

The Pursuit of Music:

Endowed with essence of Chinese and western music

Sun Yue has been following Huang Zhongbo, the master of the music circles of Nanchang city since young. Huang Zhongbo is the renowned violinist and Erhu performer in the province. As he told the reporter, as a teacher, one can only do is to guide the talented students as Sun Yue to help them pursue the music world they belong to. With unparalleled talents plus the instruction from the violin master, Sun Yue entered Music Middle School Affiliated to Shanghai Conservatory of Music smoothly following Huang Chenxing and Zheng Qing. Upon her graduation, she was admitted to Bard College Conservatory of Music with full scholarship following Chinese violinist Jiang Yiwen. In 2012, Sun Yue received her dual degrees of master in violin performance and psychology. In the same year, she's admitted to The Juilliard School with full scholarship following world famous violin educator Ida Kavafian and gained her master degree in violin performance in 2014. Later, she entered State University of New York at Stony Brook in pursuit of her music art doctoral degree in violin performance following the renowned violinists Hagai Shaham, Gennifer Franch and Phillip Setzer. Currently, Sun Yue is one of the doctoral candidates and teaching assistant of chamber music.

In recent years, Sun Yue has become a rising star in the classic music circles with her passionate performance and unparalleled charm of music. The world famous conductor Eschenbach once praised her as "a rare talent of roaring flame and infectious passion."

Art innovation: "double-finger fifth" fingering

Sun Yue doesn't perform simply with skills but with passions burst from her fingers. She mentioned that the basic requirement for performance of music is to express the true self, "I'm an extrovert passionate person, so is my performance style."

Sun Yue was born with short arms and thin fingers. To overcome the difficulty from inherent shortcomings, addition to extra efforts she made, she's also created some special performing techniques as "double-finger fifth" fingering (single finger fifth normally), improving the intonation and sounding quality of dual-tone fifth, enjoying praises from her peers. Speaking of her achievements, Sun Yue was very humble, "all the way up, all achievements I've made rest on continuous efforts and pay. However, I still have a long way to go."

At the same time, Sun Yue has been always caring about Sino-US music culture communication that keeps her bustling on the Sino-US music stage. In 2012, she followed Bard College Symphony to seven cities in China for tour performance. In 2015, she held her solo concert in multiple cities in China.

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In recent days, an album "Passion" for music audiences since its release with its stringent art attitude and well-grounded performance skills. The musician bringing this extraordinary experience to audiences is the young violinist Sun Yue who was born in Nanchang, studied in Shanghai and is currently in pursuit of her further study in the United States.

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Appealing Melody Born in Crystal Heart
Special interview with Sun Yue, a young violinist from Nanchang

In US, she always perform Chinese works during her concerts, and she also held a concert special for Chinese classic works in State University of New York at Stony Brook, receiving positive feedback from American audience.

In Jan. this year, DVD version "Passion", the first violin solo album of Sun Yue in collaboration with Huang Zhongbo and her classmate

Wang Tong was published by Shanghai Audio-visual Publishing House, followed by a republication along with notation later by Shanghai Audio-visual Publishing House. Recently, the CD version of the album has been published by Skillman Records, N.Y. to all over the world. Eight violin solos out of the programs in the album

are deposit from over a decade ploughing of her adviser Huang Zhongbo and Huang Chenxing in the violin field, with both passionate depict of rivers and mountains of the motherland and unforgettable historical memories.

Nanchang Stories: Unforgettable "Homesickness on Tip of Tongue"

Recalling her hometown Nanchang, Sun Yue could never stop talking. "I have too many memories for my hometown! Getting on bus Line 9 every day for school, I became the assistant to the bus conductors as we knew each other so well." She could never forget all those her mentor Huang Zhongbo did for her, "I stayed in his family before the entrance exam of Music Middle School Affiliated to Shanghai Conservatory of Music. In order to empower me with the energy to practice, his wife saved chicken legs specially for me, and also my mom often cooked bacon dishes for me. I think the tastes of these foods are the taste of Nanchang, the taste of my hometown. They're always in my heart no matter when and where I am."

Sun Yue pointed out that, it's the culture of the heroic city that nurtured her music personality. If she is to choose a program in representation of Nanchang, it would be "Passion". "Nanchang is my hometown appearing from time to time in my dreams. It is a time-honored city rising from the waves of Open-up. 'Passion' is inspired from Jiangxi folk music combined with classic and modern elements, embraced by sentimental attachment, enterprising and striving spirit and so on, matching the image of Nanchang in my mind."

In the summer of 2018, Sun Yue will take her team to hold chamber concert tour performance in Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuhan and Nanchang etc. "My dream is to establish our own school and cultivate the next generation musicians in person as a successful educator as my teachers."