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 Xiangtng* (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 Xiangtng* (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).

**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*, London W1D 6JIA.
3. *Flowing Water* - 23 Aug, 7pm, Emmanuel Church, *Cambridge* CB2 1QY
5. *Resonance of the Guqin* - 26 Aug, 7pm, DLT, SOAS (Participants’ *guqin* concert)

Featuring the *guqin* masters with established UK musicians
Booking and tickets lyqs.eventbrite.com.

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**Venues**
*Summer School, Conference and London Concerts.*
SOAS, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

**Registration**
Summer school and conference:
Concerts and grand *yaji*: lyqs.eventbrite.com

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