

Program List of the Wenqin Art Troupe, Zhejiang University

Invited by Zhejiang University Alumni Association in North America (ZJUAANA) and some American universities, Zhejiang University Wenqin Art Troupe will make a ten-day visit in the U.S. from October 7 to October 17, 2006. The Troupe will visit and perform on the campuses of Columbia University, Princeton University, Northwestern University, University of California at Los Angeles, and Stanford University. They will also perform at the United Nations in New York and participate in the 13th Annual Meeting of Zhejiang University Alumni Association in North America. The purpose of this visit is to introduce to American university students the traditional Chinese performing arts, promote exchange of cultures, ideologies and life experiences between college students of our two countries, and seek further cooperation between Zhejiang University and prestigious American universities.

1. Prelude Song and Dance: A Happy Day

Choreographer: Bian Wei

Performers: Wang Jingjing (College of Media and International Cultures),
Xue Lian (College of Economics)

This is a dance with the background music of the song, A Happy Day, sung by famous Chinese singer, Lady Song Zuying. Using red lanterns as traditional stage props, this prelude is a combination of passion and cheerfulness, which symbolizes the blessed life of the Chinese.

2. An Ensemble of Traditional Instruments

Performer: The Traditional Chinese Music Group

Part One: Canton Music, "Step by Step"

Composer: Lu Wencheng

This is a piece of traditional Canton Music, played with traditional instrument of Gaohu, which shows our expectation for a better future.

Part Two: American Folk Song, "Oh, Susanna"

Composer: Stephen Collins Forster

Arranged by: Du Zhusong

This is a renowned American folk song.

3. Women's Vocal Trio: Following the Clouds

Song Writer: Jiang Mingchu

Composer: Wan Li

Performers: Zhang Wenwei (College of Electrical Engineering),
Wang Jin (City College),
He Ying (College of Economics)

This is a popular love song among the minorities in Yunnan Province, Southwestern China. It expresses a romantic love story of a young girl, who encounters her lover by following the clouds.

4. Dance: "Urban Impressions"

Choreographer: Fan Dongkai

Performers: Ye Hong (College of Economics),
Shi Meng (College of Law),
Ding Chong (College of Economics)

This is a modern dance in two parts. The first part depicts the busy and dull urban life of the city-dwellers with the stage property of benches, while in the second part, with the song of Celine Dion, it shows their enthusiasm and energy deep in the heart.

5. Song: Paradise on Earth

Song Writer: Zhao Daming and Ying Yihang

Music by: Liu Qing

Performer: Wang Jin (City College)

Dancing Partners: Members of the Art Troupe

This song is a melodious sketch of Hang Zhou, the capital city of Zhejiang Province, and the 10 picturesque places of interest in this "Paradise on Earth".

6. An Instrumental Ensemble of "Free Tango"

Performer: Violin: Zhou Cong (Art Director),

Liu Xufeng (College of International Studies)

Viola: Wang Mengzhu (College of Material Science)

Cello: Wang Longyin (College of Biometrical Engineering and
Instrument Science)

Piano: Chen Yichao (College of Management)

Accordion: Ma Qian (College of Information Science)

This is an instrumental ensemble in Spanish style, which embodies the free dreams of the young generation.

7. An American Pop Song

Performer: Xu Shengxiang (College of Medicine)

Dancing Partner: Zhu Yu (College of Science)

Wang Zhu (College of Biomedical Engineering and Instrument
Science)

Guo Yanghao (College of Economics)

This is an American Pop song of rock'n'roll, which is full of dynamic beats of the young people.

8. An Ensemble of Traditional Instruments of Zheng and Xiao: “Bells Across Nanping Hill”

Performer: Zheng: Wang Xueru (College of Civil Engineering and Architecture)

Xiao: Du Lin (Chu Kochen Honors College)

Percussion: Zhou Wei (College of Law)

Using traditional instruments of Zheng and Xiao, this piece of music makes a serene and harmonious portrayal of Bells across Nanping Hill, one of the famous places of interest in Hang Zhou.

9. Dance: Butterfly Lovers

Choreographer: Zhao Dandan

Violin: Zhou Chong (Art Director)

Dancers: Liu Pingting (College of Mechanical and Energy Engineering)

He Lewei (College of Electrical Engineering)

This is a pas de deux adapted from the well-known violin encore, Butterfly Lovers. The music, composed by Chen Gang and He Zhanhao, narrates the pathetic love story of Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai, which is regarded as the Chinese version of Romeo and Juliet.

10. Song: Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

Song Writer and Composer: Zhang Qianyi

Performer: Zhang Wenwei (College of Electrical Engineering)

This is a popular folk song composed by Zhang Qianyi in 1997, which is a vivid description of the mysterious land of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, and the natives' deep love for their home.

11. Dance: Enchanted Love at Enchanting Kangding

Choreographer: Ma Dongfeng

Performer: Wang Jiaying (Chu Kochen Honors College)

This dance is a perfect combination of traditional dancing style of Tibetan People and modern elements. It reflects the passionate personality traits of young girls and their pursuit for true love.

12. Quartet: Brindisi

Music: Giuseppe Verdi

Playwright: Francesco Maria Piave

Performer: Lu Bin (Art Director),

Lu Tianyang (College of Civil Engineering and Architecture)

He Ying (College of Economics)

Zhang Wenwei (College of Electrical Engineering)

This song is a classical episode in Giuseppe Verdi's opera, La Traviata.

13. Suona Horn Solo: "Picking Dates"

Composer: Hu Haiquan and Liu Bingchen

Arranged by: Du Zhusong

Performer: Du Zhusong

Accompanist: Members of Traditional Music Group

Using Suona Horn, a unique Chinese instrument, this piece of music depicts a picture of picking dates by three generations in an orchard.

14. Finale: Song: Dreaming of Paradise

Song Writer: Zhao Daming and Ying Yihang

Music by: Liu Qing

Performers: All Members of the Art Troupe

This song is very popular in Hang Zhou, which shows her inhabitants' deep love and nostalgia for this beautiful city. We are looking forward to our reunion at Zhejiang University, Hang Zhou, in the near future.