



China Displays Updated

Explore music of Northern China and the Beijing Opera






“China: North” and “China: Beijing Opera,” two of the seven displays in MIM’s [Asia Gallery](#) relating to the music of China, were recently upgraded.

The newly redesigned “China: North” display features a broad variety of instruments, such as reed pipes, mouth organs, drums, gongs, and cymbals, from China’s northeastern provinces. One of the instruments highlighted is an antique *tangu* (double-headed barrel drum), with ornate lion ornamentation, from the outstanding drum collection of the late Dr. Joseph H. Howard. Other featured instruments include a *chuida fangsheng* (mouth organ), made by the famous Wu family workshop in Beijing, and a *lingbo* (side-blown flute), which was made, played, and donated to MIM by a founding member of the renowned Inner Mongolian ensemble AnDa Union.

Beijing Opera, also commonly known as Peking Opera, is China’s most sophisticated opera style. MIM’s “China: Beijing Opera” display draws guests’ attention to the unsung heroes of opera: the orchestra that accompanies each performance from offstage. The new exhibit design features antique instruments from MIM’s rich permanent collection, including a rare and elegant cloud-shaped *yueqin* (also known as a “moon guitar”), an *erhu* crowned with an upside-down bat, and a *sheng* (mouth organ) whose bamboo pipes resemble the wings of the mythical phoenix bird.

MIM guests will soon have the opportunity to discover so much more about Chinese music and culture with the opening of a new special exhibition on November 10. Presented in close collaboration with China’s prestigious Henan Museum, this exhibition will showcase an exclusive selection of treasures of

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Chinese music archaeology never before seen in the United States. Stay tuned for more information as fall approaches.



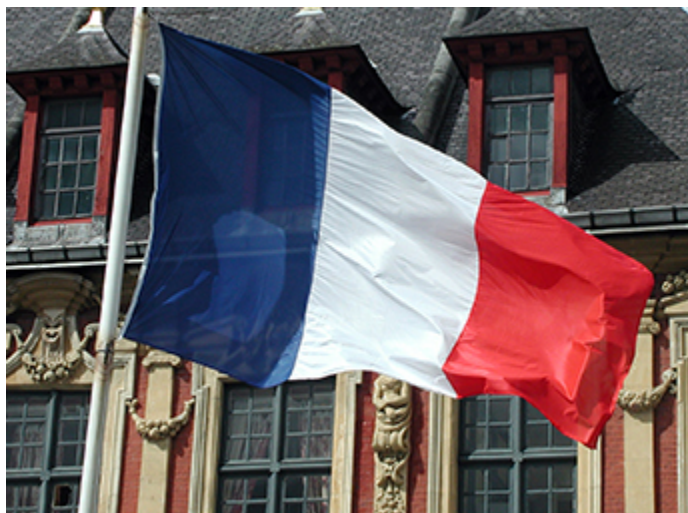
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Experience France at MIM

A celebration of French music and culture

Take part in our sixth annual celebration of French music and culture on [Saturday, July 8](#), and [Sunday, July 9](#)! Enjoy live musical performances and hands-on activities, shop for French merchandise at the [Museum Store](#), and more.

Join Phoenix-based French singer-songwriter Cécile Hortensia for a French songwriting workshop as she shares her creative process and helps guests construct their own songs. Stop by and listen to an exciting story about a “mouse *magnifique*” named Anatole and his cheese-tasting adventures, accompanied by MIM’s Story Time Band, which is composed of volunteer team members.

Discover the timeless songs of artists from the 1940s to today, ranging from Edith Piaf and Jacques Brel to contemporary artists such as Zaz, as select members of Los Angeles-based band Paris Chansons perform renditions of these famous melodies. The full band will perform

MIM Offers Educators Free Professional Development Sessions

Registration now open for 2017–2018 sessions

Throughout the year, MIM offers [professional development sessions](#) for teachers to expand their skills and earn professional development hours. During the 2016–2017 school year, more than 250 prekindergarten through 12th-grade educators attended professional development sessions at MIM, which were free of cost thanks to generous donors.

Through these sessions, teachers discover how to integrate specific standards with supportive MIM resources as well as find inspiration throughout the museum for their curriculum.

“Honestly, the whole thing was very well done and all of it was incredibly useful. It showed various connections between music and core classes. It will give more resources to make even more connections in the class,” says an elementary

another set of songs during its concert at the MIM Music Theater at 7:30 p.m. on July 8. Concert tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Don't miss the energy of Phoenix-based chamber ensemble Paradise Winds as it gives a special performance of distinctively French music. Listen to ZAZU, another Arizona band, for a gypsy jazz performance worthy of a 1930s Parisian nightclub.

From 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, MIM will host a free [drop-in teachers' workshop](#) for educators to explore ways of introducing museum resources into their curriculums, earn professional development hours, and tour the museum during Experience France.

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school teacher who attended a previous session.

MIM's 2017–2018 professional development sessions are now open for registration and will focus on topics such as “Build Early Skills through Music,” “Create a Global Classroom,” and “STEM: How Science Brings Music to Life.” To view the full schedule, click [here](#).

Teachers need high-quality, cost-effective professional development opportunities, and MIM is proud to offer unique teaching tools that connect the museum's collections and classroom objectives in Social Studies, Science, Fine Arts, and English Language Arts.

“Now I will use music to enhance learning and brain development/skills. This class was so pertinent and applicable to my class,” says a prekindergarten teacher.

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Noteworthy

Visit MIM for the 4th of July Holiday

MIM will be open tomorrow for the 4th of July holiday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We hope you make us a part of your July 4 plans and stay cool while exploring a world of music.

Fall 2017 Concert Series Tickets on Sale July 20

Preview MIM's Fall 2017 Concert Series at **MIM.org** beginning July 14 at 5:00 p.m. The series features artists such as Leyla McCalla, Irma Thomas and the Blind Boys of Alabama, Marc Broussard, and Fourplay.

[Producer's Circle](#) members can purchase tickets beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, during MIM's preview event or over the phone, followed by members who give \$250+ annually at 6:00 p.m.; if after 7:00 p.m., these members can purchase tickets through MIM's [member portal](#). Tickets will go on sale to the public at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, by calling 480.478.6000 or online at **MIM.org**.

Take advantage of MIM's membership benefits! Members who give \$250+ annually receive advance purchase opportunities for concerts. To become a member, click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Pat Martino Trio](#)

Thursday, July 6
7:30 p.m.

\$38.50–\$43.50

One of the greatest guitarists in jazz, Pat Martino, together with his trio, presents an evening of unparalleled jazz virtuosity.



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[Lucy Kaplansky](#)

Friday, July 7
7:30 p.m.

\$28.50–\$38.50

Blending country, folk, and pop styles, Lucy Kaplansky has the unique ability to make every song sound fresh, whether singing her own sweet originals, covering country classics by June Carter Cash and Gram Parsons, or singing pop favorites by the Beatles and Nick Lowe. She is a rare vocal talent, “a truly gifted performer . . . full of enchanting songs.” (*New York Times*)



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[MIMkids Musical Adventures](#)

Saturday, July 8
1:30–2:30 p.m.

\$12 per class; \$30 for 3

Scholarships are available!

Pick up your MIMkids Passport and embark on a musical journey with MIMkids Musical Adventures, an educational program designed for kids aged 6–10. This session focuses on jazz music and participants will make kazoos and spoons.



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