Tradition and Discovery
Teaching Chinese Music in the West

Conference Schedule

Bard College
All events at the László Z. Bitó ’60 Conservatory Building
61 Blithewood Ave, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Monday, March 11th:

9am-12pm Session 1

• 9-9:30 Opening remarks
  The World of Chinese Music Education
  Jindong Cai, Director, US-China Music Institute, Bard College Conservatory of Music

• 9:30-10
  How to create artistic collaboration and context related activities
  Marianne Løkke Jakobsen, Director, Music Confucius Institute, Royal Danish Academy of Music

• 10-10:30
  Exotic to Fundamental: A Leap in the Teaching of Chinese Music Performance in the Context of Western Music Pedagogy
  Han Mei, Director, Center for Chinese Music and Culture, Middle Tennessee State University

• 10:30-10:45 Coffee break

• 10:45-11:15
  Achieving Depth and Breadth: Reflecting on Teaching Chinese Music in Canada
  Gloria Wong, World Music Program Chair, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra School of Music

• 11:15-11:45
  Creating Cultural Bridges - How does Chinese Music Survive and Thrive Outside of Asia?
  Patty Chan, Music Director and President, Toronto Chinese Orchestra

• 11:45-12 general discussion

12pm-1pm Lunch break

1pm-1:30pm Student performance

1:30pm-3pm Session 2
• 1:30-2  
*Chinese Music in 21st Century America—Understanding Its Multi-Faceted Presence*  
Zheng Su, Associate Professor of Music and East Asian Studies, Wesleyan University

• 2:30-3  
*Chinese Music Performance in the Liberal Arts Context*  
W. Anthony Sheppard, Professor of Music, Williams College

• 2:30-3  
*The Genesis of the US-China Music Institute*  
Robert Martin, Director, Bard College Conservatory of Music

3:00pm-4pm **Afternoon Tea and Discussion in Chinese**

4pm-5pm **Roundtable discussion in English**  
Opening remarks and qin demonstration by John Thompson, independent musician and scholar

5:30pm-7:30pm **Conference Banquet Reception and Dinner**, tickets available for purchase  
($50 per person – [visit the website](#) for details, or contact uschinamusich@bard.edu)

8pm-9:30pm **Concert (free)**  
**Wu Man and Friends: A Musical Journey**  
Performers:  
Wu Man, Pipa  
Mei Han, Zheng  
Edward Perez, Bass  
Kaoru Watanabe, Japanese drum/flute

**Tuesday, March 12th:**

9am-12pm **Session 1**

• 9-9:30  
*On the importance of teaching Chinese music outside of China*  
Yu Feng, President, Central Conservatory of Music

• 9:30-10  
*Behind Music Language*  
Chen Tao, Melody of Dragon, New York

• 10-10:30  
*Music From China: The experience of a music ensemble in teaching Chinese music on the East Coast U.S.A.*  
Susan Cheng, Executive Director, Music From China, New York

• 10:30-10:45 Coffee break

• 10:45-11:15  
*Sculpting Sound – Music of the Ears*  
Randy Raine-Reusch, Composer and concert artist
• 11:15-11:45  
  *Reflections on Traditional Chinese Music Instrument teaching in the Western Society*  
  Li Xin, Chinese Vice Director, Music Confucius Institute, Royal Danish Academy of Music;  
  Professor of Musicology, Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing

• 11:45-12 general discussion

12pm-1pm *Lunch break*

1pm-3pm *Wu Man Workshop: On Improvisation*

3pm-4pm *Reception*

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**Optional Pre-Conference event**

China Institute, 40 Rector St, 2nd floor, NYC, 10006

**Sunday, March 10th:**

12pm-3pm  
*Celebration of Music at China Institute 华美音乐*

- 12pm-2pm reception, performances, and talks by Jindong Cai, Director, US-China Music Institute; Yu Feng, President, Central Conservatory of Music; and Shenzhan Liao, Dean, Confucius Institute at China Institute  
- 2pm-3pm sample guzheng, erhu, and guqin classes, plus a toddler/parent percussion class

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**DIRECTIONS, TRAVEL AND LODGING INFORMATION:**

The Bard College Conservatory of Music is located on the Bard College campus in the László Z. Bitó ’60 Conservatory Building, 61 Blithewood Avenue, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, 12504

For information about travel to Bard College, please visit bard.edu/visiting/directions/

For lodging, we recommend the Hampton Inn in Kingston.  
[Click here for reservations](https://www.hamptoninn.com/locations/hampton-inn-nyc/kingston-ny)  
(Note: Kingston is about a 20 minute drive from the Bard campus. If you are traveling by air, a rental car will be necessary once you are in the area.)  
More lodging options can be found on the bard website: bard.edu/visiting/accommodations

There are plenty of dining options on campus and in the nearby villages of Red Hook and Tivoli.  
bard.edu/visiting/restaurants  
dineoncampus.com/bard

Please contact us at uschinamusic@bard.edu if you need help or more information.