



华星艺术团  
HUAXING ARTS GROUP  
休斯敦 HOUSTON

## 《文化中国 华星闪耀》

# Culture of China - Huaxing Presents Performing Arts of China

Program of Lunar New Year at Asia Society on Jan 28th 2017 Saturday

1. 汉族舞-红灯笼 Chinese Folk Dance - *Red Lanterns*

When the new year arrives, flowers begin to bloom. A group of beautiful girls dance happily with red lanterns, bringing a holiday greeting to the spring. This dance uses colorful costumes and is a true celebration of the season.

2. 傣族舞-孔雀飞来 Dai Dance - *The Peacocks Are Flying Towards Us*

In Southern China, in an area surrounded by bamboo forests and brooks, beautiful Dai girls perform elegant dance movements that mimic a peacock. They express the love and beauty of a happy life.

3. 独舞-月下长情 Dai Solo Dance - *Love Under the Moon by Manman Yu*

4. 竹管乐联奏-中国风情 Chinese Instrumental Assemble - *Wind of China*

Performed by a Chinese Musician and her students, this performance will use several Chinese instruments, including the bamboo flute, bawu, hulusi, xun, xiao and paixiao.

Performers: Sylvia Yan, Sophia Li, Serena Li

5. 笛子独奏 – Bamboo Flute Solo by Sylvia Yan

6. 酥油飘香 Tibet Dance - *Fragrance of Yak Butter*

The Tibet Troupe lives in Western China where there are snowy mountains. Yak butter is one of the main foods in their daily life. Through this dance, you can hear the troupe's uninhibited joy and laughter as they are making the yak butter.

7. 古典水袖-水墨丹青 Chinese Classical Dance - *In Ink and Wash*

This group dance is a very unique and characteristic dance that reflects a combination of Eastern and Western cultures. It is based on traditional Chinese long sleeves dance elements, and it integrates western dance languages to achieve the perfect visual effects. This piece has also shows Chinese Tai Chi and calligraphy movements.

### About Huaxing Arts Group Houston

Huaxing Arts Group Houston is a civic organization of Chinese-Americans in the Greater Houston Area. The association has served the greater community through volunteerism, service, and cultural exchange with a patriotic focus on strengthening the Chinese-American community and its relationship to fellow citizens.

The mission of Huaxing Arts Group Houston is to disseminate Chinese culture and promote cultural exchanges between East and West. It is a platform for all who are dedicated to cultural arts to pass on the abundant heritage.

### About Manman Yu, Dancer, Choreographer and director of Huaxing Arts Group Houston, Teacher of OAEC

Manman graduated from Beijing Dance Academy as a dance performance major. She was the main dancer and active choreographer and director of Beijing Dance Theater for 6 years.

Beijing Dance Academy is ranked first among Chinese professional dance institutes. The Academy has the strongest team of dance professors and instructors nationwide. Manman focused on Chinese classical dance, contemporary dance, ballet, musicals, and folk dances during her school years. She benefited from her four years professionally studying folk dance and five years of practical study throughout country. She mastered Han, Tibetan, Mongolian, Uygur, North Korean, Dai, Yi, Miao, and other ethnic dances and dance styles. She has taught dance classes for different students.

### About Sylvia Yan, Chinese Musician of Huaxing Arts Group Houston, Instrumental Teacher of OAEC

Sylvia Yan is a member of Chinese Bamboo Flute Professional Committee. She used to be a training teacher at Zhang Lizhong orchestral music studio, Jichang Qian elementary school, Xinhua elementary school, and Hailang model-training school in China.

Sylvia followed Master Lizhong Zhang, a famous pipes player in China, educationist, and the executive director of the professional committee of Chinese bamboo flute association, to learn Chinese traditional musical instruments, including bamboo flute, *bawu*, *hulusi*, *xun*, *xiao* and *paixiao* since 1997.

Sylvia came to Houston in 2008 and has been performing in many major community events, including the most recent "World Expo 2010 Shanghai and New Year" variety show hosted by City of Houston and the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, Houston.