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EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH & SPECIAL PROGRAMS



The History and Sounds of "Shidaiqu"

"Shidaiqu" 时代曲, the fusion of Chinese folk and European jazz originated in 1920s Shanghai, has a fascinating history - featuring stories of beautiful movie stars, exiled jazz musicians, WWII era ballrooms, and forbidden records. This workshop offers a brief history of the genre, intertwined with song performances.

Program: 50 to 75 min workshop for college students & adults.

- Highlights:
- Shanghai, Europe's gateway to China. Song: "Ode to Spring."
 - Zhou Xuan 周璇, a Shanghainese Billy Holiday? Song: "Wind and Rain Lullaby."
 - Buck Clayton, an American jazz musician in Shanghai.
 - Li Xianglan 李香兰, the Japanese/Chinese movie star. Song: "Night Jasmine."
 - WWII, the Great Leap Forward and the persecution of Shidaiqu songwriters.
 - The rise of Mandopop/Cantopop. Song: "Manli."

School Concert: Songs From Around the World

In this highly engaging concert for young audiences, kids will clap and sing along to uptempo songs, learn words in different languages, test their knowledge of musical instruments, and some may possibly even play with the band!

Program: 25 to 45 min workshop for elementary school children.

- Highlights:
- Learn some words in French, Spanish and Mandarin!
 - Can you name the instruments on stage?
 - Sing and clap along to Jessica's call and response song "Le Secret."



An International Holiday Concert

People celebrate the holidays differently all over the world, often with songs. Get a glimpse of international holidays with performances of classics (and some originals), sung in 6 languages!

Program time: 45 to 90 min concert for all ages.

- Highlights:
- You may recall the most famous reindeer of all, but have you heard the French version of "Rudolph"?
 - Our lively version of the Spanish Christmas song "Los Peces en El Rio" is a clap-along crowdpleaser.
 - "Gong Xi Gong Xi" is sung in China for the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year), but it was originally written to celebrate the end of Japanese occupation after WWII.

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