Musical Dreams of the Red Mansion

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Dallas Huayun Chinese Orchestra Great Land Choral Society Sophia Liu



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Program, part 1

Full Orchestra

迎宾曲 Welcome Song Composed by 顾冠仁 Guanren Gu

花好月圆 Lovely Flowers, Round Moon

Composed by 黄贻均 Yijun Huang Arranged by 彭修文 Xiuwen Peng

喜洋洋 Beaming withJoy

Composed by 刘明源 Mingyuan Liu

彩云追月 Colorful Clouds Chasing the Moon

Composed by 任光 Guang Ren Arranged by 周仲康 ZhongKang Zhou

京调 The Peking Opera Tune

Composed by 顾冠仁 Guanren Gu

赛马 Horse Racing

Composed by 黄海怀 Haihuai Huang

Program, part 2

Solos and Ensembles

雨碎江南 Rain in Jiang Nan

Composed by 河图 Tu He 琵琶 Pipa: 田程锦 Chengjin Tian 低音提琴 Double Bass: 王鵰 Peng Wang

梁山伯与祝英台 Butterfly Lovers

Composed by 何占豪 Zhanhao He, 陈刚 Gang Chen 钢琴 Piano: 卢谙注 Annson Lu

奔驰在千里草原 Galloping on the Grassland

Composed by 王国潼 GuoTong Wang, 李秀琪 Xiuqi Li 二胡 Erhu: 陈大欣 Daniel Chen 卢卫平 Weiping Lu 王健丽 Jenny Wang 黄承汉 Chenghan Huang 手风琴 Accordian: 萧诗莉 Sherly Xiao 琵琶 Pipa: 田程錦 Chengjin Tian 扬琴 Yangqin: Stephanie Zeng 中阮 Tenor Ruan: 何清萍 QP He 大提琴 Cello: 王金辉 James Wang 打击乐 Percussions: 高梅 Mae Gao 王鹏 Peng Wang 李睿杰 Bryan Li

落花飞 The Flying Petals

Composed by Chang Jing 常静 古筝 Guzheng : 张敏 Min Zhang with students Lanna Zhang and April Song 笛子 Bamboo Flute: 黄承汉 Chenghan Huang

草原之歌 The Song of Grassland

Composed by 张宝源 Baoyuan Zhang 低音提琴 Double Bass: 王鹏 Peng Wang 钢琴 Piano: 程弘灿 Luke Cheng

渔舟唱晚 Fisherman's Song at Dusk

Chinese Traditional Folk Song 古箏 Guzheng: 胡红媛 Anita Hu 二胡 Erhu: 陈大欣 Daniel Chen

Program, part 3

Dreams of the Red Mansion Suite

Composed by 王立平 Liping Wang 达拉斯华韵民乐团 Huayun Orchestra 神州合唱团 Great Land Choral Society 刘香 Sophia Liu

序曲 Overture

红豆曲 Poem of the Red Bean

题帕诗 Handkerchief Melody

晴雯歌 The Song of Qing Wen

枉凝眉 Longing in Vain

聪明累 The Scheming Wang Xifeng

葬花吟 Elegy on Flowers

Dreams of the Red Mansion is a novel written during the 18th century by Cao Xueqin, and is recognized as one of the Four Great Classical Novels of Chinese literature. The novel is semi-autobiographical and mirrors the rise and decline of author Cao Xueqin's own family and, by extension, of the Qing Dynasty.

The novel's primary story revolves around the ill-fated love between **Jia Baoyu**, the carefree, intelligent, and heir apparent of the Jia family, and his sickly and gentle cousin, **Lin Daiyu**. Despite their deep love for each other, social circumstances and family expectations lead Baoyu to marry another cousin, Xue Baochai, who is equally intelligent but more worldly and tactful.

Poem of the Red Bean delves deep into the emotional turmoil of Baoyu, a character caught in a web of complex relationships and societal expectations. The song is a poignant expression of his unrequited love for Daiyu, his childhood companion. The lyrics are laden with symbolic references that add layers of meaning: <u>red beans</u> signify his unfulfilled love, while jade alludes to both his name and inner conflicts. Vivid imagery of willows, blossoms, and even a painted tower set the stage for this tale of love and sorrow. With its rich symbolism and evocative language, the song captures the universal experience of love, longing, and the bittersweet passage of time.

Handkerchief Melody is a soul-stirring composition that explores the depths of sorrow and unfulfilled desires. The song is a poetic representation of the Daiyu's emotional state, and is filled with rich symbolism: from tears likened to precious gems to a fine <u>silk handkerchief</u> that becomes a vessel for shared sorrow. The song even references the historical Xiang River, known in Chinese lore for tales of lost love. Through powerful imagery and evocative language, the song captures the universal themes of longing and melancholy, inviting the listener to ponder the complexities of love and the human condition.

The Song of Qing Wen offers a glimpse into the complex character of Qing Wen, one of the maids in the story known for her vibrant personality and, at times, contentious nature. The song captures her inner conflict: a spirit that yearns for more than her lowly station in life allows. With themes of societal constraints and the bitterness of fate, the lyrics weave a tapestry of Qing Wen's charm, cleverness, and the disdain she consequently draws. The song encapsulates the notion of unfulfilled desires and the quandaries of being bound by one's social standing, providing a rich emotional land-scape for the audience to explore.

Longing in Vain acts as a concise overview of the story's major themes. It explores the challenges of unattainable love and questions the role of fate in shaping our lives. With vivid imagery like a moon reflected in water, the song captures the essence of the fleeting and sometimes elusive nature of love and destiny. It introduces the audience to the complex emotional terrain that will be explored throughout the tale.

The Scheming Wang Xifeng focuses on one of the story's most complex characters, Wang Xifeng. Known for her intelligence and cunning, she is a master of manipulation. However, this song reveals the tragic irony of her life: her cleverness ultimately leads to her downfall. Through powerful imagery and poignant lines, the song delves into the transient nature of wealth, relationships, and clever schemes. It serves as a cautionary tale about the impermanence of worldly gains, reminding the audience of the ever-changing fortunes that await us all.

Elegy on Flowers is a contemplative piece that addresses the transient nature of beauty and life itself. Through the metaphor of wilting flowers, the song explores the inevitable passage of time and the sorrow it brings. The lyrics evoke the fleeting moments of beauty that life offers, only to underscore their impermanence with imagery of falling petals and changing seasons. This song serves as a reminder of life's ephemeral joys and sorrows, inviting the audience to reflect on the deeper themes of the story.

Huayun Orchestra

指挥 Conductor: 王金辉 James Wang

- 音乐指导 Music Director: 陈大欣 Daniel Chen 马小玉 Xiaoyu Ma 胡红媛 Anita Hu 王鹏 Peng Wang 张敏 Min Zhang
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- 二胡 Erhu: 陈大欣 Daniel Chen 麦青尧 Yaw Mak 王溪 Xi Wang 卢卫平 Weiping Lu 王健丽 Jenny Wang 黄承汉 Chenghan Huang
- 琵琶 Pipa: 张涛 Genny Zhang 田程锦 Amy Tian
- 笛子 Bamboo Flute: 田吉民 Jimin Tian 蓝冰侠 Bingxia Lan 黄承汉 Chenghan Huang
- 古筝 Guzheng: 胡红媛 Anita Hu 张敏 Min Zhang 于璐兰 Evelyn Yu Lanna Zhang
- 扬琴 Yangqin: 马小玉 Xiaoyu Ma Stephanie Zeng
- 中阮 Tenor Ruan: 何清萍 QP He
- 大提琴 Cello: 王鹏 Peng Wang Alice Cai Ava Li
- 低音提琴 Double Bass: 王鹏 Peng Wang
- 键盘 Keyboard: 田野 Field Zhang 高梅 Mae Gao 萧诗莉 Sherly Xiao 程弘灿 Luke Cheng 卢谙注 Annson Lu
- 打击乐 Percussions: 宋瑞清 Vivi Song 程弘灿 Luke Cheng 高梅 Mae Gao 李睿杰 Bryan Li 卢谙注 Annson Lu 陈怡雅 Winnie Chen
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- 副团长 Associate Director: 麦青尧 Yaw Mak
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Great Land Choral Society

特邀独唱女高音 Guest Soprano Soloist: 刘香 Sophia Liu

- 女高 Soprano: Ping Lu Lisha Shao Jean Sun Helen Wang Maggie N. Yifeng Zhang Yan Zhang Canming Cobble
- 女低 Alto: Ye Tao Kathy Yan Wang Yun Lian Bingqin Yan Hui Wang Jinglin Zhong Weiwei Li
- 男高 Tenor: Eugene Zou Sam Cheng Michael Liang
- 男低 Bass: Leon Huang Yanjun Zhang Xinji Li

Musical Dreams of the Red Mansion

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Xiaoyu Ma Yangqin

胡红媛 古筝

Anita Hu Guzheng

田程锦 琵琶 Amy Tian Pipa

刘香 女高音

Sophia Liu Soprano

王皓松 主持人

Tony Wang Host

陈大欣 二胡

Daniel Chen Erhu



低音提琴,大提琴,

Peng Wang Double Bass, Cello, Percussions



Min Zhang Guzheng



于璐兰 古筝

Evelvn Yu Guzheng



田吉民 笛子,二胡

Iimin Tian Bamboo Flute, Erhu



麦青尧 二胡

Yaw Mak Erhu



王健丽 二胡

Jenny Wang Erhu

张涛 琵琶

Genny Zhang Pipa





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王溪 二胡

Xi Wang Erhu

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程弘灿 打击乐,钢琴

Luke Cheng Percussions, Piano



蓝冰侠 笛子

Bingxia Lan Bamboo Flute



Alice Cai Cello

高梅 电子琴,打击乐

Mae Gao Keyboard, Percussions



宋瑞清 打击乐

Vivi Song Percussions



Bryan Li Percussions



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Annson Lu Percussions, Piano



陈怡雅 打击乐

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Special Guest Performer

刘香 Sophia Liu 特邀歌唱家 原创音乐诗人, 女高音歌手。 美籍华人。 主要艺术经历: 曾在湖北省歌剧舞剧院担任歌剧演员。 北京中国煤矿文工团独唱演员。 曾在中国经典歌剧和大型歌舞剧中担任主要演唱。 曾在欧美多国演出大型歌舞剧《编钟乐舞》《兵马俑》 《大唐贵妃》中担任主要演唱。

About the Orchestra

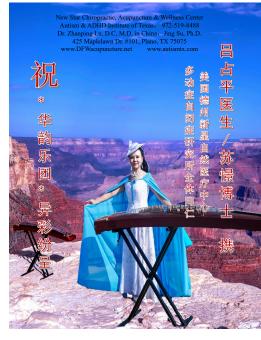
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