



Zhang Zhengyan:

A Life Dedicated to Music

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The musician's profile:

Zhang Zhengyan, a Chongqing native, graduated from China Theatric Art College and is specialized in pipa (Chinese lute) and jing erhu (two-string) as well as guzheng (plucked zither). She began learning pipa at age 9 and was later admitted in the middle school attached to China Theatric Art College. In 1996, she passed the entrance examination with excellent performance and was enrolled in China Theatric Art College. Her mentors included such master musicians as Prof. Cao Baorong, Wu Chongyi, Li Guanghua, Lin Xueming, Gu Yujie and Zhao Zhiquan.

As a student, Zhang joined performances of many classical programs and played a role in a joint Peking opera production co-presented by China Peking Opera Theatre and its counterparts in the United States and Greece.

Since her graduation in 1998, Zhang joined productions of many theatric and TV programs such as "Lady Jiang" and "Princess Turandot". She also appeared in CCTV's variety shows in celebration of Spring Festival Eve. In 2004, she joined performances co-presented by China Philharmonic Orchestra and China Peking Opera Theatre, including "Female Generals of Yang Family" and "Princess Turandot". In 2005, she joined the performance of "Princess Wencheng" co-presented by China Peking Opera Theatre and the Tibetan Opera Company of Tibet Autonomous Region.

Zhang has toured many cities across the country, including Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Hainan, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Hunan, Shandong, Hong Kong as well as cities in Tibet. Her tours abroad include Greece, Austria, Poland, Romania, Hungary and the United States.





Your name seems to have relations with flowers.
Blossoms of springtime betray your mother's sincere expectation on you.

Spotlights radiate over the magnificent stage.
But you always hide yourself behind red curtains.
Holding the pipa in your arms,
You sing melodious tunes to touch hearts of audiences.

You are like winter plum blossoms which never compete with other flower blossoms.
You have your own pursuits reflecting your lifelong ideals which make you face challenges with great confidence. ▣