



Canada One Family Network

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Canada One Family Network is now recruiting youth with a passion for classical music to join our elegant orchestra. It includes erhu, guzheng, pipa, ruan, dulcimer, flute, xiao, guanzi, suona, percussion and other musical instruments.

Instructor: Amely Zhou (Zhou Jia Li)

Amely inspires others with her open-hearted and emotive playing. While challenging herself to the fullest, she premiered more than thirty new works by composers around the world. Amely is now an active Erhu soloist and performer in Toronto Chinese Orchestra, Toronto Yuefang Ensemble, and Spire Fusion Band. In 2015, she was accepted into the Shanghai Conservatory of Music summer school program with a full scholarship. As a music educator, Amely dedicates her time as a Erhu instructor and music conductor at Yips Canada Montessori School and Toronto Youth Chinese Orchestra. She has appeared at the University of Toronto, York University, and Toronto Catholic School Heritage Month to give lectures on the topics of Chinese music. Amely has recently been honored the Artists in Education grant from the Ontario Arts Council for teaching Erhu in the public school sectors. In 2016, Amely was invited to perform as a guest soloist by the Canadian Youth Sinfonietta and toured China. She is currently the conductor and chief art director of the Hong Feng Canadian Chinese Orchestra. Since 2017, she has been the erhu soloist for the Classical Concert of the Age of Literati Cultural Festival. Since 2018, she has been the composer and conductor of the Classical Concert of the Age of Literati Cultural Festival.

Amely has studied music since her childhood under the guidance of Erhu player, Zhang Lei. She also received the teaching guidance of the Erhu master, Professor Zhang Zunlian, Professor Liu Hong of China Conservatory of Music and the famous Erhu performer Min Huifen. In 2014, Amely graduated from the Music Department of York University and held a teacher-student concert, called Hu Qing Journey, in the same year. In 2015, she was awarded the Artists Education grant by the Ontario Arts Council to bring the national musical instruments, Erhu and Dizi, to Canadian public schools. She has provide more than 200 Canadian students with the opportunity to connect with and learn ethnic music and Chinese culture. As an erhu performer, Amely is now invited by the Toronto Small World Music Association (Small World Music Society), which brings Chinese music to the world with a new look through the innovation and exploration of new composition methods. In 2016, Amely was invited to perform as a soloist with the Canadian Sinfonietta and toured China with the orchestra. Amely now serves as the conductor and music director of the Toronto Red Maple Chinese Orchestra. Since 2017, she has been the erhu soloist for the Classical Concert of the Age of Literati Cultural Festival. Since 2018, she has been the composer and conductor of the Classical Concert of the Age of Literati Cultural Festival.