

## *China Music Educational Travel*

### CHINA

The Music of China is truly one-of-a-kind. When listening to Chinese music, those who are not familiar it will know that what they're hearing is something very different and truly breathtaking. Even modern Chinese music, in a style very much like Western modern music, is somewhat distinct.

Traditional Chinese music puts certain emphasis on each the five musical elements much differently than its Western counterparts. Chinese music also uses a different scale, using a five- tone scale rather than the eight-tone scale of the Western music. One cannot also ignore the fact that Chinese music is sung in the Chinese language, which will surprise and strike many Students as odd and incredible.

The classic Chinese Orchestra has four sections: the bowed strings, the plucked strings, the winds, and the percussion.

#### **The Beijing Music Festival and School.**

##### **The Festival**

The Beijing Music Festival and School is a new, high level, 5 week summer training ground, offering daily study and performances for aspiring young talent from across the world. In addition it is a premier summer venue for the performing arts in China, offering a variety of orchestral, vocal, chamber music presentations, as well as dance and drama, by world class artists and talented students.

The Festival and School is also one of China's premier summer venues for professional classical music making.

It dedicates its efforts to contributing to the long-term vitality of classical music in China through music education, excellence in public performance, artistic renewal for visiting artists and faculty, preservation and promotion of the art form, and service to the community.

##### **The School**

The Faculty and Guest Artists are to be renowned international artists from both China and the West who will both perform and teach. It is also to be the premier venue for spotlighting some of China's best young talent, and exposing them to a comprehensive course of musical training from Western artists without leaving China. The school presently has a capacity to cater for about 250 international students.

The Beijing International Music Festival and School is extraordinary in its breadth of musical experiences it offers to young musicians. It offers studies in orchestra, opera, chamber music, solo performance, conducting, and individual study on all the major instruments. Master classes, orchestral rehearsals, lectures, concerts, individual

lessons and coachings are a weekly occurrence, whilst students from numerous cultures intermingle in a vibrant, fertile, and intense learning environment. A culmination of their work is public performances by ensembles formed specifically for their international and cultural mix to actualize the Festival's mission. An important aspect of the school is the student-faculty performance collaboratives. In addition to their lessons, qualified students learn through performing opportunities with seasoned professionals, intensifying their musical experience

The Festival's training base, situated in Beijing's western suburb resort of Shijingshan and covering an area of 30,000 square meters, is composed of 14 large rehearsal rooms, classrooms accommodating up to 600 students, a theatre with a 300-square-meter stage and a seating capacity of 800, a multi-media terrace classroom accommodating up to 200 students, and practice rooms. In addition, the training base is also equipped with high-quality music facilities including newly-built TV studios, virtual TV stations, broadcasting studios, MD studios and mini recording studios. The Festival's activities will be held not only in the training base but also in the city's music and arts schools and other cultural venues.

## **HONG KONG**

Hong Kong is a great place to begin your concert tour to Asia. Performance opportunities are numerous in Hong Kong, and may also be planned in conjunction to a visits to Mainland China. You can choose to combine Hong Kong with one or more countries. Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and Taiwan— Exotic names, exotic places. Images that conjure up sights, smells, religion and cultures of civilizations that differ so vastly from our own, yet seem remarkably familiar.

Performances will be planned according to your repertoire and can include concerts in cathedrals and churches, shopping centers and parks. Joint concerts can also be arranged with local schools, performing arts establishments, and universities.

Whether you visit one country in Asia or more, your visit will stir memories for years to come.

**Contact us for more information regarding a tour.**