

Mezzo Soprano: ***Xiaoshan Wang***

Graduated from the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and had a further improvement of her music accomplishment in Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. During the past 10 years, she was very active in performance of operas and concerts around the world. She was awarded Arts Council England Spotlight award in 2003. It is her hope that the splendour and the magnificence of the Chinese music will leave you the audience, wherever cultural background you are from, a fresh taste, reflect and appreciate a culture of civilisation of more than 5,000 years.

Pianoist: ***Duncan Brown***

Duncan Brown studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music as a piano accompanist and double bass player. He has at various times worked in both capacities. As a bassist he has worked in the UK for the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra and Northern Ballet amongst others and for orchestras in Germany, South Africa and the Middle East.

As a pianist he has been an accompanist, a chamber music player and a harpsichordist, most recently in a series of recitals of Bach's Viola da Gamba Sonatas. He has also composed for the theatre film and television, his most recent commission being a shortened version of the opera Tosca for young people.

Hallelujah from China

--- Walk into China with songs & visual presentation

Xiaoshan Wang
(Mezzo Soprano)

Piano: Duncan Brown

Venue : Old Elvet Methodist Church
Durham

Time: 15:00AM
Date: 15/01/2006

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Programme

1. 跑马溜溜的山上 (四川民歌) On the Hill of Lovers

The song tells a story of a fine young man and a pretty young girl singing to each other in the romantic night with a crescent moon during their annual festival for lovers.

2. 月之故乡, Homeland for the Moon (Tai Wan)

“The moon is in the sky; the moon is in the water. The moon in the sky is in the water; the moon in the water is in the sky.” A beautiful song articulated homesick feelings.

Visual presentation

3. 玛依拉 (哈萨克民歌) Maryela (Hashake)

Maryela is a beautiful girl who has sweet voice and can sing many songs. People come from miles away to her house to listen her singing. There is no one can compete with her in singing and she sings the happiness of her life.

4. 夕阳红, The Red Setting Sun (Chinese Lieder)

Sun setting is the most beautiful scene of a day. The red setting sun is like the late blooming flower or the late arriving love. It always give you some warm feeling as if the sun shinning on your face.

5. **Voi Che Sapete** from Le Nozze di Figaro, composed by Mozart.

Visual presentation

5. 桥, The Bridge

This song aims to portray a little stylish bridge in a water-rich countryside, with a close shot even to reveal wisteria growing out of the crevices of the stone bridge.

6. 唱脸谱, Singing Facial Painting

Jing Ju is called Beijing Opera by foreigners. Without knowing the meaning of each colour, boys just paint their faces with five colours, which impressed audience from anywhere. This song expresses the exciting experience of foreigners in performing Beijing Opera.

7. **Harbanera** from Carmen, composed by Bizet

8. Chinese Dancing:

A: A little swallow

B: A Happy Day

9. Chinese School Choir

A: Children choir

B: Adult choir

• 耶稣给你平安, Jesus gives you peace

Though there are difficulties in this world, Jesus is the harbour of refuge. He will give you peace, peace for ever. He will give you peace, the true peace in your heart for ever.