



Music of China

Week Eight, June 1st

“Ni Hao” Mercer Island Musicians! This week, we will explore some **amazing music from China!** Check below to learn about some traditional Chinese instruments then make an instrument of your own.

Sources		
<p>Opening Activity:</p> <p>1. Watch this video of four talented Chinese musicians in the Beijing Classical Music Ensemble playing the dizi (small flute), the yangqin (Hammered dulcimer), the erhu (Chinese fiddle), and the pipa (pear-shaped stringed lute).</p>		
Activities		
Beginner (K-1 Recommended)	Intermediate (2-3 Recommended)	Advanced (4-5 Recommended)
<p>Goal: Keep the steady beat with an at-home gong!</p>  <p>1. Watch this video of some Chinese musicians. Can you find the metal instruments in the first song? Those are gongs and cymbals!</p> <p>2. Watch this video to create your own gong using a metal lid or baking pan.</p> <p>3. Practice a steady beat with your gong. Try playing slow (andante) and fast (allegro).</p> <p>4. Play along with the Beijing Classical Music Ensemble using a steady beat with your home-made gong.</p>	<p>Goal: Play the steady beat with an at-home wind instrument!</p> <p>1. Watch this video of an Island Park student playing a hulusi!</p> <p>2. Watch this video to create your own wind instrument using a glass bottle.</p> <p>a. Practice a steady beat with your wind instrument. Try playing slow (andante) and fast (allegro).</p> <p>b. Try creating your own rhythm using your wind instrument.</p> <p>3. Play along with the Beijing Classical Music Ensemble using a steady beat or your own rhythm pattern.</p>	<p>Goal: Play high-low patterns with an at-home wind instrument!</p>  <p>1. Watch this video of an Island Park student playing a hulusi!</p> <p>2. Watch this video to create your own wind instrument using glass bottles.</p> <p>a. Practice some high-low patterns with your wind instrument.</p> <p>b. Practice improvising some high-low patterns with your wind instrument.</p> <p>3. Play along with the Beijing Classical Music Ensemble using high-low patterns</p>
Extensions (Optional Activities)		
<p>Extension 1: Shadow Puppet Theatre - listen and watch Wu Man and the “Huayin Shadow Puppet Band” (3min)</p> <p>Extension 2: The Hulusi - listen and learn about this beautiful Chinese Ethnic wind instrument (4min)</p> <p>Movement: Jump Roping Performance - Chinese children demonstrate physical coordination and teamwork! (3min)</p> <p>Coloring Sheet Fun: Beginner Rhythm Coloring Sheet Intermediate/Advanced Rhythm Coloring Sheet</p>		

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