



THE CHINESE FINE ARTS SOCIETY

中華才藝協會



The Music Festival

in Honor of Confucius

is pleased to introduce

the Chinese Instrument Category

Contest Date: Sunday, October 25, 2009

Concert Date: Sunday, November 22, 2009, 3:00 pm

Introduction

In celebration of our 25th Anniversary, the Chinese Fine Arts Society is pleased to introduce the **Music Festival in Honor of Confucius - Chinese Instruments Category (MFHC-CIC)**. It is open to nonprofessional players of all Chinese instruments in any age group.

In this introductory year, the MFHC-CIC will be run in a non-competitive festival manner. Participants are invited to perform a Chinese repertoire piece of their choice, and will be adjudicated by a distinguished panel of judges. As with other MFHC categories, judging sheets will be provided to the participants and Huang Zhong participation points will be awarded, **but there will be no placement awards or cash prizes.**

At their discretion, the MFHC-CIC Judges and the MFHC committee may select a participant from the Chinese Instruments Category to perform at the 25th Annual MFHC Winners Concert, which will take place on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 at Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Chinese Instrument Category

Rules & Regulations

PARTICIPATION:

The Chinese Instruments Category is open to non-professional players of all Chinese instruments in any age group. There is no required age limit.

A minimum of 3 Participants is required to hold the Chinese Instruments Category.

TOTAL PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Each participant will have a total performance time of 10 minutes.

CHINESE MUSIC REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS:

Participants are invited to perform a Chinese repertoire piece of their choice.

All participants are required to perform pieces from memory. **Before performing, contestants must announce their piece and composer.**

Participants must bring an original score of each piece, plus one additional xerox copy for the judges. Each and every measure must be numbered on the original and the copy.

ADJUDICATION, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Participants will be adjudicated by a distinguished panel of judges made up of accomplished professional musicians, music educators and specialists in their respective performing arts field.

All participants will be awarded a MFHC-CIC Certificate of Participation, along with the judges' comment sheets, which will be mailed to them by the Music Festival committee.

At their discretion, the judges and the MFHC committee may select a participant from the Chinese Instruments Category to perform at the 25th Annual MFHC Winners Concert in November. If selected, the participant will be informed by the Music Festival committee.

**CHINESE INSTRUMENTS CATEGORY PARTICIPATION REWARDS -
HUANG ZHONG TROPHIES**

The Huang Zhong (“yellow bell”) plays an important symbolic role in Chinese music. In ancient times this object was used to set the pitch of Chinese musical instruments.

Participants in the MFHC-CIC will earn 3 “Huang Zhong merit points”. Each year, participants who accumulate a certain number of merit points, detailed below, in a given instrument category will receive a Huang Zhong trophy.

Accumulated Merit Points	Trophy Level
First 12 merit points	Bronze
Second 12 merit points (Total 24 points)	Brass
Third 12 merit points (Total 36 points)	Gold

APPLICATION FEES & DUE DATE:

A \$40 non-refundable fee per entry is required with the completed application form which must be postmarked on or before Monday, September 14th, 2009. Applications will not be accepted with postmark later than September 14th, 2009. All checks or money orders should be made payable to the “Chinese Fine Arts Society” and sent to:

The Chinese Fine Arts Society - MFHC - CIC
c/o Mrs. Mei Syun Lin
963 Granger Road
Bartlett, Illinois 60103

DISCLAIMER:

The Music Festival committee reserves the right to modify competition procedures and to enforce contest rules as necessary. Participants shall be notified of changes and updates via email.

25th ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF CONFUCIUS -
CHINESE INSTRUMENTS CATEGORY

Application Form

Contest Date: Sunday, October 25, 2009
Location: Sherwood Conservatory of Music
at Columbia College Chicago
1312 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605

CONTESTANT INFORMATION: (Required Information)

Are you a First Time Participant in the MFHC?: Yes No

Last Name		First Name		Chinese Name (Optional)	
Mailing Address			City	State	Zip
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)			Parent/Guardian First & Last Name		
Telephone: Home	Work	Cell	Email Address (updates and reminders will be sent via email)		

CHINESE INSTRUMENT CATEGORY PARTICIPATION: (Required Information)

Chinese Instrument Name:	
Title of Chinese Repertoire Piece:	Time Duration:
Composer's Name:	

TEACHER INFORMATION: (Required Information)

Teacher	First Name	Last Name	Telephone	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip

I have read and agree to comply with all rules and regulations outlined in the Music Festival in Honor of Confucius - Chinese Instruments Category information booklet

Contestant or Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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