

ABOUT TONIGHT'S ARTISTS

The world-renowned **Children and Young Women's Chorus of the China National Symphony Orchestra** was founded in 1983 by Yang Hongnian, a professor in the conducting department of The Central Conservatory of Music. Tang Chongqing, a professor in the music department of Capital Normal University, is art director and piano accompanist. Yang Li is a standing conductor of the choir.

The 250 members in the choir consist of students from primary and middle schools in Beijing. During the past 17 years, the chorus has toured The U.S., Japan, Austria, Monaco, Singapore, Russia, Italy, Sweden, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao. In 1987 the chorus was invited to tour the United States, and to participate in an international children's choir festival in Washington D.C., where President Reagan signed the "Highest Certificate of Appreciation" for the chorus. In 1989 the chorus received a certificate of honor from the Hungarian Kodaly Association, for their outstanding performances in the International Kodaly Choral-Works Competition.

In 1995, the chorus visited Hong Kong and Singapore, where the press praised it as "a musical miracle of the present world." That summer the chorus toured Japan for the third time, with Japanese music circles acclaiming, "The chorus is not only the treasure of China but also the treasure of the entire world." In September the chorus was invited to tour Taiwan; it was a great success and caused a great sensation throughout the island.

In 1996, representing the People's Republic of China, the chorus participated in the 44th Guido d'Arezzo International Polyphonic Choral Competition. The choir won four titles, setting a new competition record for one choir in one contest. The chorus conquered Europe with its artistic charm and exquisite feats.

In 1997, the Chorus toured the United States once again, participating in the Fifth International Children's Chorus Festival in Phoenix, and was praised as "The Most Outstanding Performing Chorus of the Festival." The choir immediately moved on to Sweden, participating in the "Water Festival" in Stockholm. In 1998, the chorus was invited to Taiwan for the third time and again toured the entire island. In 1999, the chorus was invited to tour the U.S. for the third time and was again warmly received. In May 1999, the chorus visited Russia and participated in an arts festival commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of the poet Pushkin.

Yang Hongnian is a famous Chinese conductor, vice chairman of the International Society of Children's Choral and Performing Arts. He is conductor of the Youth Chorus of the Central Conservatory of Music, the artistic director of the Kunming Symphony Orchestra, and guest conductor of the Osaka Youth Orchestra Japan. He is often invited to conduct in symphony, chamber, and choral concerts and has become an influential choral conductor in the world.

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108th Season, 53rd program



SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Beall Concert Hall
8:00 p.m.

Monday evening
January 28, 2008

CHILDREN AND YOUNG WOMEN'S CHORUS of the China National Symphony Orchestra *Yang Li, conductor*



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

PROGRAM
(to be selected from the following)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Youth Dance	Xinjiang Folk Song arr. Wang Shi-guang
Lily of the Valley	Dai Yuwu text: Hu Xiaoshi
Sha Sha—Spring Rain	Dai Yuwu text: Zeng Quanxing
Birds Nestling Woods	Li Yuntao text: Hu Chuanjin
Double Echoes	Yang Hongnian text: Dang Yongan
The Dragon Boat	Wan Li Cheng Hongping text: Jang Mingchu
Duck's Quarrelling	Zhang Jun
Sing Beijing Opera	Yao Ming text: Yan Su

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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHORUS

Shepherd's Song	Mongolia Folk Song arr. Qu Xixian
Ode to Eight Steeds	Enkebayar text: Nashun
The Fairy Mountain at Visionary	Huang Zi text: Wei Hanzhang

Water Beetle	Mou Hongen arr. Xiao Geng
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Overture of Magic Flute	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arr. A. Serper
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Hegyí Éjszakák	Zoltán Kodály
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Polovetsian Dances	Alexander Borodin
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Hava Nagela	Israeli Folk Song
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Tum—Balalaika	The Mediterranean Folk Song
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Ave Maria	Bach Gounod
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Pizzicato Polka	Johann Strauss arr. Yang Hongnian
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Sorgin Dantza	E. Mocoroa
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White Breast Magpie	G. Sviridov
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The Rhythm of Life	Cy Coleman
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Geographical Fugue	E. Toch
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR & YOUNG WOMEN'S CHORUS

Flight of the Bumble-Bee	Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov arr. Yang Hongnian
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Libertango	Astor Piazzolla arr. Oscar Escalada
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