Emily Sun Benefit Screening 27th July

Emily Sun, a second year student at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, won the Strings final of the 2011 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards in June and will go on to compete for the grand final on the 3rd of September.

Emily also plays a starring role in the inspirational Australian documentary Mrs Carey’s Concert. The film is about music making and coming of age, about talent and courage, compliance and rebellion. ABC TV film reviewer David Stratton glowingly described the film as, "hugely entertaining and incredibly inspirational."

It comes as no surprise that Emily Sun has secured herself a scholarship at Royal College of Music, London, commencing in September this year. However, the scholarship does not include living expenses and as such, a Benefit Screening and Performance Night is being held to raise funds for this great cause. The evening will be hosted by ABC Classic FM’s Margaret Throsby and will feature performances by Emily and the MLC Ensemble.

The Benefit Screening is supported by the Confucius Institute. Go watch it if you haven’t already and support Emily on her new journey to London!

Read more about the Emily Sun Benefit Night.

Courses with the Confucius Institute

Term three registration for Chinese Language and Culture courses with the Institute is now open.
Classes start from the first week of August and continue for 8 weeks.

Visit our website for more information and to enrol online now. The following courses are on offer:

- Chinese for Beginners 1 and 2
- Intermediate Chinese
- Tai Ji 24 & 48 Forms
- Chinese Painting
- Chinese Calligraphy

Jin Wei Guqin Recital 6th August

To celebrate The Year of Chinese Culture in Australia, the Confucius Institute and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music will co-present a guqin recital and workshop by Chinese musician Jin Wei on the 6th of August. Since announcing the event, we have received an overwhelming response. The workshop was booked out within weeks and over 100 seats were requested for the recital.

Guqin virtuoso Jin Wei will play ancient tunes from the oldest Chinese musical instrument, sharing tranquil moments of guqin melody with the audience on 6 August. We are all looking forward to it.

Chinese Women's Art in the context of Contemporary Culture 8th August

At this free public lecture, Chinese art scholar Xu Hong will talk on the current state of post 1990's women's art in China. Xu Hong is a Senior Research Fellow at the National Art Museum of China in Beijing and previously worked at the Shanghai Museum. She has a reputation as a very well-informed and wide-ranging contemporary art historian and has long published on women's issues in art. She has also been curator and key organiser for art exhibitions in China, the United States and Europe.

Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre 306, Old Teachers College, University of Sydney Camperdown
More information on this event
Public Lecture: Health Qigong 24th August

On the 24 August 6:30pm, the Confucius Institute and Tai Ji Fitness Australia will host a free public lecture: Health Qigong. It will be presented by the China National Health Qigong Association. Qigong is the practice of aligning breath, physical activity and awareness for mental, spiritual and physical health.

The lecture will introduce the heritage, development, modern science research on health Qigong. It will also introduce the theory of harmony balance in traditional Chinese Medicine. To RSVP, email us.

World Literature, Chinese Literature and Literary Translation 7th September

Professor Bonnie McDougall will talk about her stay at the Santa Maddalena Foundation in Italy, where she took up a fellowship this year.

An outstanding scholar and translator, Professor Bonnie S. McDougall has made extraordinary contributions to the study of China’s modern literature. Born in Sydney, she first studied Chinese at Peking University (1958-59). Academic appointments include teaching and research at Sydney University, followed by SOAS, Harvard, Oslo, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the City University of Hong Kong.

5:30-6:30pm, Woolley Lecture Theatre S325, Camperdown. More information

Win 2 double passes to the Sydney Symphony
Take a grand musical tour of Italy with Mendelssohn’s sunlit Italian Symphony. A musical fairytale, horn concerto and baroque-inspired birds complete this charming concert.

Our friends at the Sydney Symphony have kindly offered the Confucius Institute community the chance to win two double passes of ‘A Reserve’ tickets to Roman Holiday on the 9th of September at 8pm. **Email** the Confucius Institute with the subject title 'Roman Holiday Competition' for your chance to win.

子曰：”温故而知新，可以为师矣。”

*Confucius said:* "If you acquire new knowledge while reviewing the old, you may become a teacher of others."