

Westport Youth Concert Interdisciplinary Guide 2019-2020

Music & Culture of China



In preparation for the

2020 Westport Youth Concert

A JOURNEY THAT EXPLORES MUSIC AND CULTURE

February 4: Grades 5+6

February 6: Grades 3+4

Presented by Staples High School Performing
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Ensemble and Guest Artists



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About the WYC



WYC Mission Statement

The Westport Youth Concert conveys the message to students that the visual and performing arts should be an important part of their lives. The concert helps students imagine the musical possibilities for themselves as they seek to express their creativity.

The WYC provides an experience that can inspire students to follow their own pursuit of lifelong learning in the arts and of the development of their aesthetic appreciation.

As part of the Global Cultural Initiative, the connection to curricular threads such as literature, geography, science and world language is embraced as they serve as a foundation for deeper and enduring understanding. The program fosters exploration into the world's cultures and is a lens into our global community. The Youth Concert experience establishes a launching pad into infinite cross-disciplinary lessons.



[View the 2019 Westport Youth Concert](#)

To Our Teachers and Administrators

We are delighted that you and your students will be attending our annual 2020 Westport Youth Concert.

What is the Westport Youth Concert?

The Westport Youth Concerts are an annual program hosted by Staples High School that is presented to Westport students in grades 3 through 6.

What is the overarching theme?

Our Global Music Odyssey series celebrates music and culture worldwide. Series One-Four explored the Americas, Ireland, England, Scotland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece and India. China is the exciting destination for Series Five.

What is the purpose of this classroom guide?

This classroom guide is designed to support you in preparing your students for the concert. We encourage you to incorporate some of the resources into your the curriculum and adjust it according to the needs of your students.

What exciting changes are in store?

This year we aim to advance the Westport Youth Concert experience further toward interdisciplinary goals by establishing paths into literary resources and cross-curricular exploration. In preparation for the 2019 WYC, Staples Music forged cultural initiative partnerships with organizations such as the Westport Public Library, PTA Cultural Arts and WestPac to support and expand the theme district-wide. We welcome your input and suggestions as we develop the cross-curricular concept.

Westport Public Schools Mission Statement

The Mission of the Westport Public Schools is to prepare all students to reach their full potential as life-long learners and socially responsible contributors to our global community.

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Concert Etiquette



Essential Question

Why is good concert etiquette beneficial to both the performers and audience?

Good audience etiquette reflects respectful behavior to participants in a concert.

What should respectful behavior look like in a concert setting?

- * Stay quiet
- * Remain in your seat
- * Applaud at the end of a selection

Did you know?

- * It is appropriate to hold applause in a multi-movement selection until the whole piece is concluded.
- * Late arrivals should wait in the back of the auditorium and be seated between musical selections.
- * Cell phones and electronic devices must be silenced and should not be used during a performance.
- * Courteous behavior towards other audience members helps to make the performance enjoyable for all!

Images of China



About China



About the Country

China, officially the People's Republic of China, is a country in East Asia. It is the world's most populous country with a population of around 1.404 billion. Covering approximately 9,600,000 square kilometers, China is one of the largest countries by total area.

About the Geography

China has a vast landscape that encompasses grassland, desert, mountains, lakes, rivers and more than 14,000 km of coastline.



A great introduction
to China



An engaging introduction to China's
rural and urban landscapes

Geography



Explore Google Maps



Yangtze River



The Yangtze River in China is the longest river in Asia, the third longest river in the world and the longest river to flow entirely in one country. Yangtze, which means "child of the ocean", is also known in China as Chang Jiang, meaning "long river".



Tour the Yangtze River

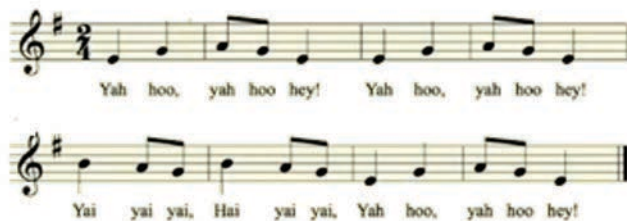


Yangtze River facts for kids

Classroom Resources



Yangtze Boatman's Chantey



The Boat Song



Classroom Resources



Mo Li Hua ("Jasmine Flower") is a popular Chinese folk song that dates back to the 18th century. It's one of the most well-known Chinese songs both in China and abroad.



Listen to Mo Li Hua perform on traditional Chinese Instruments: Guzheng, Pipa, Dizi and Erhu



Sing along with a beautiful voice and accompaniment



The Twelve Girls Band perform with traditional Chinese instruments. Here is their version of Mo Li Hua.

Classroom Resources



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MÒLÌHUĀ 茉莉花

The musical score is written on four systems of staves. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef. The lyrics are written in Chinese characters below the notes. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning and end of the first system, and a double bar line at the end of the fourth system.

hǎo yī duǒ měi lì de mò lì huā
好 一 朵 美 丽 的 茉 莉 花

fēn - fāng měi - lì mǎn zhī - yá yòu xiāng yòu bái - rén rén kuā
芬 芳 美 丽 满 枝 桠 又 香 又 白 人 人 夸

ràng wǒ lái jiāng nǐ zhāi xià sòng gěi bié rén -
让 我 来 将 你 摘 下 送 给 别 人

- jiā mò - lì - huā ya mò - lì - huā.
家 茉 莉 花 呀 茉 莉 花.

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Classroom Resources

Jasmine Flower Song (茉莉花)

好一朵美麗的茉莉花
好一朵美麗的茉莉花
芬芳美麗滿枝桠
又香又白人人誇
讓我來將你摘下
送給別人家
茉莉花呀茉莉花

Flower of jasmine, oh so fair!
Flower of jasmine, oh so fair!
Budding and blooming here and
there,
Pure and fragrant all declare.
Let me take you with tender care,
Your sweetness for all to share.
Jasmine fair, oh jasmine fair

Classroom Resources

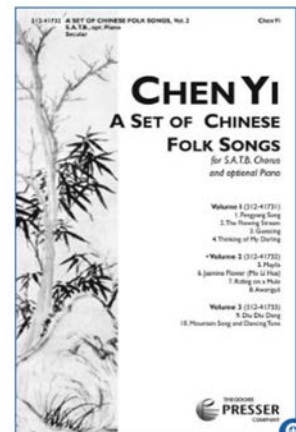
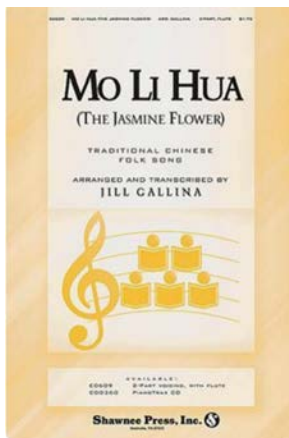
茉莉花



Mama Lisa's
(Jasmine Flower)
Traditional Song



Mo Li Huo lesson plans



Explore choral arrangements

Classroom Resources



Chinese Poems, Games,
Traditions and more



Chinese National
Flag and Anthem



Learn a ribbon dance with Music Express
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WYC China Resource
Companion Folder:
Additional lessons plans,
songs and activities. WPS
Log-in required

Instruments of China



An engaging discussion about Chinese instruments with "Dan and Mike"...lots of interesting facts

Wind Instruments



Dizi Flute



Xiao



Suona



Hulusi

Instruments of China



String Instruments



Pipa



Gunzheng



Erhu

Percussion Instruments



Pengling



Chime Bowl



Gong



Taiko Drum

Chinese Instrument Glossary



Dizi Flute: The Dizi is a Chinese transverse flute most often made from purple or white bamboo.

Xiao: The Xiao is a Chinese vertical end-blown flute. It is generally made of dark brown bamboo.

Suano: The Suona, is double-reed woodwind instrument. It can produce particularly loud and high-pitched sound and is widely used in Chinese traditional music ensembles

Hulusi: The Hulusi is a reed wind solo instrument. It is made of three bamboo pipes and a gourd chest; the center pipe has finger holes and the outer two are drone pipes.

Erhu: The Erhu (or Chinese violin) is a kind of two-stringed bowed musical instrument. Erhu can be used as a solo performance as well as in small musical groups and large orchestras.

Gunzheng: The Guzheng is a Chinese plucked zither. It is made of 18-23 or more strings and movable bridges. The instrument sits on a stand.

Chinese Instrument Glossary



Pipa: The Pipa is a four-stringed Chinese stringed instrument.. Sometimes called the Chinese lute, the instrument has a pear-shaped wooden body with a varying number of frets ranging from 12 to 26.

Pengling: The Pengling hand bells are a pair of small cup- shaped copper or brass bells connected by a string.

Gong: A Gong is an Asian musical percussion instrument that is formed from of a flat, circular metal disc which is struck with a mallet.

China Bowl: China Bowls or Singing Bowls are a type of bell. Rather than hanging inverted or attached to a handle, standing bells sit with the bottom surface resting. The sides and rim of Singing Bowls vibrate to produce sound.

Taiko Drum: Taiko Drums are various forms of barrel-shaped drums usually played with sticks.

Listening Library



Beijing's Olympic opening 2008 ceremony and 2008 drummers



Liu Zi Ling: A Traditional Song



Pianist Lang Lang and Andrea Bocelli



Can you name the instruments performed by the Lamigo National Orchestra?

Listening Library



Dance of the Golden Snake:
Beijing Symphony Orchestra



Learn your colors in Mandarin with
this song



An Introduction to
Chinese Opera



Mo Li Hua arranged by Chen Yi

Listening Library



Alan Chen is a big band conductor and composer



Listen to the Suono soloist in Alan Chen's Big Band



Chen Yi is a composer of contemporary and classical music



Chen Yi's Dragon Rhyme

Shen Yun



Shen Yun Performing Arts is a classical Chinese dance and music company, established in New York in 2006. They perform classical Chinese dance, folk dance, and story-based dance with orchestral accompaniment. The ShenYun artists preserve traditional Chinese culture and perform worldwide.

SHEN YUN

Explore:

- Chinese Dance
- Music
- Vocal Music
- Shen Yun Costumes
- Digital Projection
- Shen Yun Props
- Stories & History
- Shen Yun & Traditional Chinese Culture



Video Links

TED



Abigail Washington tells a moving story of the connections she's formed touring across the US and China while playing the banjo and singing in Chinese.



What's your sign? In Western astrology, it's a constellation determined by when your birthday falls on the calendar. But according to the Chinese zodiac (生肖), it's your shuxiang, meaning the animal assigned to your birth year.

Video Links: YouTube



The Chinese New Year or "Spring Festival" is China's most important festival or holiday time. The 2020 date is Saturday January 25th and is designated as "The year of the Rat."



Da Zhuangt is a popular musician. Check out his rock song: "We are All Different!"

Language Library



Learn greetings with Emma

How Are you?

你好吗 – Nǐ hǎo ma

I am fine

我很好 – Wǒ hěn hǎo

Language Library



Learn counting with Emma

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
yī	èr	sān	sì	wǔ	liù	qī	bā	jiǔ	shí
一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	十

Language Library



Manderin Counting Hand Signals



yī

一



èr

二



sān

三



sì

四



wǔ

五



liù

六



qī

七



bā

八



jiǔ

九



shí

十

Language Thread

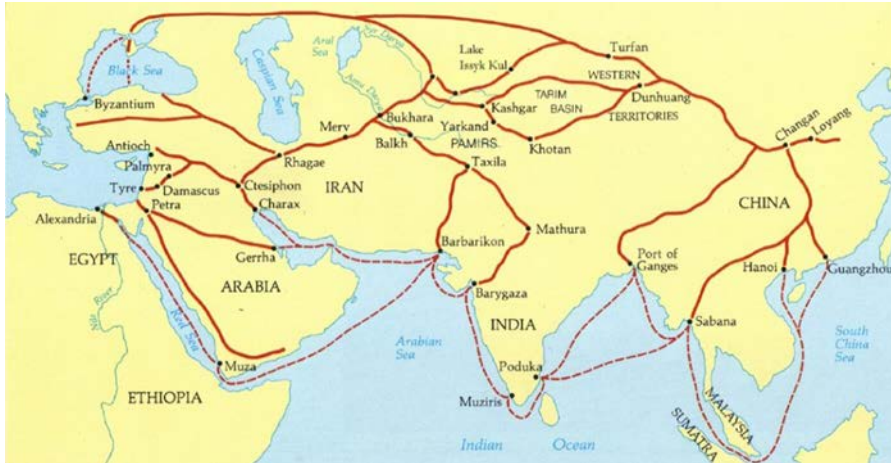


Practice saying "Hello" in different languages

Cultural Connection

The Ancient Trade Route: The Silk Road

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Explore Google Maps



The Silk Road: Connecting trade past and present

Dance



Jasmine Flowers Dance Team:
America's Got Talent



Shen Yen Acrobatics

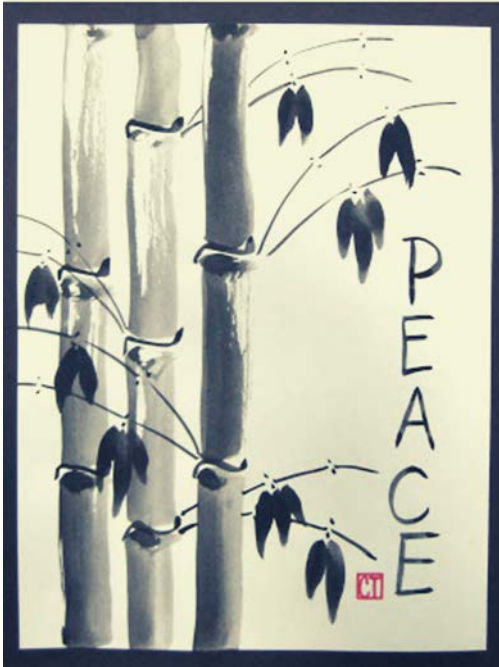


Chinese Shuffle Dance



International Dragon and Lion
Dance Day

Visual Arts Integration



Create a Chinese Brush Painting



Make a Chinese Lantern

Wellness Moment



Tai Chi originated from the ancient Chinese marshal arts tradition that today, is practiced as a graceful form of exercise. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing.



Follow Master Amin Wu to relax with Tai Chi

Glossary



Chinese Characters: Pictures are created called logograms which represent the writing in the Chinese language

Chinese Opera: Traditional Chinese opera, or Xiqu, is a form of musical theater in China with roots going back to the early periods in China

Diatonic Scale: A heptatonic scale (seven pitches) with a repeat to make an octave

Homophony: A musical texture with a melodic focus in which one voice, often the highest. This voice plays a distinct melody and the accompanying voices work together to create a harmony.

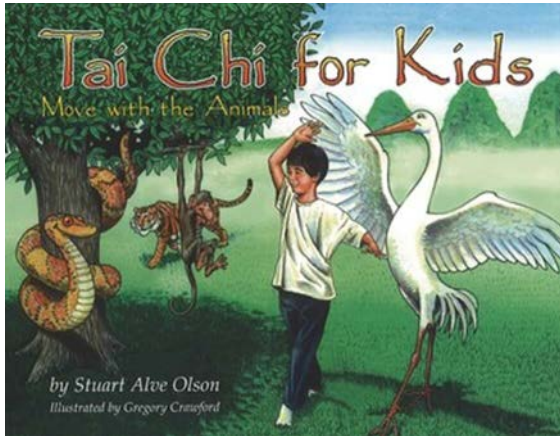
Monophonic: One melody without harmony. Chinese music sometimes uses monophonic melody with percussive accompaniment.

Pentatonic Scale: A five tone scale

Solfege: Solfege is a method of naming pitches. It works by assigning a syllable or number to each note of the musical scale.

Polyphonic: A musical texture that has two or more voices or parts, each with an independent melody, but all harmonizing together

Resources



Move with the animals



Mindfulness: Qigong



The Chinese Folk Music Project is a resource for English-speaking music teachers to teach their students Chinese songs in a culturally responsive way. Games, poems and nice audio examples along with translations.



A travel guide to China's landmarks

Links



The Smithsonian: A resource for all things-global music.
Lesson Plans for Eastern Asia:
Grades 3-5



Learn more about China's geography, indigenous flora and fauna, horoscopes and New Year celebrations !

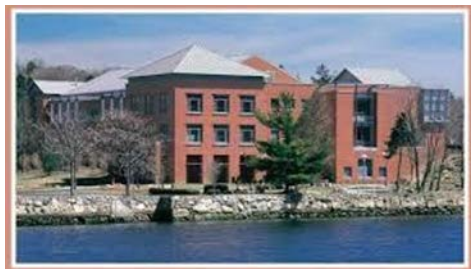


Mama Lisa's World: Music and Culture Around the World. Songs, rhymes and lullabies by continent.

K-12 Resources for Music Educators

Hundreds of websites for all music disciplines

Literature Portal



Westport Public Library



INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY

A Library for the World's Children

A library of children's literature representing diverse cultures



Free registration gives access to multi-lingual stories



Folktales from around the world

Ambient Music



Quiet Instrumental Music



Relaxing Traditional Chinese Music



Relaxing Music for Tai Chi



Guzheng's Melodies