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January 27 – Presentations in North Syracuse Central Schools

Kongfu master Hu Kai and guzheng teacher Daisy Wu presented a program of traditional martial arts and traditional Chinese music to over 600 students at Roxboro middle School and Gillette Road Middle School in the North Syracuse Central School District. They offered 5 class sessions with about 100 students for each. Shirley Zhu introduced the philosophy of Kongfu to the audience which then tried learn some basic moves. Eventually, half the students practiced Kongfu while the other half took turns playing the guzheng. The music and physical education department teachers were very appreciative of the chance to learn about these 2 important aspects of Chinese culture.



February 3 – Art Exhibition

The painting exhibition entitled “Images of China: Selected Works by Huang Ying” opened in the Cohen Gallery on February 3rd.

A visiting scholar from CIAU’s partner institution, CUG in Wuhan, Huang Ying is teaching for the year in the School of Art and Design at AU, which sponsored the exhibition. Professor Huang uses traditional Chinese ink and watercolors in her paintings of flowers, especially peonies and orchids, landscapes, and portraits, including several groups of people in a very contemporary style.



February 4 – Kongfu Master Hu Kai Visits Union-Endicott

Hu Kai, visiting Kongfu master from China University of Geosciences in Wuhan, demonstrated her skills for the Union-Endicott School District Physical Education Department. She held classes throughout the day and gave a performance of “Chang Quan” (Long Boxing) and Tai Chi. Teachers joined her in the performance which was enjoyed by all. Margaret Lin from CIAU helped with translation; the two women were given mugs with the U-E mascot in thanks.



February 5 – Chinese New Year Gala Dinner

CIAU again sponsored this year’s Spring Festival Dinner, held in Susan Howell Hall at AU. The celebration was very well-attended by students, faculty, and members of the community who enjoyed the delicious food, watched short performances, and vied for door-prizes.



February 9 – 12 – CUG Troupe from Wuhan in Upstate NY

For the second year in a row, a troupe of dancers, singers, and instrumentalists from CUG in Wuhan gave multiple performances in upstate NY, specifically Syracuse (2/9), Rochester (2/10), and Corning (2/12). Several faculty members with professional credentials also performed. Audience participation was encouraged, to everyone’s delight.

On February 12, the CUG Troupe performed at the Corning Museum of Glass in collaboration with CIAU. Performances included dances from Zhuang and Tibet, solo and duet songs by CUG faculty, instrumental music by an ensemble featuring erhu, yangqin, and pipa. CUG artist Prof. Ouyang Debiao completed a 5-minute scroll painting of 2 fish, signifying, “may you always get more than you wish for,” which was given to Mark Newhouse, CTO of Corning, US. Approximately 500 community members, Corning families, and other guests attended the gala show which brought Lunar New Year good wishes to all.



Launch of the Confucius Institute on Line (CIO)

CI’s central office, the Hanban, in Beijing, has launched a website (<http://chinese.cn>) to promote Mandarin and cultural exchanges. A webpage has been designated for CIAU

(<http://ciau.chinese.cn/en/>).

At Windsor Central High School, Margaret Lin gave a presentation to introduce the website and

demo some of its educational features. More than 150 students enthusiastically registered. In addition, she used the computer site to generate interest in Chinese arts and crafts in classes as diverse as social studies, art, computer, English, and Spanish.



February 18 – CIAU Partnership with K-12 Schools Conference

Provost Hall welcomed superintendents and other personnel from schools which have already established or wanted a partnership with CIAU to bring Chinese language and culture to their district. The all-day conference featured positive feedback from Jason Andrews, Superintendent of Windsor Central Schools; Suzanne McLeod, Superintendent of Union-Endicott; Kimberle Ward, Superintendent of Naples Central Schools; David Morton, Director of Foreign Languages at North Syracuse; and Peggy Wozniak, Superintendent of the Binghamton School District. Ann Monroe-Baillargeon concluded the session with a presentation about how to certify teachers of Mandarin in the NY public schools.

Several school administrators who had been to China with the Chinese Bridge Summer program spoke about their experiences. Daisy Wu provided a musical interlude with a performance on the guzheng, and Huang Ying did a calligraphy presentation. Lunch and dinner were served. The conference also attracted interest from area schools not yet partnered with CIAU. CIAU faculty provided much support for the conference.





Union-Endicott School District Activities

CIAU faculty member Clair Cao (Cao Huan) is continuing the program by teaching 2 days per week this spring semester to 3rd graders in the Johnson Elementary School and the Watson-West Elementary School. In addition, she continues the after-school Chinese Club for U-E junior high students once a week. On Chinese New Year's Day, she threw a party in celebration and introduced students to many activities typical of the Spring Festival in China. Together, they made dumplings, learned a Happy New Year song, and were introduced to Chinese astrology and the Year of the Rabbit. U-E Superintendent Suzanne McLeod, Assistant Superintendent Ron Fisher, and Director of Secondary Education Chris Coveney all joined in the festivities and expressed their appreciation for being able to host such a program.



February 26 – Song of Silk Performance

The performance is jointly presented by the faculty of the Confucius Institute at Binghamton University, National Academy of Chinese

Theatre Arts and Confucius Institute at Alfred University. Song of Silk features Beijing Opera, Chinese traditional instrumental music, Chinese folk dance and Tai Chi.



Upcoming Events

April 2 – The 2nd Chinese Bridge Proficiency Competition for high school and college students; 1 pm Olin Building

April 2 – Asia to Alfred (A2A) performance 7 pm at Harder Hall

Group photo of CIAU faculty/Staff



From left to right

Front row: Yue (Alice) Li, Carla Coch, Jing (Shirley) Zhu, Zhongbei (Daisy) Wu, Yang (Margaret) Lin, Huan (Clair) Cao, Luwei (Rebecca) Fan

Back row: Wil Huang, Jiahua (Edward) Zhou, Xinquan Liu, Jie Li

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