

# Music From China Youth Orchestra 長風少年中樂團

The Music From China Youth Orchestra encourages Chinese American children and youths, and welcomes all young people interested in Chinese culture, to become participants in Chinese music performance. Under the baton of Wang Guowei, – Artistic Director of the professional ensemble Music From China and former concert master of the Shanghai Traditional Orchestra – youngsters enjoy the discipline, fun, friendships and artistic accomplishment that come from our program of regular rehearsals and concert dates. They are also forming the kind of lifelong personal connection to Chinese culture that music can offer. Since 2004, the Music From China Youth Orchestra has blossomed into an active, vibrant performing ensemble presenting Chinese classical and folk inspired arrangements played on traditional instruments.

## Programs:

### Orchestra Rehearsals

Saturdays at 4:15 - 6:15 PM

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church  
1961 Scotch Plains, NJ

### Individual Lessons

Private lessons offered in erhu, liuqin, yangqin, zheng, hulusi  
Saturdays at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church

### End of Year Recital

Past concerts at Carnegie Hall,  
Merkin Concert Hall and Drew University

### MFC Youth Orchestra Summer Program

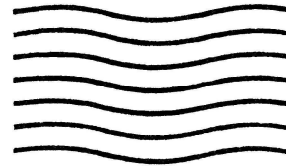
Group lessons on Chinese instruments, ensemble practice  
3 consecutive weekends (Saturday & Sunday) at 1:30 - 5 PM  
Willow Grove Presbyterian Church

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## *MFC Youth Orchestra*

This is not your usual orchestra, but one that has an important mission. Our youth orchestra members are *cultural ambassadors*. They are not only required to play the music but entrusted with a mission to promote our cultural heritage, spreading the seeds for the public to experience Asian music by performing in orchestra or ensemble group. We have been invited to perform at:

- Museums:
  - Metropolitan Museum of Art's annual Lunar New Year Family Festival in NYC
  - Smithsonian Institution's Freer Gallery of Art in Washington, DC
  - Children's Museum of Art in NYC
  
- Universities:
  - Middlebury College (prominent liberal arts college )
  - Seton Hall University
  - Westminster Choir College at Rider University
  
- General public in NJ & NY areas:
  - Libraries: NY Public Library for the Performing Arts (Lincoln Center), Parsippany, Ridgewood, Mahwah, Flushing, Chatham Square (Chinatown)
  - Community Centers: Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Flushing Town Hall
  
- Overseas joint performances:
  - With China Welfare Institute Children's Palace Youth Orchestra (Shanghai - 2008)
  - With Pudong National Music Youth Orchestra (Shanghai - 2010)
  - With Taipei Municipal Jieshou Junior High School Chinese Orchestra (Taiwan - 2012)

*We welcome ANYone who is interested in joining this group and our mission.*

## *Our Conductor – Wang Guowei*

- Former concertmaster and erhu soloist of the Shanghai Traditional Orchestra
- Artistic Director of the professional ensemble Music From China
- Teach at Williams College (ranked #1 liberal arts college in the US by Forbes & US News) and Westminster Choir College at Rider University
- Erhu soloist, has performed with:
  - \* Spoleto and Lincoln Center Festivals
  - \* Cellist Yo-Yo Ma
  - \* Virginia Symphony
  - \* Jazz artists Ornette Coleman, Butch Morris and Kenny Garrett
  - \* Shanghai, Ying and Todd Reynolds String Quartets