

紅 RED CHAMBER 腔

Secrets of the Chinese Court, Passions of the West

Press Release

Sssss...Red Chamber is hot, steamy hot! Whether it is fast and furious string band music, sultry Imperial Court classics, or cutting-edge contemporary creations, Red Chamber's passionate energy embodies every note.

Canada's Red Chamber features four virtuosic performers that have collectively become an innovative powerhouse in the international music scene, with concert tours from Europe's top concert halls to Asia's premiere International festivals. Red Chamber takes its inspiration from the rare traditional Chinese "Plucked String" repertoire to present a captivatingly unique program embracing string band music spanning centuries, a host of world cultures, and a myriad of musical genres. Consummate performers, their superb virtuosity is exemplified in performances of ancient Chinese Court music from the Tang Dynasty (618-907), to contemporary Canadian compositions, and an intriguing range of other works including Balkan, Gypsy jazz, American Old-Timey and Bluegrass.

The quartet is led by **Mei Han**, celebrated for making the Chinese zither whisper and growl, is heralded as the "Zheng Master" (Montreal Gazette). She is joined by **Guilian Liu**, internationally recognized as one of the world's premiere pipa (Chinese lute) players, **Zhimin Yu**, established as the only ruan (bass lute) virtuoso in North America, and award-winning multi-instrumentalist, **Geling Jiang**.

This outstanding ensemble of seasoned international performers is constantly stretching the boundaries of traditional Chinese instruments, bringing them to the world stage to perform music at its finest. With dazzling technique, alluring presentations, and exceptional musical experiences that heed no limits, Red Chamber's concerts are absolutely not to be missed!

The press has commented that with Red Chamber "Chinese music has never been so exciting and scintillating, with passion power, and sheer energy" (Moors Magazine, Holland), and that "these virtuosic performers set the stage on fire with hot licks, power and passion" (CBC Radio, Canada), and as "top instrumentalists with an adventurous approach to music that includes a mix of Chinese music with American bluegrass and Eastern European sounds" (World Music Central.com).

Red Chamber's video "Redgrass" with Bluegrass mandolin luminary John Reischman became a Youtube viral hit. Red Chamber can also be found on Myspace, Facebook and at www.Mei-Han.com/redchamber.html.



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