

**Silk
Road
MUSIC**
絲綢之路音樂團

As a part of the
Cultural Olympiad 2008 Celebration
Silk Road Music and Dr Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden

proudly present

Free Chinese New Year Parade Day Performances

Dr Sun Yat-Sen Courtyard
Feb. 10, 2008, 10:30-11:30am & 1:30-3:30pm



DR. SUN YAT-SEN
CLASSICAL
CHINESE
GARDEN

▼ Performers

Qiu Xia He
Pipa (Chinese lute)

Andre Thibault
Guitar, Oud and Winds

Feng Jun Wang
Chinese Singer

Willy Miles
Singer and bass

Jun Rong
Erhu (Chinese violin)

Jian Ming Pan
Dizi (Chinese flute)

Boris Sichon
World percussion from Ukraine

Fana Soro
African instruments

Bonnie Soon
Japanese Taiko drums

Tim Gerwing
Middle Eastern drums

Jessica Jone
Chinese Dancer

Rahma Haddad
Middle Eastern Dance

Adalat Omar
Dancer

Carman Rosen
Stilt Dance



André Thibault and Qiu Xia He

▼ Program

A family event featuring a day of free concerts as part of the Chinese New Year celebration, on stage in the courtyard adjacent to the Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden. This showcase and decor will create a joyful street fair atmosphere for the audience to attend both before and after the Chinese New Year parade.

Focusing on traditional and contemporary performances of Asian music, songs, folk dancing and many more family activities. the program is also designed for cross-cultural programming. It is inviting multicultural Vancouver to celebrate Chinese New Year with a world vision.

Sponsored by the Cultural Olympiad and supported by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden, Silk Road Music, an award winning ensemble that has been touring since 1991. They will present a wish list of many of Vancouver's finest Talents. From Chinese singers, dancers and instrumentalists to percussionists from Russia, Japan, Canada and Africa, from dances of Xin Jiang Uyghurs to Arabic Belly movements.

Silk Road Music combines great understanding of world folklore. They invite one and all to these exciting live performances, parading with joyful steps, singing with children and adults, moving to world rhythms, mesmerizing everyone in the spirit of Celebration Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

This event will offer a refreshing look at the Vancouver Chinese community.



Silk Road Music



Bonnie Soon

▼ Getting there

Dr Sun Yat-Sen Courtyard
578 Carrall Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
www.vancouverchinesegarden.com/visiting/getting_here.htm

▼ Parking

Metered street parking throughout Chinatown (except on the parade route) or pay parking in the Parkade near the corner of Columbia St. on Keefer St.

▼ Performers bios and links

Qiu Xia He, *Pipa (Chinese lute)*

Once taught at the Xian Academy of Music in China. Since moving to Canada, she has created many exciting musical projects with her artistry and multicultural vision. Qiu xia is the driving force behind Silk Road Music.
www.silkroadmusic.ca

Andre Thibault, *Guitar, Oud and Winds*

A key performer with Silk Road Music. His fiery rhythms and stunning technique result from a unique blend of Andalucian traditions colored with Jazz, Classical and World Music. An accomplished multi-instrumentalist.
www.silkroadmusic.ca

Fengjun Wang, *Singer*

Graduating from Bei Jing Chinese Opera Academy. Her excellent theatrical background and vocal training brings the music to the stage with all the essential aspects and dynamics of Chinese traditions.

Willy Miles, *Singer*

He has performed with the Vancouver Opera and across N.America. With his strong opera training, Willy has developed his own interpretations that creatively introduce classical, folk, jazz and many other singing styles.

Jun Rong, *Erhu (Chinese Violin)*

Jun Rong graduated from the China Music Academy. Her extraordinary command of the erhu (Chinese violin) and her passionate artistic expression have overwhelmed her audiences.

Fana Soro, *African instruments*

There is an explosion of energy when Fana hits the stage! This dynamic artist is a West African master musician and dancer who can fill the air with soaring melodies and driving rhythms. Founder of Masabo Music Co.
www.masabo.com

Bonnie Soon, *Japanese Taiko drums*

Bonnie Soon has served as artistic director of Uzume Taiko since 1999. She has toured nationally and internationally. An innovator in creative Taiko collaborations with varying styles including Celtic, jazz, classical.
www.uzume.com/bios1.html

Feng Jun Wang



Fana Soro



Lorita Leung Chinese Dance Co.



Boris Sichon



Carman Rosen



Boris Sichon, *World percussion from Ukraine*

Originally from Ukraine. Toured for years all over Europe and the Middle East. Boris is a unique performer multi-instrumentalist, who plays more than 200 musical instruments, mesmerizing every kind of audience.
www.sichon.com

Tim Gerwing, *Middle Eastern drums*

Performs with many groups and World Music Ensembles. He is a songwriter and multi-instrumentalist specialising in Middle Eastern percussion. Presently touring in Russia with Boris Sichon.
www.lascaux21.com

Jian Ming Pan, *Dizi (Chinese flute)*

Chinese virtuoso on the Dizi, a bamboo flute. His artistic conception emphasizes the importance of timbre and the aesthetic quality of music. Very much in demand as a wonderful traditional player.

Jessica Jone, *Chinese dance*

Trained professionally in Chinese classical and folk dance at the Beijing Dance Academy. She has won many awards for performance and choreography, including the North American Chinese Dance Competition. A founder of the Moving Dragon Dance company.
www.movingdragon.ca/
www.chinesedance.ca/jessica.htm

Rahma Haddad, *Middle Eastern Dance*

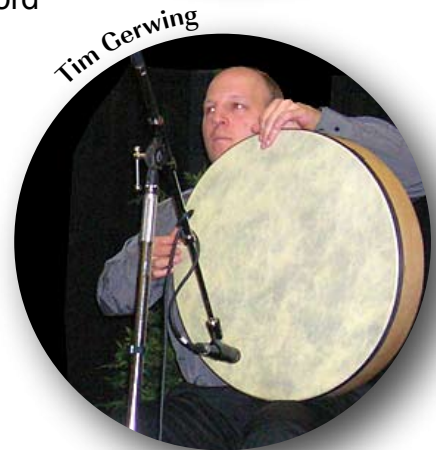
She has a background in modern dance, Afro-jazz and folk. A performer and teacher of Arabic dance since 1975, Rahma has an impressive record of film and T.V. appearances plus hundreds of shows from L.A to Cairo.
www.rahmahaddad.com

Adalat Omar, *Dancer*

Originally from Northwest China, Adalat is a graceful and colorful dancer specialising in many styles of Folk dancing from Central Asia. She has performed in troupes in China and recently in Vancouver for Dance Allsorts.

Carman Rosen, *Stilt dance*

Carman has been a key player in community events for the last few years. She is a producer, artist, stilt dancer and the Director of the popular Festival of Lanterns event held every year at the Renfrew Community Centre.
www.moonfestival.net/creativeprojects.html#artist1



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