

Guqin music

古琴音樂

UNESCO designated guqin music a “masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity”

Ancient Chinese music pieces composed in the 15th century, performed by The London Youlan *Qin* Society

由倫敦幽蘭琴社演奏十五世紀創作的古琴曲



The London Youlan Qin Society (倫敦幽蘭琴社) is a London-based voluntary cultural organization, established in 2003. It is Europe's first and only such Society and has built a reputation throughout the West and China. The LYQS aims to promote interest in and understanding of Chinese music, its culture and arts, philosophy and social meaning, especially of the *Qin/Guqin* 古琴 (7-stringed Chinese zither) in the UK. The society is committed to facilitating the education, exchange and development of Chinese musical culture and arts between the UK, China and the rest of the world. Its president is Dr Cheng Yu, a leading UK Chinese musician and research associate at SOAS, University of London. Its advisers are China's distinguished qin masters Professor Li Xiangting of the Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing and Gong Yi, former Director

of the Shanghai Chinese Orchestra. Since its inception, the LYQS has collaborated actively with major institutions to organize and facilitate nine consecutive qin-related music summer schools in the UK and many concerts at such venues as the London Southbank Centre's Purcell Room, SOAS, the University of London, the Royal Academy of Music and the British Museum. The society has held more than 50 yaji (refined gatherings) and advocates an open-door policy to its membership regardless of ethnic, cultural and country boundaries. The LYQS is supported by The Prince's Charity Foundation and SOAS, University of London.

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