

London International *Guqin* Festival 2018

20 to 26 August 2018, SOAS, University of London

The *guqin*, or *qin*, a 7-stringed zither, is the essence of Chinese music, the companion of traditional literati and a UNESCO-recognised part of China's cultural heritage. Supported by **Arts Council England**, the **London Youlan *Qin* Society** (LYQS, est. 2003) with **SOAS University of London**, presents the first London International *Guqin* Festival. It comprises a 4-day music summer school, a 2-day conference, a Grand *Yaji* gathering, master classes, and concerts in London, Cambridge and Oxford. Featuring China's two best-known, nationally listed *guqin* masters: **Li Xiangting** (Beijing) and **Zeng Chengwei** (Chengdu), with 6th generation Shu style young *guqin* player **Zeng He**, and UK musicians including **Cheng Yu**, artist **Edward Luper** and scholars Dr **Rachel Harris** (SOAS) and **Luca Pisano** (Italy).



Guqin Summer School, 10am-5pm, 21-24 August, SOAS

A 4-day course on the *guqin*, with seminars, demonstrations and a concert. Open to students at all levels, (limited places and instruments for hire).

Taught by **Prof. Zeng Chengwei**, **Zeng He**, **Dr Cheng Yu** (SOAS), and **Charles Tsua**.
Classes: Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced levels.

Course fee: £220 (£200 LYQS members and students) – includes one concert.

Master classes:

2-5 pm, 21 Aug. by **Prof. Zeng Chengwei** (non-summer school participants £25)
2-5 pm, 22 Aug. by **Prof. Li Xiangting** (non-summer school participants £25)



Conference: 10-5 pm, 25-26 August 2018

Theme: "**Guqin Art and Its Revival in 21st Century**" with presentations and discussions.

Conference fee: £60 (£50 LYQS members, £30 students)

Grand *Yaji*: 2-6 pm, 26 August 2018

A *yaji* gathering with *guqin* performances by attendees, and an opportunity for networking.

Free entry. Open to the public

(registration required at lyqs.eventbrite.com).

Venues

Summer School, Conference and London Concerts.

SOAS, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

Registration

Summer school and conference:

www.soas.ac.uk/china-institute/events/21aug2018-the-first-london-international-guqin-festival-2018.html

Concerts and grand *yaji*: lyqs.eventbrite.com

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Further information

www.ukchinesemusic.com/londonyoulanqin/qinupdates.htm,

www.facebook.com/londonyoulanqinsociety

Concerts and events

1. **Beyond the Strings** - 20 Aug, 7 pm, Town Hall, **Oxford** OX1 1BX
2. **Battle of the Strings** (*guqin* vs. *sitar*), 21 Aug, 6:30 pm, [China Exchange](http://chinaexchange.org.uk), **London** W1D 6JA.
3. **Flowing Water** - 23 Aug, 7pm, Emmanuel Church, **Cambridge** CB2 1QY
4. **Literati and Nature** - 25 Aug, 7:30 pm, DLT, SOAS, **London** WC1H 0XG.
5. **Resonance of the Guqin** - 26 Aug, 7pm, DLT, SO AS (Participants' *guqin* concert)

Featuring the **guqin** masters with established **UK** musicians

Booking and tickets lyqs.eventbrite.com.



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