

Musical Collaboration Showcased at Alfred University's Miller Performing Arts Center Feb. 16-18
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Alfred University students will dance in a collaboration between Mariah Maloney and Zhongbei Wu.

ALFRED, NY (Feb. 14, 2017) -- Alfred University's Miller Performing Arts Center will host a first-time collaboration between choreographer Mariah Maloney and Guzheng musician Zhongbei (Daisy) Wu on Feb. 16, 17, and 18. The dance and musical performances will begin at 8pm each night. Tickets are \$5 (\$2 for Alfred University students).

Wu and Maloney met during Maloney's recent Marlin Miller residency at Alfred University. Wu already had recorded nine short pieces ranging from one minute to 80 seconds long and had sent them to the choreographer, who selected four individual pieces for choreography. Once Maloney arrived at Alfred, she and Wu discussed the music and choreography and created a plan for Wu's attendance at the rehearsals. Maloney's choreography and Wu's musical compositions evolved further as rehearsals began.

The Feb. 16, 17 and 18 concerts will feature 38 Alfred University students from all colleges performing in the works of Professor of Dance Chase Angier and Professor of Dance Colleen Culley, Maloney herself, and five Alfred University student choreographers: Corinne Chase, Marc Wideman, Alene Houghton, Naz Kourgli, and Kia Barrow.

Wu currently serves as the Culture Program Coordinator of the Confucius Institute at Alfred University. Her instrument, the Guzheng, resembles a western zither.