Here in China, each person has a place and knows his duty.

LIN: Or her duty.

HONG: As the emperor is the father of China...

ZHANG: ...so the father is the emperor of his family. *(ZHANG claps twice. FA ZHOU and FATHERS enter. They stand proud, hands on hips, in traditional warrior positions.)*